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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Adult Sunday School

Our regular Sunday School class ends Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you Pastor Don Wright for leading the class the last four weeks. "The Reason for God" was an excellent topic and promoted thoughtful reflection.

### Thanks Teachers!

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers this year. You accepted the challenge of "The Story" and made it a wonderful year. Thank you to: Julia Casey, JoAnn Isaacson, Andrew Mayer, Rebecca and Jim Scott, Jonathan Mallard, Don Stanfill, Mike Hoffman, and Sue Young. Your faithfulness week after week was a blessing to all of us.

### Summer Sunday School

Our summer adult class begins Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the North Parlor. We will continue the video series from last summer by Ray Vander Laan. This year we will look at biblical sites in Egypt, the Sinai and the southern deserts of Israel as we explore the Exodus story. Join us whenever you are in town this summer for the wonderful faith lesson and the terrific fellowship.

### FISH

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 own dinners on Wednesdays, and anticipate next year's FISH during the summer months.

I'd also like to thank Mark Dearth, Mike Hoffman, and Brian and Chris Mayer for leading FISH classes this winter/spring. You have helped us all reflect more on scripture and draw closer to the LORD. See you all in September.

### Step by Step Verses

June 2	Proverbs 25:11	July 7	Proverbs 16:18
June 9	Proverbs 28:19	July 14	1 John 1:9
June 16	Proverbs 16:3	July 21	John 8:32
June 23	Psalms 23:6	July 28	1 John 2:15
June 30	Matthew 25:20-21		



### THE STORY

Our adventure through the book "The Story" ended May 5<sup>th</sup>, but our adventures of our Lower Stories connecting with God's Upper Story are just beginning. Now that you have a better sense of the flow, chronology, and meaning of the Bible, it is time to dig deeper and grasp the understanding of the principles (doctrine) of living the Christian life.

Thank you to Ann Philips and her helpers, Nancy DeHamer and Tracie Szczechura, for all those wonderful breakfasts. You filled our stomachs so that we could then fill our hearts and minds with God's Word. Additional thanks to Nancy DeHamer for overseeing the potluck luncheon May 5<sup>th</sup>. It was delicious and well managed.

Thank you to the Prayer Team who faithfully prayed for all of us as we went through our adventure over the 31 weeks. These behind-the-scene warriors were invaluable to the success many of us feel about the adventure.

Thank you to the Worship and Arts Committee who partnered with the Christian Education Committee for this adventure. They covered the costs of the breakfast each week and the potluck luncheon. Thank you to Marshall Dicks for coordinating the music each week to match the theme from **The Story**. WOW!

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

## Children's Ministry

**Thank you to our teachers** for a great school year! Our children have grown and learned. They've deepened their relationships with God, with you, and with other children. The stories you have taught will become a part of the fabric of their lives. Your love, joy and dedication have become, to them, a large part of what church means. You are planting seeds for a lifetime.



**Thank you, parents**, for bringing your children to church. Your gift to your children is immense. By your time commitment, you have shown your children what you value. Your gift to the church is immeasurable as well. Each child at church is a part of a living community. We grow together, learn from each other, and support each other through life's ups and downs. Every committed family is an encouragement to those who lead and teach. We appreciate you!

**Summer Sunday School** continues for families! Throughout the summer, we have a smaller, casual, combined-ages class for elementary students. Kids, feel free to drop in when you're in town!



### VBS 2013: July 22-26

(Preschool through Fifth Grade)

Join Apostle Paul on his Second Missionary Journey with this Athens Vacation Bible School adventure! Visit

Paul and Silas in prison, learn of their miraculous escape, face angry mobs and hear the Gospel of Christ preached. Learn the amazing story of the Apostle Paul - straight from Paul himself! Kids and adults will "time-travel" back to ancient Athens. They'll meet Paul, learn about his jaw-dropping experiences, go to the Arena Games for fun Olympic "training" and visit the busy Athenian Marketplace for snacks and activities.



*What an adventure!!*

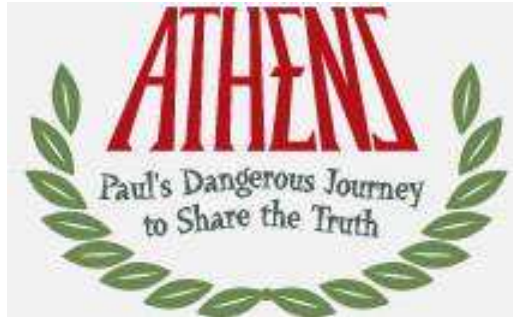
~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator



### Sunday Picnic - June 30<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Sunday Picnic at the end of the regular service on June 30th. The picnic is our 2nd Annual Summer Kick-off and is entirely free of charge, although a goodwill donation will be accepted to support our continuing "Feed The Homeless" outreach events that are largely conducted by Ann Phillips and our young adults. The menu is sure to be a crowd pleaser with pulled pork sandwiches as the main course. Naturally, coleslaw and corn on the cob will round out our meal menu followed by ice cream bars for dessert. Please plan on attending and enjoying both the good weather and fellowship with our fellow congregants and visitors. The event is brought to you by your Worship and Arts committee.

## Vacation Bible School



Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th  
9am-12pm  
Grades pre-K through 5th



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*To register, call the church office at (313) 274-1313*



## VBS Decorating Party!

There will be a kids decorating party for VBS on Friday, June 14th from 10am-1pm. The kids will do some painting and some paper mache work. We'll also have a pizza lunch. Please see Ann if you have any questions. Adults are also welcome to attend.

**Come join the fun!!**



## Musings from Pastor Mike - June 2013

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” –Jesus (in Matthew 28:18-20)

Evangelism. A word feared even more by members of mainline denominations than stewardship! Let's stop allowing fear to drive us to sins of omission, where we fail to do things because we are frozen in anxiety. We ALL have been commanded to be and make disciples. It's simply not just up to pastors, elders, and missionaries.

So what do we do first? We need to look at people differently. All of us are made in the image of God and all elect people are potential followers of Jesus. Think of the people that you come in contact with at school, work, your neighborhood, sports teams, book clubs, you name it...God has given us abundant opportunities for Him to work through us. Next we need to build relationships. Make a plan on how you can “pour” into an individual's life. Start simple. Bring a pie to work to share, drop off a homework assignment to an ill schoolmate, bring in a neighbor's trashcan, share an extra soccer ball from your sports backpack, or take and share notes from a book club to a person who was absent, all the while exchanging some encouraging words when you greet them in person. After making that initial contact, consider inviting that person to meet you for conversation over breakfast on Saturday morning or host a simple cook-out some evening in your back yard.

Finally, wait for that just-right moment when you can ask someone to tell you their “story.” Ask about their childhood, favorite hobbies, family members, as well as their own personal triumphs and struggles. Nine times out of ten, they will ask you to reciprocate with your story. Share your “before Christ” and “after Christ” testimony, or if you have been a Christian nearly your entire life, explain how God has taken you through the valleys and brought you once again to the mountain top. Plant a seed that the Holy Spirit can grow to maturity. When your acquaintance asks to go deeper, consider going through a book such as “Wild at Heart” (guys) or “Captivating” (gals) by John Eldridge and his wife, Staci, or do a simple Bible study.

Remember, making disciples is not a short-term church program that one does grudgingly. Making disciples is a mission that is willingly and passionately worked on over a person's entire life time. Make a difference in a person's life as well as for the Kingdom!

~God's Peace, Pastor Mike



## **Two Stories to every Hymn**

*When our mother passed we were surprised by the hymns (unknown to us) she had chosen to be sung at her funeral service. Our sister explained that they were hymns that had been a part of our mother's twin sister's funeral several years earlier. There is the story of how a hymn came to be written, and there are all our individual stories of a special place and time when a particular hymn became a part of our lives, shaping and building our faith. We were thankful that these hymns meant something special to our mother, and that they took her to a place of comfort and remembrance to help her in her journey. ~Jim Barber*

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## **Summer Women's Bible Study**

Please join our weekly **women's Bible study** this summer, Thursday mornings from 10-11:30am, facilitated by Sue Young. We will be studying the book of **Ephesians**, using the *Life Application Bible Studies* series. Ephesians, authored by Paul, is a book of encouragement, written to strengthen believers in their Christian faith by explaining the nature and purpose of the church. The study will run from June 6<sup>th</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup>. Women are welcome to join in when their summer schedule allows. We will meet upstairs in Room 12. The study guide costs \$7.50. Please let Sue know if you would like to join and give her your payment at or before the first study on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. You can contact her at: (313)277-1219 (home); (313)506-5965 (cell); or email [syarring@comcast.net](mailto:syarring@comcast.net). She also has a mailbox in the church office.



## **Wedding Congratulations!**

***Congratulations to Jane (Lewy) and Andre Mykytenko on their wedding here at our church on Saturday, May 25th.***



*Dear FPCD members and Staff,*

*As most of you know, June 9th is my final Sunday here at FPCD. Logan, Sierra and I will be moving back to my home state of Florida, Port St. Lucie to be exact. The reason I am writing is to say **thank you** for allowing my girls and me to be part of your family the last eight years. It also has been a privilege to work here at FPCD. This church family has been so amazing to be a part of. My heart breaks to leave here, but I need to do this for my children. I just hope I find a church family that is as amazing as all of you. Please know you will always be in our hearts and prayers. We are in the directory if you need to contact us.*

*Please keep me and my girls in your prayers as we drive to Florida. We will depart June 15, 2013.*

*In His Love,  
Lori Mathews*

New Address:  
514 NW Sagamore Terrace  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

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## **Peru Mission Trip - 2013**

(Wed., June 19<sup>th</sup> - Tues. July 2<sup>nd</sup>)

This year's team consists of 7 people from our church and 1 person from South Carolina. The team will once again visit and minister to young boys at the mountain site and at the desert site in ICA, Peru. The goal of these trips is to build long-term relationships with the boys and the staff at the schools.

*Please pray that our team's journeys will be a blessing to all.*



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## **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study**

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will resume this fall on Thursday mornings at 10am in the North Parlor beginning September 12th. ~Lorraine Lamkin

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## **Emergency Contact Forms**

Emergency Contact Forms are now available in the Narthex. If you would like the church to have contact information on file for you in the event of an emergency, we encourage you to fill out the form and turn it in to Vicki Davidson, Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor. ~Thank You.

# 2013

# June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>Communion</b> <b>Graduate/Teacher Recognition Day</b> <b>Pastor Don Wright Emeritus</b>  9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11am Reception for Pastor Wright- MH</b> 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	2  3 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 (last one till Sept.) 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	4 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study- Panera Cares <b>10am-12pm E.R.P. Training- MH</b> 6:30-9pm Intersivity Bible Study- YC, YL 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff- SP</b> 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
9 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11am GrouPeru Hotdog Luncheon</b> <b>Fundraiser- MH, K</b> <b>2-5:30pm CREW &amp; 4:12 Group End of</b> <b>Year Bash at Ford Field</b> 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	10 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site  <b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b> <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	11 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study- Panera Cares 6:30-9pm Intersivity Bible Study- YC, YL 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco (last one till Sept.)
<b>Father's Day/ Men of the Church</b> <b>Peru Team Commissioning</b>  9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	16 17 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	18 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study- Panera Cares 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP 6:30-9pm Intersivity Bible Study- YC, YL 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>PROGRAM Staff</b>  <b>Peru team leaves</b>
23 9am Education Hour <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b>	24 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	25 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study- Panera Cares 6:30-9pm Intersivity Bible Study- YC, YL 7pm <b>SESSION –NP</b> 7-8pm Technology- R12 7:30-9pm AA- MH  <b>4:00pm Presbytery</b>	11am-1pm Keenagers- MH (K) 10am-4pm Treasure Chest
30 9am Education Hour <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11am Church Picnic- outside</b>			

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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>Set up Communion</b> 1 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- R12 <b>9am-12pm Set up for Reception- MH</b> 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
5	6 10-11:30am Women's Bible Study- R12 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit.	7	8 9-10:30am DNA- R16 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
12	13 10-11:30am Women's Bible Study- R12 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite <b>7-9pm E.R.P. Training- MH</b>	14 <b>10am-1pm VBS Decorating Party- Youth Center</b>	15 9am PW Board- NP 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
19	20 10-11am POD Cong. Life- SP 10-11:30am Women's Bible Study- R12 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit.	21	22 9-10:30am DNA- R16 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
26	27 10-11:30am Women's Bible Study- R12 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit.	28	29 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A

## ***Symptoms of a Heart Attack***

Over the past several years, as I have visited with people who have been hospitalized after having a heart attack, there have been warning signs, from days to weeks (or even years) before, that could have alerted them to an impending attack. Often, these are not the “classic signs” of a heart attack, and therefore were not recognized as such. It is my desire to educate you with this information, so that you, and those you care about, may be able to recognize an impending attack and seek medical before it is too late.

**What is a heart attack?** The heart is a muscle, and its only job is to pump blood throughout your body continuously. In order to accomplish this task, your body has its own circulatory system, which is comprised of three main arteries that descend, like a crown, from the heart’s main blood vessel, the aorta. These coronary arteries cover the outside of the heart and are not very wide and are rather delicate. Over time, they can become clogged with fatty deposits, often called plaque. When this happens, it creates what is referred to as, heart disease, coronary artery disease (CAD), atherosclerosis, or “hardening of the arteries”. Most heart attacks occur when this plaque ruptures and blocks the flow of blood through the arteries to the heart muscle.

**What 4 Symptoms often occur before a Heart Attack?**

**Chest Pain** is the one symptom that most people experience with a heart attack. Unfortunately, most people think that if they are having a heart attack, it will look and feel like what is referred to as “The Hollywood Heart Attack”( as seen on the big screen). However, in reality, chest pain can mean more than one thing and, and it can manifest itself in many ways. One type can be all over your chest, another can be just off to the left side or down the center, another can start in the jaw and radiate down the left arm, you can feel it in your upper back, etc.

The pain can also occur at different intervals and different intensities. It might come and leave very suddenly or last for a few minutes or more. The discomfort can be mild or severe, it can feel like an uncomfortable fullness, squeezing or pressure. The important thing is to recognize it as “chest pain”.

**Shortness of Breath** is another symptom that often occurs before a heart attack, but most people are not aware of it. Even in the absence of pain, it can signal an impending attack.

This shortness of breath can occur suddenly, right before or even during a heart attack (difficulty breathing **not** related to other respiratory issues). Unexplained shortness of breath, with or without strenuous activity, could provide you with an important clue that something is wrong with your heart that demands checking out.

**Indigestion or Heartburn.** One of the challenging things about chest pain is that it often doesn't feel like “chest pain”. Sometimes, it feels like indigestion or even heartburn. How, you may ask, is it that pain from your heart, can be felt somewhere else? Because, we don't actually perceive pain directly. Even if you stub your toe, the discomfort you feel is interpreted through our central nervous system, which is comprised of the brain, spinal cord, and nerve cells. Because the nerves in the stomach are located near the heart, it's not surprising that such “signal confusion” sometimes occurs in the case of a heart attack.

**Nausea and Vomiting** are often classified as “atypical” symptoms of heart attack, meaning they don't usually occur. However, in thousands of people that Dr. Crandall has treated, he finds that these symptoms are not all that uncommon at all. They can occur alone, but they often occur with other heart attack symptoms.

Often people will say that their heart attack “happened out of the blue”. But after closer examination, had they known that these were symptoms often associated with an impending heart attack, they would have put 2+2 together and recognized it sooner. Obviously, having any one of these symptoms does not necessarily mean you are having a heart attack. **But if you believe that you are, call 911 and ask to be taken to the nearest hospital. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE YOURSELF, OR ALLOW SOMEONE TO DRIVE YOU BECAUSE YOU COULD REQUIRE EMERGENCY TREATMENTS THAT CAN BE STARTED IN THE AMBULANCE.**

~Blessings, Chris

\*\*Information taken from Dr. Crandall's Heart Health Report (a publication of Newsmax Media, Inc. and Newsmax.com) and from reported personal experiences.

# Happy Father's Day

To Dads near and far...

Sunday, June 16th

## "Only a Dad"

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Only a dad, but he gives his all  
To smooth the way for his children small,  
Doing, with courage stern and grim,  
The deeds that his father did for him.  
This is the line that for him I pen,  
Only a dad, *but the best of men.*

—Edgar A. Guest



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## Converge Landscaping Services

Converge Young Adults would like to clean-out your flower/shrub beds, rake lawns, and even do entire shrub removal and new design replacements (no grass cutting/fertilizing available at this time). Guided by Advanced Master Gardener Mike Hoffman, each member of our crew has been trained and will work along side Mike as we make your yard the envy of the neighborhood. Call Mike at (313) 562-5961 (home) or (313) 213-8319 (cell) for a scheduled appointment, proposal, and price.



**Sunday Bulletin Announcements:** Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at [vickidfpcd30@gmail.com](mailto:vickidfpcd30@gmail.com). 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.

**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](mailto: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.**

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## Noteworthy

- ◆ We have plenty of photo directories if anyone wants one. They are \$5 each. (That is what Lifetouch charges us). Please see Jim Barber or Ann Bleivik if you would like to purchase one.
  - ◆ Mark your calendars. We're having a reception for Rev. Don Wright on June 2, 2013 after church at 11:00am. He will be designated Pastor Emeritus.
  - ◆ Lori Mathews, one of our custodians, is moving to Florida. Her last Sunday with us will be June 9th. Take a moment and thank her for her years of faithful service to FPCD.
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### 3rd Annual LEGO Block Party, July 20<sup>th</sup>



Calling all LEGO Builders!! Please join us for our **3rd ANNUAL LEGO BLOCK PARTY**. Another FUN, FREE LEGO contest is set for July 20 with prizes for all age groups from preschool through adults. LEGO projects need to be completed and turned in for judging Friday, July 19 from 12 pm - 2 pm or 4 pm - 6 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, 600 N. Brady. All projects will be on display Sat., July 20 starting at noon along with the opportunity to inspect and have a photo taken in a Dearborn City Fire Truck and Police Vehicle. Our Awards Ceremony begins at 1 pm which will include refreshments, prizes, certificates and raffle prizes. Check out the rules and register at [firstpresdearborn.org](http://firstpresdearborn.org) or call (313) 274-1313.

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### Emergency Response Plan

On Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, representatives of the fire and police departments will hold a training event at 10am in Mitchell Hall. The focus will be on educating us on how best to respond to certain emergencies. For those who cannot attend on the 4th, the E.R.P. Task Force will hold an evening training session on Thursday, June 13th at 7pm in Mitchell Hall. We will cover the same information that the fire and police representatives share on the 4th. Let the office know if you'd like to attend one of these sessions.

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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!



## Confirmation



***Congratulations to our confirmands, Jacob Samuel, Lindsay Seashore, Emma Scott, Jillian Drzinski, Logan Farley, Lauren Setterlun, and David Setterlun. A special 'thank you' to their leaders, Sue Young and Jonathan Mallard.***



## Mother's Day Service



***Our children led our Mother's Day service in honor of the special love and care our mothers provide.***



## Graduation

***Congratulations to all as we celebrate the academic achievements of our church family members!***



**Anne Witkowski**  
B.A. Religious Studies;  
Adrian College



**Emily Carlson**  
B.S. in Nursing;  
Hope College



**Whitney Barr**  
B.S. Family & Consumer Sciences;  
Madonna University



**Anne Dearth**  
Masters of Music  
in Flute Performance;  
New York University

**If you are KEEN... and over 50 years of age,**

**YOU ARE A ~ Keenager**

Please join us the fourth Wednesday of each month for Christian Fellowship and Information as we go for lunch, or meet in Mitchell Hall. Check the Keenager bulletin board for details and sign-up sheet.



### **Another Reflection on the Word.**

**No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:12**

How can the world see the power of Christ? How can our love be perfected?

Love is the heart of the Christian witness. The world cannot see God loving; the most they can see of God's love on Earth is the church, the people of God. That demonstration is crucial to the Christian witness.

The church is to be known primarily as a group of people who openly love each other (*John 13:35*). Others are invited to join, become disciples, and be included within that community of love. By demonstrating this love, God uses the church to reconcile sinners to Himself; He gave us the ministry of reconciliation (*2 Cor. 5:18-20*) to make disciples (*Matt. 28:19, 20*) worldwide.

Jesus commanded us to love one another as He loves us. That means unconditional love for others (*John 13:34; Phil 2:3, 4*). This love comes from the Holy Spirit (*Rom. 5:5*) and from abiding with God through Christ (*1 John 4:7, 8; John 15:5*).

Love comes from God (*1 John 4:19*). Love authenticates discipleship, and it extends beyond church to loving our neighbor as our self (*Matt 22:39*). It follows our love for God (*Matt. 22:37*). We must love God and abide with God in order to love each other and our neighbor.

"A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (*John 13:34, 35*).

"We know we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death" (*1 John 3:14*).

God bless, John Holden

### ***Our Sincere Condolences***

*We offer our sincere condolences to Ann Bleivik and Pastor Dave. Ann's sister, Cathy McCormick, passed away on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*We pray that God's spirit will work in a special way to bring comfort and healing to the family.*

## NEED A LIFT? WE'D LIKE TO HELP!

Not just to church. If you or someone you know needs a ride to an appointment, the store, Sunday service or a church event, your FPC family would like to help. Contact Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741, Bob Missler at (313) 791-0377, or call the church at (313)274-1313. Also, if you are free to occasionally help with driving, we'd like to hear from you too. ~Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator. *Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*



- 06/01: Sheila Brooks
- 06/03: Dave Bleivik, Kevin Guinn
- 06/05: Jean Jablonski, Albert Foster
- 06/07: Peter Johnston
- 06/08: Virginia Beaudette, Alan Gentinne, Robert Schwyn
- 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
- 06/24: John Morley
- 06/27: Linda Guinn, Bob Carlson
- 06/28: David Whitehouse, Mary Currie
- 06/29: Millie Hamilton, Peter Badore, Amy Bruhn
- 06/30: Mary Ann Bassett, Susan Sullivan

## Summer Begins!

First day of Summer– Friday, June 21st



*Have a safe and happy summer!*



*Thank you to Nancy DeHamer for providing that wonderful reception for the confirmands on Sunday, May 19th. It added that wonderfully delicious touch to a terrific morning.*

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

- June 2 / - Communion, Rev. Dave Bleivik
- June 9 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
- June 16 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
- June 23 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
- June 30 / - Rev. Don Wright

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## Our Vision

## Sent with a Prayer

**Are you praying for Vision?**  
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