



Come home
to God's love

Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

June 2015 Newsletter



Flag Day
Sunday, June 14th

Father's Day



Sunday, June 21st
Special morning worship

*Please join us for
a special tribute
to
our fathers.*

Vacation Bible School
July 13 - 17



*Embark on an icy expedition
where kids overcome obstacles
with God's Mighty Power*

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A thank you from the Pastor's desk:

As we begin the month of June there is so much to be thankful for... as Oprah Winfrey noted – you need one prayer – thank you... thank you... thank you.

We had such a great experience with the organ recital and the celebration of our 50 years in the Sanctuary and with our marvelous great organ. Dr. Kibbie from the University of Michigan and our own Tim Huth presented an outstanding afternoon of music.

We had such a warm and delightful experience on Mother's Day with the gift of word and music from our children and youth. From testimonies of thanks to mothers – to a variety of musical gifts we lifted our voices and spirits to God, giving God the glory. Our thanks to the following for their contributions to this special service: *Julie Casey, Catherine Dicks, Elizabeth Dicks, Beckie Dicks, Marshall Dicks, Rachel Nikolajevs, Jacob Samuels, Emma Scott, Rebecca Scott, Jim Scott, Kevin Watts, and Sue Young.*

The third Sunday was our time to ordain and install those who will serve as our spiritual leaders for the next 3 years. We welcome Elder Bob Missler and new Deacon Mike Maurer to our teams. Other Session member installed include: Donna Barranger, Peter Johnston, and Mary Jo Miller. Other Deacons installed include: Dee LaPointe, Dean Masouredis, Olimpia Todor, and Connie Tate.

The Day of Pentecost had three emphases: The birthday of the Christian Church, the celebration of the heritage of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, and our secular recognition of those who gave their lives for our freedom, Memorial Day. Truly a day of thanksgiving.

May 31st is the time in which Christians recognize an important theological decision by our forebears – the Doctrine of the Trinity. Here at First Church we are so aware of this doctrine as we find it symbolized in every feature of our Church building. From the triangular shape of the Sanctuary, Mitchell Hall, and the Chapel to the mighty cement pillars we are encouraged to lift our hearts and spirits to glorify God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Good News: It is certainly a joy to announce a significant gift to our Endowment fund from the estate of Edwin and Alice Hardy. Many of you, as I, remember their active participation in the life of our church while Ed was employed for 28 years at the Ford Motor Company. Their gift of \$210,000 has been received and the Session is currently considering the disposition. A portion of the gift has been set aside, at the request of their children, to establish an Edwin and Alice Hardy Christian Education Fund with the interest each year to be used by our CE Committee.

June begins for Dot and I with a celebration of our 62nd wedding Anniversary on June 1st. Following worship on June 7th our Peru Team will have a concluding fund raising event with a hot dog lunch. June 14th we will dedicate the team to serve as our outreach to the mission of the church in Peru. Members participating this year include:

Alex Best	Emma Best	Catherine Dicks	Elizabeth Dicks
Grace Doverspike	Elissa Hoffman	Jared Hoffman	Lynn Hoffman
Mike Hoffman- Leader	Natalie Husby	Steven Stormzand	Anne Witkowski

Our prayers go with them as they enrich their spiritual lives in service to a number of young boys. They will be hosted by our own mission workers: Kate and Billy Greenman.

Our "Man Day celebration" is held on Sunday, June 21st – The church notes this as "Men of the Church Sunday," while families recognize it as Father's Day. (I KNOW, every day is Children's day.)

June 28th is a time of special recognition of the Celtic Cross – We have three Hand carved crosses at First Church. The large central cross in the Sanctuary in memory of H.W. McKenzie (trustee of FPCD, husband of elder Mary McKenzie, father of Mary Jane and Katherine McKenzie); the cross in the Chapel dedicated to the memory of 1st Lt. Tom Gentinne, who lost his life during the war in Vietnam; and the cross in the Memorial Garden in memory of Jack (Ruth) Sluiter whose dedication to our facility made many of the features we enjoy possible. (see History of our Celtic Crosses - page 4)

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On another note: The PNC felt that God had led them to The Rev. Doug Campbell to serve as the Senior Pastor of FPCD. The Presbytery did not concur in their decision and Dr. Campbell withdrew his nomination which means that the PNC is once again in the process of selection. They have already read over 100 Personal Information Forms from clergy – followed up on 3 dozen and interviewed many. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek the one whom God has called to be our pastor.

As you are aware, Pastor Dave will be officially retiring on June 8th having served this family of faith for 7 years. The Session and The Presbytery of Detroit have asked that I continue to serve the congregation as a Temporary Pastor until such time as a new pastor has been installed. (Dot married me for better or worse those 62 years ago... but, not for lunch – and, a couple of those years she doesn't count – always working.)

They say – you know they – that you never go back – well, they – are wrong. It is my great privilege and pleasure to serve as your pastor for the third time – and, they say that the third time is a charm. So we will charm together until the PNC completes their task.

Peace and Blessings - See you in Church.

~Pastor Don

Children's Ministry



Sunday School:

We've had a wonderful year at Sunday School. Thanks to the teachers for their commitment to our kids. Thanks to the parents who care enough to get their kids to church just a little earlier. Sunday School makes a difference!

Vacation Bible School:

VBS is right around the corner! The fun happens from July 13 through July 17! Our theme this year is **Mt. Everest**. On our icy expedition we'll learn to overcome obstacles by God's grace and power. Kids will learn rock-solid Bible truths that will guide them through life's challenges.

There are many ways that you can help with VBS:

1. **Pray!** Mark July 13-17 on your calendar. Pray for the planning process, decorating, leader preparation, and most of all, pray for the children who will come through our doors.
2. **Volunteer!** We can use all types of volunteers - teachers, leaders, planners, administrators. Contact Beckie Dicks at bdicks1220@gmail.com to reserve your spot.
3. **Donate!** Keep an eye out for upcoming sign-up sheets for snack and craft items that we will need for VBS.
4. **Loan!** Our decorators are already hard at work. Please let me know at bdicks1220@gmail.com if you have (and we may display) the following items for VBS week:
 - ~ Artificial Christmas trees
 - ~ Hiking/climbing supplies, including boots, ropes, back packs, etc.
 - ~ Small tents
 - ~ Sleeping bags
 - or any other items you think might go well at a base camp
(all loaned items will be displayed but not used.
We will not actually be climbing any mountains!)

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

History of our Celtic Crosses

On June 27, 1965 the great white oak cross designed by Alden B. Dow and hand crafted by Theodore A. Gwizdala was dedicated to the glory of God. Subsequently, the Chapel and Memorial Garden crosses were hand crafted by Roger Schmidt who had worked with Mr. Gwizdala and had his drawings to work from.

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Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering



Everyone is invited!

~ Mitchell Hall

~ After morning worship, Sunday, June 28th

'DIAPER DRIVE'

We will be collecting diapers for Starfish.

(lunch will be provided)

Memories of those that we have lost for a time...

I remember how loving and caring Ed Beers was for his wife Jan. I remember stories of him as a teacher. I was touched by how proud he was of his nieces and nephews. He was like a second father to them. It was nice to see how much they cared for him.

I remember Bud Reid. Someone said that he might be a bit distant of pastors. It was quite the opposite. He told me many stories about the auto union and his relationships with the key leaders. He told me about how his uncle who died in WWII was his hero. His dad was a hard man to please, yet Bud would tell me how proud he was of his children. He at times felt bad for all the work his wife Charlene had to do to take of him. He shared how fortunate he was to have her. If you mentioned his granddaughter Evelyn, it always brought a smile to his face, even when he was in pain. He told me how he prayed every day for his family and a number of others (including me).

Betty Stacy often told me how much she loved this church. She shared how a number of our members were there for her when her husband died and the difference that it made. She shared about her family and how blessed she was. She was so proud of her son Don. She more than once called me up to see if there were any special unmet needs that she could help with for the church. She especially liked helping us get video projectors and wanted to help with the sound system. She had painful arthritis so at times she would ask me to pray for a less painful Sunday morning so she could get to the church. She was not into complaining, she was into being thankful.

Bob Szczechura was a gentle man. He seemed to always be thinking of others. He was an effective Bible teacher. He loved his wife Tracie deeply and worked hard at being there for his children. He worried and prayed for them over times of separation, for their choices, for their health, for their jobs, for their future. Things did not always go his way, but it did not keep him from seeking to be there for those he cared about. It did not keep him from seeking God's way and as he sought God, God found a place for him in His Home.

We need to remember that God has a place for those who love Him and that we can be reunited in heaven as we trust in His love.

PS. You all remain in my prayers. Lord bless! ***~Pastor Dave***



Pastor Mike Hoffman, CRE & Educational Coordinator

Sunday Morning Adult Education Class from 9-9:50 AM:

Ray Vanderlaan's two, exciting, video studies, *The Dust of the Rabbi & The Early Church*, will be offered with discussion and led by Pastor Mike in the North Parlor, starting **Sunday, June 7th**. These two series will take us through the summer, one week with an opener and the video, and the following week with a lively discussion. You won't want to miss even one session!

Various Days and Times during the Week – Adult Small Groups and Bible Studies. Call Pastor Mike for more information at home at 313.562.5961 or at church at 313.274.1313, extension 14.



Music Corner

Summer is upon us! Our Choirs will be finishing their season on Father's Day, June 21st. Thank you to all who sang with the Children's, Youth, Adult, and played with the Handbell Choirs this year! A special thank you to all the parents who took time and effort to get their children and youth to choirs.

Last month, we hosted a wonderful organ concert, celebrating 50 years of our congregation in this building and 50 years of our outstanding Aeolian Skinner organ. Thank you to Dr. James Kibbie from the University of Michigan and to our own Dr. Timothy Huth for a stellar concert featuring some wonderful music that showed off our organ to its fullest.

As we move into "summer music" mode, if there is anyone who is interested in providing special music over the summer, please let me know. We would love to have vocalists, instrumentalists and combinations/ensembles to play and sing over the summer for anthems and special music.

Coming up in June, We have teacher and graduate recognition on the 7th, Peru Team commissioning on the 14th, and Father's Day on the 21st. We'll have some great music for those Sundays!

See you in Church, ~**Marshall**

Farewell and Thank You To Current and Past Deacons,

A big thank you to all the Deacons I have had the pleasure of working with. You are truly a wonderful group of dedicated Christians. To the current Deacons, I leave you in good hands with Nancy Barber as your new Moderator. Nancy kept me on track with friendly reminders and suggestions for the past four years. A special thanks to you Nancy. God bless all of you and your work in the name of our Lord. ~Bob Missler



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Lamkin PW (Presbyterian Women) Bible Study - Jane Lewy and Charlie Aronson will be leading a twelve week study in prayer, following the Women of Faith study series. We will be meeting Thursdays in the North Parlor from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Musings from Pastor Mike, CRE



The magnificent temple of Apollo, located in Didyma, Turkey was built by the Greeks during ancient times. While not mentioned specifically in the Bible, we are sure that Paul visited the area and could have sent disciples that he made to this area of Asia Minor as well. This temple to Apollo was magnificent. It was a temple within a temple, held up by 122, six-story columns. Each column took 57 years to carve, and the entire temple took 820 years to build.

It was at this temple that people would travel to ask the god Apollo the answer to a question that they had. The priest, or *oracle* would take the question to a sage who would, in a drug-induced stupor, prophesy the answer from Apollo. It was a laborious, time-consuming ritual that we will cover this summer in the Adult Sunday school Class, so be sure to plan on attending! Basically, an old, high-on-drugs woman would tell you what her god told her which would in turn, answer your question...kind of like the folks working in the information/first aid tent at the Woodstock Music Festival did back in the early 1970s!

Jesus disciples and their disciples were deeply committed to learning, living, teaching, and praying the Hebrew Scripture – the Word of the Living God. They sought to obey the texts as Rabbi Jesus interpreted it, taught it, and demonstrated it every day of his life. So how could the disciples make disciples among Hellenistic people who knew little, if anything about the Word of God? It seems that all people are searching for meaning and purpose in life. But there is a right way and a dead-end way to accomplish this.

Leviticus 19:31 states, “Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritualists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.” Isaiah 55:10-11 writes. “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seeds for the sower and bread for the eater, so is the word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

You see, we don’t need fortune tellers, dice, cards, Horoscopes, fortune cookies, Magic Eight Balls, or Ouiji Boards to give us the answers to questions that we are searching for. We have all our answers in one, handy book! The Bible is our reference for any question that we have. While it is true that there are some areas that seem not to be boldly black and white, many gifted theologians have spent their lives writing Bible commentaries that can be poured through and compared as we pray to the Holy Spirit for His discernment.

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” –Psalm 119:105.

Take time for daily Bible reading EACH DAY! – God’s Peace.

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
	1 DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	2 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- 10am-4pm Treasure Cl 10:30am-12pm ALL St 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sar
Communion Graduate & Teacher Recognition 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am Peru Team Hotdog Lunch- MH,K 11:30am Personnel Meeting in Pastor's office 11:30am Property- Library	7 6:30pm NAMI- NP DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	8 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 5:30pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	9 10am-4pm Treasure Cl 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sar DEADLINE FOR VISIC
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Father's Day/ Men of the Church 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary	21 6:30pm NAMI- NP DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	22 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7:30-9pm AA- MH <i>Presbytery Meeting at Korean PC of Metro Detroit (Southfield, MI)</i>	23 11am-1pm Keenagers- 10am-4pm Treasure Cl
Recognition of the church crosses 9am Education Hour 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11:30am PW Summer Gathering- MH, K	28 DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	29 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7:30-9pm AA- MH	30

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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sure Chest ir- Sanctuary, Turco	10 10-11:30am PW Bible Study-NP 6-8pm PNC- NP	11 6:30-9pm Game Night- YC Decorate for Sullivan Wedding Reception - MH, K (TIME TBD)	12 10am-2pm Treasure Chest 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares 2-6pm Michael Sullivan Wedding Reception- MH, K
Currie- NP sure Chest PROGRAM Staff- SP ir- Sanctuary, Turco	17 10-11:30am PW Bible Study-NP 6-8pm PNC- NP	18	19 9am PW Board- NP 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares Peru Team departs
agers- MH (K) sure Chest	24 10-11:30am PW Bible Study-NP 6-8pm PNC- NP (No Knitting Grp)	25	26 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
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What Dads Leave Behind

A clipping from a Dutch magazine a number of years ago described a child's attitude toward his father as the years pass by. At age 4, the child says, "My daddy can do anything." At age 7, "My daddy knows a lot. A whole lot." At age 8 he says, "Well my father doesn't quite know everything." At 12 he says, "Naturally, my father doesn't know that either." At 14, "My dad is so hopelessly old-fashioned." Age 21, "That man is so out of date." At 25 years, "Dad knows a little, but not too much." At 30 years, "I must find out what Dad thinks about this." At 35 years, "Before we decide, let's get Dad's idea first." At 50, "What would Dad have thought about that?" At 60 years, "My Dad knew literally everything." At 65 years he says, "I wish I could talk it over with Dad one more time."

How important good and godly dads are. The father who faithfully stands beside his wife and children is becoming more and more of a rarity in our society. I believe America needs dads more than ever because of what we are facing today. While the Marine Corps slogan is, "Looking for a few good men," I think our country's new slogan ought to be: "Looking for a few godly men."

A few years ago, *L.A. Times Magazine* ran an article about the invisible dad. It pointed out, "Many American men are disconnecting from family life and society is paying the price. Consider two of the nation's most serious problems: crime and teenage pregnancy. Studies show that the most reliable predictor of these behaviors is not income. It's not race. It's family structure. Pregnant girls and criminal boys tend to come from fatherless families. An astonishing 70 percent of imprisoned minors have spent at least part of their lives without fathers."

This article went on to quote Father Gregory Boyle, a priest in East Los Angeles. He once wrote down the names of 100 gang members whom he knew personally, and next to their names, he wrote down their family history. He was shocked to realize that all but five on the list were not currently living with their biological fathers, if they ever had.

Fathers are so important because they are a visible link between their children and the Father in Heaven. Many of the attitudes children will develop toward God will be connected to the ones they have toward their fathers. The potential impact of a good and godly father is immeasurable. Don't believe it when people say children don't need a mom and a dad. They need both as much as possible.

Certainly, many pressures come with fatherhood. Some of us feel ill-equipped. But it's better to be a learning dad than an absent one.

A father's influence will not only impact his children, it will impact his grandchildren, his great-grandchildren, and his great-great-grandchildren. The values fathers pass on to their children today, whether sinful or godly, will be passed on to their children in the future.

Consider the impact of the life of one godly man, Jonathan Edwards. A great preacher in American history who lived at a time of great spiritual awakening, he was renowned for his message, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." In addition to being a pastor, he was the President of Princeton University, an author, and the father of 11 children.

Of Jonathan Edwards' known male descendants, more than 300 became pastors, missionaries, or theological professors. Another 120 descendants became college professors, 110 became attorneys, 60 were prominent authors, 30 became judges, and 14 served as presidents of universities or colleges. Three descendants served in the U. S. Congress, and one became the Vice President of the United States.

A very busy man who reputedly spent 13 hours each day in study, Jonathan Edwards still made a habit of spending an hour at home with his children every day. He took time to be with them, and what a legacy he left!

As C. H. Spurgeon said, "A good character is the best tombstone. Those who love you and were helped by you will remember you. So carve your name on hearts and not on marble."

If you're a father, are you carving your name on the hearts of your children right now? Are you leaving a godly legacy of good character? It's the greatest thing you can leave.

<http://www.oneplace.com/ministries/a-new-beginning/read/articles/what-dads-leave-behind-8460.html>

~ Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning

Psalm 30:5b (RSV)

Have you felt the despair of intense sorrow? How can one get beyond such pain? What are we to believe?

Joseph was sold into slavery; God used him to preserve Israel (*Gen. 50:20*). Jesus' crucifixion was horrible; the unexpected Resurrection turned the disciples sorrow into joy (*John 16:20*). Paul taught that God uses "everything" to conform us into Christ's image (*Rom. 8:28-30*).

James tells us to face trials with joy as they produce steadfastness, helping us mature (*James 1:2-8*). God's comforting us equips us for ministry (*Rom. 5:3-5*) so we can comfort others (*2 Cor. 1:2-4*).

Jesus told us to face tribulation with good cheer for He has overcome the world (*John 16:33*). Paul tells us that Christians will suffer (*2 Tim. 3:12*); Paul learned to be content despite circumstances (*Phil. 4:4-7, 11-13*) by always rejoicing in Christ and relying upon Him. Paul considered his present sufferings to be trivial compared with the glory to be revealed in us (*Rom. 8:18*). Joy often follows sorrow.

One day, we will rejoice when presented without blemish into God's presence (*Jude 24*). This contrasts with Isaiah's fearful experience facing God before his sin was removed (*Isaiah 6:5*). Isaiah cried out "woe is me"; we will rejoice (*Rev. 21:1-4*).

Psalm 30:5 starts with: **"For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a life-time."** Under God, sorrows are temporary but His love is eternal (like a Father). Therefore, each day is a day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (*Psalm 118:24*).

~ John Holden



Thank you, Nancy DeHamer, for the fantastic F.I.S.H. dinners you have prepared for us each week. Your meals were very delicious (and creative!) and provided a wonderful start to our Wednesday evening program.

God Bless!

**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.

A mere thank-you seems so inadequate in response to the outpouring of love and support I have received since the passing of my husband, but words elude me. We have been inundated with cards, calls, meals, memorials, and flowers. Truly, our church family is a priceless treasure. We are grateful for each one of you.

~Charlene and Austin Reid



Grief Support Group

GriefShare (Christian support and encouragement for your grief journey) will be starting again on **Monday May 4th from 7-9 pm (10 weeks)** at **Allen Park Presbyterian Church, 7101 Park Ave., Allen Park, MI 48101**. **Call Norma (313) 330-6261 or Barry (734) 558-5721 to register.** Cost is **\$20** and includes class, workbook and refreshments. Come and allow God and others to comfort your heart as you process the loss of your loved one.

Noteworthy

- Wes Pelling celebrated his 95th birthday Friday, May 15th. *Congratulations Wes!*
- Graduates! Please send a paragraph about your plans after graduation and a photo to Pastor Mike Hoffman, CRE, for our Graduation Booklet and for recognition in worship on Sunday, June 8th. Email info. & photo (jpeg) to pastormike929@gmail.com.
- We would like to again call your attention to our Emergency Response Plan which was developed recently. You can pick up a copy from one of the tables in the narthex. Please review this sheet so you can be better prepared to respond if needed.

50th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, May 3rd

We had 125 people in attendance and enjoyed hymns and masterworks from two world class organists, Dr. James Kibbie and Dr. Tim Huth. The opening hymn, "When in Our Music God is Glorified", declared the purpose of our celebration. Our performers did a wonderful job of revealing how masterfully our Aeolian-Skinner Organ achieves that goal and, once again, reminds us of the vision of those who brought this fine instrument into our house of worship.



A Special Message for Summer Travelers

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? First Presbyterian offers electronic giving for those of you wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a more convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Please contact Nancy Setterlun in the office to set up online giving.





On behalf of the Dearborn Symphony Scholarship Committee, I would like to thank the staff, the Session, and Ken Stivenson for providing space for us to hold our recent scholarship competition. We really appreciated the special signs and decorations.

Sincerely,

Janet Leslie, Bill Leslie, Mark Dearth, Margaret Schaffer, Ann Bakalyar

Dear people of **FPCD**,

I just read in Psalm 90: "...Give success to the work of our hands, Give success to the work of our hands". How true and compelling for our daily living and daily endeavors as we seek to live in the grace of God's Holy Spirit.

So good to see so many of you and others at our 50th Anniversary Organ Concert. It was a joy and thrill to play our wonderful Aeolian Skinner alongside my colleague, friend and former teacher James Kibbie and also with Beckie Dicks on her flute. Working in the music ministry enlivens my heart and hands. I am grateful to serve as your Organist and feel a part of our church's strong sense of mission and service.



I've been performing a lot more in recent years, and along those lines have decided this summer to join an organ performance and study tour in the Netherlands and France July 12-28, a seminar called 'FOMS', or French Organ Music Seminar (<www.bfoms.com>). We're starting out in the Netherlands, then on to Southern France and Spain, on to Paris and Tolouse, which has the great Cavalle-Coll organ of St Sernin de Tolouse. I'll be learning in masterclasses, there will be a lot of 'bench time' on major organs just to play, and also will be in performance with my colleagues on the tour. An added important dimension to this trip for me is that not only are these some of the greatest organs and cathedrals of the world, but they are also living active churches in real time, gathering every Sunday still to sing God's praises. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O most high" (Ps 92).

Blessed Summer everyone! ~**Timothy Huth** AMusD
Organist, First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



A big hug and a warm thank you to all our church family for the many cards, phone calls, and good wishes for Victor. God heard our prayers and Vic is now recuperating at home. ~ Olimpia

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, 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. ~Nancy Barber, 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
- 06/04: Donald Hosmer
- 06/05: Bert Foster
- 06/07: Peter Johnston
- 06/08: Alan Gentinne, Robert Schwyn
- 06/10: Caillee Drzinski
- 06/11: Tracie Szczechura, Marilyn Holden
- 06/12: Marion Cassidy, Jim Bechtel, Rachel Young
- 06/17: Margie Maurer, Matthew Higgins, Rebecca Scott
- 06/19: Donald King
- 06/20: Ann Bleivik
- 06/24: Cecelia Sadler
- 06/27: Linda Guinn, Bob Carlson
- 06/28: David Whitehouse, Mary Currie
- 06/29: Peter Badore, Amy Bruhn
- 06/30: Mary Ann Bassett, Barbara Hosmer, Susan Sullivan

Knitters Welcome!

**Calling all knitters and those
who want to learn:**



The knitting group will not meet in June. Our meetings will resume Thursday, July 23. Plan on joining us for a night of all things knitting. Beginners and those wanting to learn to knit are encouraged to attend. ~Lynn Hoffman

Meals for the Homebound

Some of our homebound congregation could use assistance with meals. The next time you are preparing something that is easily frozen, just make a little extra. Freeze enough for two people in a non-returnable container and drop it off at church, letting the office know. The Deacons will deliver it. This small gesture will mean a lot to the recipients and what a wonderful way to show our Christian love. Nancy Barber - Deacon Moderator

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

June 7 / - Communion, *What do we see in Jesus?* - Rev. Don Wright

June 14 / - *Do I love you?* - Rev. Don Wright

June 21 / - FATHER'S DAY, *Planting the Seed.* - Rev. Don Wright

June 28 / - *Who do you say that I am?* - Rev. Don Wright

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