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The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
June 2012 Newsletter



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The Golden Rule and Marriage

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. 13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

Recently it was suggested that a certain course of action was mandated by the Golden Rule. So let us look at the Golden Rule and its Biblical meaning. We are called to do onto others as you would have them do unto you. It is essentially saying that we should treat people like we would like to be treated. It then says we should do this because it summarizes what is in the Law from Moses and the prophets. It does not replace the teaching of the law and the prophets or change them. We are not given the option of changing God's law because it seems like a good idea. In fact, the very next verse calls for us to enter through the narrow gate, which means that we should not try to get around the law and the prophets but adhere to these values. We are called to speak the truth in love. For example, God has created marriage for the uniting of a man and woman as one. As the Wedding Ceremony says, it is instituted of God. To change the Divine intention of the uniting of a man and a woman in marriage would be to lead people to miss the wonderful plan God has for them. It would not help people to follow a different and ungodly path. So we are called to point them to God and for God's Divine purpose for them in marriage. The Golden Rule is golden because when we let the Bible refine our actions what remains is like gold and is from above.

Lord bless! ~Pastor Dave



Adult Sunday School

Our regular Sunday School class ends Sunday, June 3rd. It has been fun to see the lives of Peter and Paul portrayed in the mini-series. Even though the creators of the series took liberties with the scriptural account of their ministries, it was fruitful to see the highlights of their ministries and how God used each of them, even in their humanness.

Summer Sunday School

Our summer adult class begins Sunday, June 10 at 9am in the North Parlor. We will continue the video series from last summer. This year we will look at biblical sites in Israel and Turkey as we explore the New Testament. Join us whenever you are in town this summer for the wonderful faith lesson and the terrific fellowship.

FISH is on hiatus until September. We'd like to thank Christie Smith and Nancy DeHamer for all of those terrific meals during the year. We'll shed a few pounds, cook our dinner on Wednesdays, and anticipate next year's FISH during the summer months. See you all in September.

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THE STORY

Coming in the fall!!! A churchwide educational program for all ages! All of our Sunday morning classes will study the same passages in Scripture and our Sunday morning worship will be centered on the same passages.

Do you know God's story, not bits and pieces but the story, as it flowed down through history? Why learn God's story? How does it impact your story? Commit to learning and experiencing His story next year with us at FPCD.

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Step by Step Verses

June 3	Hebrews 11:1	July 1	Hebrews 4:14
June 10	Matthew 19:26	July 8	Romans 8:29
June 17	Psalm 100:1-2	July 15	1 John 2:3, 5
June 24	1 John 4:11	July 22	Psalm 145:8-9
		July 29	Psalm 1:1-2



~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator



Children's Ministry

Sunday School- There will be Summer Sunday School this year for children. We'll have a multi-aged elementary class, with Bible stories and all sorts of fun activities.

Orff Camp- Elementary aged kids are welcome to join us for a FREE Orff Music Camp, June 25-29, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. They will experience music in a non-competative atmosphere with musical instruments, singing, games, movement. Join us at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, 600 N. Brady Rd., Dearborn. Call 313-274-1313 or check out www.firstpresdearborn.org for more info and to register.

VBS - July 16-20, 9:30 to noon, grades pre-K through 5. Travel back to Babylon and join Daniel--torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture. Sign up at Firstpresdearborn.org, call the church office, or sign up in the Narthex after church.

As always, we need volunteers! The people of our church are the main ingredient for making VBS a friendly, welcoming and fun place for the kids of our community. We have all sorts of jobs! Talk to Beckie Dicks for more info.

~Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Director

ORFF SCHULWERK WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

FREE EVENT!

Monday, June 25th through Friday, June 29th
from 1-3pm in the Turco Choral Room

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn is sponsoring an Orff Schulwerk workshop for children age 6 and older. Children will learn some basic music skills using pitched instruments designed by Carl Orff, First Presbyterian Church's set of hand chimes and non-pitched, rhythm instruments. Students are invited to bring recorders if they have them and any band or orchestra instrument they play. Recorders will be available for loan or purchase at the workshop.

To register, contact the church office at (313)274-1313.



Vacation Bible School



Monday, July 16th through Friday, July 20th

9:30am-12pm

Children age 4 through 5th grade

Travel back in time to Babylon and join Daniel—torn from his homeland and forced to serve a foreign king. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace! Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

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Needs: 14 1/2 oz. tin cans; would also like to borrow light-weight hammers.

Notes from our Parish Nurse

Ways to Battle Spiritual Malnutrition

In Doris Black's book "Reach Your Spiritual Potential" she introduced us to the concept of "spiritual malnutrition". Last month, I gave you some of the specific symptoms that defined it, but in this article, I'd like to just give you the overall "symptom" of what she was feeling, that led to her discovery of a problem. If you recall, Doris loved God, and was diligently and consistently seeking Him through daily times of Bible study, prayer, meditation, etc., but that she had hit a "dry spell" in her times with Him. And, she sensed that He was not "pleased" with their time together either. As a result, she went in search of an answer to her problem and God graciously revealed it to her. He knew her desire to connect with Him, and He wanted her to experience more satisfaction as a result. So, He "gave" her a "Spiritual Feeding Program". Here is a brief outline of the steps:

- 1) Find a special place that you can "meet with God". Keep a Bible, a pen, and a notebook close by, so that you can use them every day. (If you have to hunt for your tools, you are much less likely to follow through).
- 2) Plan on only spending 15-20 minutes of time. Everyone can spare that much time each day!
- 3) Study God's Word "deeply". This means that you can probably "study" only 2 or 3 verses from a passage each day. (You might read quite a number of verses, but concentrate on the ones that "stand out" to you.)

Doris has discovered **3 levels of understanding** in "deep study" and she is convinced that it **takes all three** before the "word" really becomes a part of you.

First, read the scripture, then write down what it says in your own words (paraphrase it)

Second, write down what that scripture is telling you, how it affects your life, behavior, attitudes and beliefs.

Third, wait a while longer and write down any additional insights. Writing the scripture and your thoughts down is an absolute MUST for deep Bible study.

Many Christians come to her years after using this method and excitedly tell of the growth they have experienced after they finally started "writing out" the scriptures and their thoughts. And she is not surprised, because she understands that the writing : 1) forces us to verbalize the concepts we are learning, 2) helps us to rule out vagueness and fuzzy thinking, and 3) reinforces what we are learning.

It is my hope that with this information, you might begin "feeding" on the Word of God in your daily time with Him. And my prayer is that you experience His presence in a more personal and satisfying way, as He seeks to draw all of his Children closer to Himself.

Blessings, Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



Music Corner

Summer is here!

Orff Music Camp – Our 2nd Annual **Orff Music Camp** begins Monday, June 25th. Please plan on having your children attend! This is a marvelous week of learning and exploring music. To register, contact the church office.

Summer Special Music – As we move into summer, we're looking for anyone interested in sharing musical talents during worship. If you'd like to be involved in **Special Music** over the summer, please see me.

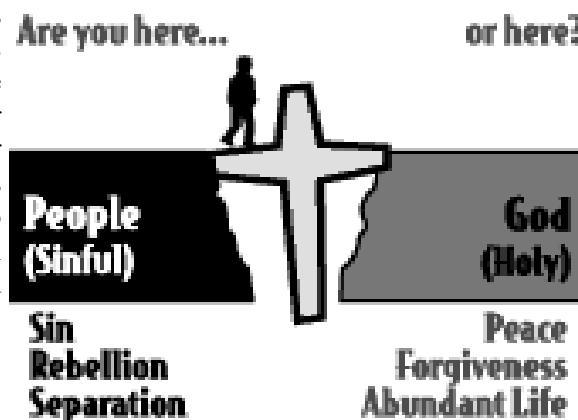
Thank You! – It's hard to believe that it's June, and the end of another school and choir year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped to make this choir year especially successful. Thank you to all of the **Adult Choir** members who make time to come and rehearse and help lead us corporately in worship. Thank you to all of the **Band** members who are so faithful in leading Converge on Saturday night and then coming to help us worship on Sunday morning as well! Thank you to our **Youth Choir** members: it's always fun, but difficult to be the founding members of a choir. You all did marvelously this year! Thank you to all the members of the **Children's Choir and Children's Handbells**. You worked so hard this year and learned lots of music! You were wonderful at the Chorister's Guild Conductor's Workshop. Also, a special thank you to all of our **Youth and Children's Choir parents!** We know that nothing would happen without you! From our opening of the year last September, through the NOËL Festival and Christmas, then through Lent, the Lenten Concert and Easter and Pentecost, thank you ALL for all of your hard work. ~ Marshall Dicks, Director of Music

CREW & 4:12 News (High School and Middle School)

Summer is finally upon us! Graduation parties, pools, sunshine and sports! CREW and 4:12 can't wait to have fun in the sun this month. We're planning some crazy kickball, water balloon games, our out of school bash, paintball and Feeding the Hungry. All of the fun activities are especially meaningful as we get to know each other better as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are learning more and more about our identities as new creations in Christ Jesus as we love each other as God's children.

One of the primary tools we've used in Sunday school and personal conversations is the bridge diagram. The diagram to the right is from the Navigators discipleship ministry. It is a very effective way to explain the gospel. The good news of salvation in Jesus Christ fuels our love of God and love of people. Please pray for the students to have a clear revelation of God's love for them through Jesus Christ! Please also pray for students to grow through meaningful friendships this summer. God is faithful, and we are excited to bear his fruit.

In Christ, Jonathan and Mike



Musings from Pastor Mike - June 2012

Pastoral Duties: I have been enjoying the Sundays that I get to preach as well as every Sunday as I do the Pastoral Prayer in worship. Pastor Dave is really encouraging and gives me so many tips from his long-time experience of leading a number of congregations. Jonathan, Pastor Dave, and I have met with other Dearborn pastors and youth leaders lately as we begin to take a look at what we can do as a united body of Christ. Jonathan and I also took an active part in the National Day of Prayer held at Ford Field-Dbn. with pastors, youth leaders, and members of 10 other churches.

GrouPeru! '12: Family of faith, please keep our team of 11 in your prayers as we venture off to Peru on June 18th and return back on July 3. We have much to do in Peru this year with building projects, working with the rescued boys, water delivery in the desert, shanty towns, building continued relationships with the house parents, and growing spiritually as a group of missionaries. We will share our experiences with you during worship on July 8th.

Bible on the Boulevard, Baby!: Our senior high Sunday school from 9-10 AM wrapped up with some really exciting lessons for this school year. Sue Yarrington-Young is such a pleasure to work with. I know that David, Bryce, Sarah, Samantha, and Theresa learned a lot and look forward to an extra hour of sleep while the bus is parked for the summer. Please do know that I will be in my office every Sunday from 9-10 AM over the summer for those HS teens who want to discuss anything or dive deeper into spiritual investigation in small groups or one-on-one. Do stop in and see me!

Converge Young Adults: Praise report! In only 8 short months, wonderful things have been happening with the participants of Converge. One individual has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and is planning to be baptized, two young adults have pledged a life of chastity, two young adults have broken though an introverted life-style, 7 of us have pledged to an intensive discipleship training program, and along with the two Bible studies that have been going for a few months, a new Tuesday evening Bible study, as well as a Wednesday evening program of Bible study and worship has grown out of Converge. To date, over 10 people have shared their two-word stories that have inspired others to begin to work on theirs, 5 young adults have volunteered to work with 4:12 and CREW as youth advisors and mentors on Sunday afternoons, and a 40 & 50 year olds men's Bible study at Panera Cares on Thursdays from 8-9:30 AM now has 5 members. God is so good! It has been so rewarding to see the personal, spiritual growth of so many young people and the effect that they have had on our greater family of faith. This summer plans to be one full of fun activities as well as growth opportunities for the participants of Converge Young Adults. Keep the participants as well as the Core team in your prayers.

~God's Peace, Mike Hoffman, C.R.E.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

PW Bible Study - We recently passed a milestone of studying together for 16 years. After a brief recess during the summer months (June/July/August), we resume our regular schedule. Look for future announcements of our Fall schedule and new study. ~Lorraine Lamkin

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Communion/Trinity Sunday 3 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir (last one till fall) 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am Peru "Patio" Hotdog Lunch- Outside 3-4pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 4-5pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4pm-6pm CREW Youth- YL 5-6pm Children's Handchimes- Rms 3A&B	7-8:30pm Grief Support- MH, SP, Lib. 4 7:00pm-9:00pm Greeting Card (last one)- R12 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	5 9am Men's Fellowship Work 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7pm-10pm Young Women's Bible Study- YL 7:30pm-9pm AA- MH	10:00am Stephens-Currie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm ALL Staff- SP 7:00pm-9:00pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7:00pm-9:00pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco 7:00pm-10:00pm Interdenom. Bible Study- SP
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<u>ORFF MUSIC CAMP (June 25th – 29th) 1:00pm</u>			

5/23/2012 7:00:00 PM

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THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
				1	Set up Communion 9am-12pm Rebekah Circle prep for Peru hotdog lunch- Kitchen 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
6 YL	11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 6-7pm Personnel- SP 7pm Pipe organ concert- Sanct., Narthex	7	6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night	8	9:00am-10:30am DNA- R16 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
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27 YL	No B. B. Seniors 7:30-9pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	28		29	9am-12:00pm Rebekah Circle prep for Pie Sale - Kitchen 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
10PM-3:00PM Turco Room					



COMING!!! Pictorial Directory

We are creating a new Pictorial Church Directory. Sign-ups will begin in July. You will have the option of signing up for your photo shoot either on Sundays, before and after worship or during the week, online, using the church website. You will receive more information later this spring but mark your calendars now.

Pictures will be taken:

~August 16, 17, 18 (Thurs, Fri, Sat)

~September 7, 8 (Fri, Sat)

Graduate Booklet - High School Graduates! We need some information about you for our High School Graduate Booklet. **Email your information to Mike Hoffman at hoffmal@wowway.com by Friday, June 1st**. Consider listing such information as the school you are graduating from, any special accomplishments you may have had, your plans for the future, and the names of your parents.



Graduate Recognition Day! We will be honoring all of our 2012 High School and College Graduates during the 10am worship service **on Sunday, June 10th**. Please submit a digital or wallet-sized photograph of yourself along with your name and the name of the school you are graduating from so I can use it for the bulletin cover that Sunday. You may email your photo (.jpeg format) to **me at vickid@firstpresdearborn.org or drop it off in my church mailbox by Sunday, June 3rd**.

2nd Annual LEGO Block Party, July 21

Pass the word around to friends, family, neighbors and all LEGO fans... "Start planning!" Another fun, free LEGO contest is set for July 21 with prizes for all age groups from preschool through adults. Check out the details on our web pages under Events for July. Help us to once again have a wonderful turn out for a super summer activity. Register early. Projects will be turned in on Friday for judging and prizes will be awarded on Saturday. Please get the word out early so the children can start designing their projects... help keep those grandkids busy.

'Book of the Every Other Month' Discussion Group

The Book of the Every Other Month Club does not meet in the summer. However, if you'd like to prepare for our Sept. 8th meeting, we will be discussing the Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne Collins.



Our Vision is the monthly newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Articles are to be turned in to the office or emailed to Jim Barber at jimb@firstpresdearborn.org no later than the **10th** of the month. Please date your articles & **keep them brief - one page or less**. **Longer articles will result in smaller font. We reserve the right to edit as needed.**

Sunday Bulletin Announcements: Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to Vicki **no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at vickid@firstpresdearborn.org**. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. There is also a bin in the front office of the church for your submissions. ~ Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

April 30, 2012

Dear Jim,

Please give our best to everyone in the office. With all our wonderful memories of Dearborn, there will never be another place like it. However, we are loving being here close to all our family. Our living facilities couldn't be nicer. There are 20 units on the grounds and all the dear people are our age and precious.

We are 95% moved in. (We) still have a few things to buy and pictures to hang, but that is all.

We will continue to support God's work through First Pres until we actually join the church we have been going to for years out here. Sorry we can't do both.

You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Joan & Paul Cahow

PRAYERS AND SQUARES. VISION ARTICLE

Prayers and Squares quilt ministry will soon complete the sixth year at First Presbyterian Church, offering prayers through quilts to those with special needs and to babies at their baptism. We are part of a nation wide ministry whose motto is "It's not about the quilts; it's all about the prayers." God has blessed our ministry with dedicated members who faithfully meet to ready quilts for the congregation's prayers.

If you visited the church sewing room on the second and fourth Tuesday morning each month, you might be reminded of the fictitious elves in Santa's workshop. The "quilt squad", as we call ourselves, are all hard at work, each on various tasks needed to complete a quilt. As God's elves, we will present the results of our work to those in His kingdom who will receive the gift of His love through our prayers.

In addition, we will be working with *First Step*, a shelter for families. Children will be given a topic to draw on a fabric square. Our squad will assemble the squares into a quilt that will be hung in the children's play room.

Being an experienced quilter is not a requirement for Prayers and Squares. As Santa's elves each had different talents, we, too, learn where we can apply our individual skills to produce the necessary results. We will be taking a summer break, but are always ready to reassemble should a need arise. Please let the church know of anyone needing to be wrapped in a prayer quilt.

Church Triumphant: Long-time member Carol Wade went home to be with the Lord on April 22nd, 2012. She was 98 years old, and was a member of this church for over 45 years. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 28th, 2012 in our Chapel. More details will follow in the near future. Please pray for her loved ones.

“CONFESSING CHURCH” REAFFIRMATION

We affirm our covenant as a Confessing Church made December 18, 2001, which is to hold true to the following three traditional and reformed core doctrines of the Christian Faith.

WE BELIEVE:

- Jesus Christ is Lord of all and the only path to salvation.
- Holy Scripture is the inspired and infallible Word of God; it is the only authority for Christian faith and life.
- God has called us to a life of holiness and discipleship.

For those who may be interested, the original resolution, signed Dec. 18, 2001, will be posted on the Congregational Life bulletin board.

Best regards, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

*We would like to extend a special word of thanks to **Gene Smith and Sue Young** for their service while on Session, and to **Randy Bruder and Jane Lewy** for their service with the Deacons.*

*We would also like to welcome new elders, **Donna Barranger and Dr. Mary Jo Miller**, as well as new deacons, **Dean Masouredis and Dee LaPointe**.*

AAUW (American Assoc. of University Women– Dearborn)
(AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research)

AAUW Book Barrel Donation Program

The AAUW-Dearborn Branch is getting ready for its 61st annual used book sale and will have a book donation barrel in the Mitchell Hall coat room from April through August. Please consider donating your used books to this worthy cause which provides scholarships to U-of-M Dearborn and HFCC, and financial support to community organizations, including Alternatives for Girls, Dearborn Community Fund, and First Step. The 2012 book sale will be held Thursday, Sept. 20th through Saturday, Sept. 22nd at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, life can be filled with painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but full of pain on the inside and the joy you long for seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Art Hughes (313-383-2589) or Chris Mayer (313-562-1943). Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



Trinity Sunday June 3rd

On Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One. In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God.

Holy Trinity, fresco by [Luca Rossetti da Orta](#),
1738-9 (St. Gaudenzio Church at Ivrea, [Torino](#))

Births:

Congratulations to Lauren and Andreas Nilsson on the birth of their son, Liam Henric Nilsson. Liam was born on May 4th, 2012. Proud grandparents are Debbie and Dana Field. Very proud great grandmother is Velma Regorrah.



A Father's Love

**In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part.
There's always a place for him deep in your heart.
And each year that passes, you're even more glad,
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!**

— Author unknown



**Sunday
June 17th**
A small gift will be given to all fathers!

Thank You

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the choir room and three additional rooms as practice rooms for the scholarship auditions Monday, May 7th, for the Dearborn Symphony. We really appreciated the music stands and chairs made available for us. Thank you for being so thoughtful.

*We are very appreciative,
The Dearborn Symphony Scholarship Committee*



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

“..If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Living in God’s light strengthens our Christian fellowship and purity. Unfortunately, we Christians sin, and that contaminates us, destroying fellowship. Verse 9 is God’s classic promise to pardon us when we go astray and are willing to deal with that sin. His pardon puts us back in “the light” of Christian fellowship with purity. Our part is to confess, which means to agree with God about our sin and repent. Because our repentance is imperfect, confession often needs repeating.

God is merciful (Psalm 103; Prov. 28:13; Matt 5:7) and just (Rom 3:24-31) based on His character and on Christ’s atonement. He is faithful to apply these attributes to his children. He already has saved us; here He restores us, for nothing can remove His love from us (Romans 8:35-39). And one day, we will fully realize His great joy (Eph 5:27; Col 1:22; Jude 24).

Sometimes we refuse to address our sin. “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8). Remember, we all fail to meet God’s standards (Rom 3:9-20, 23; Isa. 64:6). Think of Job, Isaiah, and Peter --- all godly men -- when, in the presence of divinity, they saw themselves next to God’s holiness and were horrified (Job 42:5,6; Isaiah 6:5; Luke 5:4-8). By denying sin, we become self-righteous and likely to fall into hypocrisy (Matthew 23:13). “If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives (1 John 1:10). Without a sense of our own sin, we are likely to reject God’s word and go astray even further.

Continual confession of known sin reflects genuine salvation. It is a form of spiritual breathing – exhale the sin; inhale God’s pardon. This improves spiritual growth through better fellowship with God and the church.

~ John Holden

To my Family of Faith,

I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to all for your prayers, phone calls, and cards I received after my recent surgery. Your caring concern is deeply appreciated and I feel so blessed to be part of this family,

Most sincerely, Margaret Richards



06/01: Sheila Brooks
06/03: Dave Bleivik, Kevin Guinn
06/04: Robert Gondick, Donald Hosmer, Lawrence Rank
06/05: Jean Jablonski, Albert Foster
06/07: Peter Johnston
06/08: Virginia Beaudette, Alan Gentinne
06/10: Cailee Drzinski
06/11: Tracie Szczechura
06/12: Marion Cassidy, Jim Bechtel, Rachel Young
06/17: Margie Maurer, Matthew Higgins, Rebecca Scott
06/19: Donald King
06/20: Ann Bleivik
06/22: Sharon Truax
06/23: Donald Swancutt
06/25: Samuel Verral
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06/28: David Whitehouse, Mary Currie
06/29: Millie Hamilton, Peter Badore, Amy Bruhn
06/30: Mary Ann Bassett, Barbara Hosmer, Susan Sullivan

Engagement Announcement!!

Congratulations to **Kate Bruder** and **Billy Greenman** on their engagement. We wish them all the best and thank God for the many ways He has blessed them.

The Pentecost Offering will take place through June 3rd. As always, anyone can designate their offering envelope for this and other ministries at any time. The funds will go to help children at risk in the First Step ministry (40%), General Assembly child advocacy ministries (10%), ministries for youth ages 12-18 and those called to accompany them (25%), and Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) opportunities (25%). Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

~Anniversary Best Wishes~

Betty and Don King will celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 27th.

Congratulations !!!

Thank you very much to Catherine, Elizabeth, and Geoffrey Dicks and Alexandra Slanec for the beautiful Mother's Day card and lovely white and red carnations. God bless you all! Love, Mrs. Vicki...

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

June 3 / - Trinity Sunday; Rev. Dave Bleivik

June 10 / - Susannah Wesley singing in honor of graduates; Rev. Dave Bleivik

June 17 / - Father's Day; Rev. Dave Bleivik

June 24 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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