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Our Vision

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Are you praying for Vision?  
Pastor Dave

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# Our Vision

## The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

### July 2011 Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn's 1st Annual

# LEGO BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>

### Build and Win!

Individual and team categories: Preschool - Adult  
Prizes for each category!  
Friday, July 22: Entry drop-off, 11am-1pm & 4pm-6pm  
Saturday, July 23: Public viewing at 12 noon  
Awards ceremony at 1pm

Special prize for the 1st 50 entries!

Official rules and registration available online:  
[www.firstpresdearborn.org/events/lego](http://www.firstpresdearborn.org/events/lego)

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# Vacation Bible School



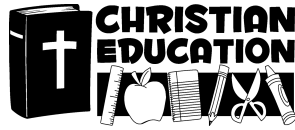
July 11-15  
See page 4 for more



We will have a picnic on July 3, immediately following the 10:00 am worship service. Be sure to dress in picnic attire. All food and beverages will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Ina & Bob Behrens with grandson Luc Alexander Behrens, who was born on May 6.





### Adult Summer Sunday School

This summer we will continue the series “That The World May Know” that we’ve used the last couple of summers. In July and August, we will meet in the North Parlor at 9am (we move to one worship service at 10am for the 2 months). We will continue to “travel through the Holy Land” with Ray Vanderlaan, learning more about the places and events of scripture. Summer Sunday School will run through Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Children’s Church

Children’s Church will continue through the summer. The children from 3 yrs. through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to join us for Children’s Church following the Children’s message in worship.

### Nursery Helpers

If any of our 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders want to help in the nursery occasionally and are not currently on the schedule, please let Jennelle (nursery caregiver), Beckie or me know. We will set up a training time and get you on the schedule for fall.

### VBS

Thank you to Bob and Diane Missler for designing the decorations for VBS. And thank you to Nancy and Jim Barber for helping to “Paint the Town”. It is such a blessing to have people willing to help make things a little special for the kids. Thanks.

Ann Bleivik  
Educational Coordinator



### Let’s get cookin’ at VBS! July 11-15 (9:30am-12pm)

All children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to our *Shake It Up Café* this summer. Our theme: *Shake It Up Café: Where Kid’s Carry Out God’s Recipe*, will focus on shaking up our lives so that we may become followers of Jesus. The Bible contains the recipe, and we will explore biblical festivals to link the Old and New Testaments with our lives today.

### MUSIC, CRAFTS, BIBLE STORIES, SNACKS, GAMES...FUN FOR ALL AGES!

We will need lots of help from tweeners (5th grade and 6th grade graduates), our teenagers, and our adults.

Save the dates and plan to help. To volunteer, contact Beckie Dicks in the church office at (313) 274-1313.

If you would like to help make decorations, please see Ann Bleivik. To volunteer or to register to attend, sign-up sheets are available on the Christian Education bulletin board.



Beckie Dicks  
Children’s Ministries Director

### Sunday Morning Single Worship Service Begins in July 10:00 AM

July 3 - Communion /  
Independence Celebration

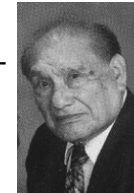
July 10 - Peru Team Helps  
Lead Worship

July 17 - VBS Helps Lead Worship

July 24 - Witness & Song Service

July 31 - Witness & Song Service

Come wish Margo Martinez a  
Happy 89 ½ Birthday! The cele-  
bration will be in Mitchell Hall  
July 30, beginning at noon. All  
are invited to attend.



Bill & June  
Schwesinger  
celebrated 60 years of  
marriage on May 12.  
Congratulations!

### A Celebration!

Alan and Jose Brailsford are happy to an-  
nounce that their daughter Melanie Bonello  
(nee Brailsford), having brought up three de-  
lightful girls to adulthood, has now obtained  
an MA Cum Laude in (Christian) Psychologi-  
cal Counseling from Moody Theological  
Seminary. Well done, Melanie!

~ Alan & Jose Brailsford

07/03: Thomas Christian,  
Robert Fuller  
07/04: Bunny Barr  
07/05: Jan Cobb  
07/06: George Bolash  
07/09: Nancy Setterlun  
07/11: Megan Dearth  
07/12: Barb Jones  
07/13: Linda Sherman  
07/14: Fran Buckley  
07/15: Jeffrey Griffith  
07/17: Kathryn Sullivan  
07/19: Jane Wood, Lynette Carlson  
07/21: Cynthia Zirbel  
07/22: Bud Apeseche  
07/23: Velma Regorrah, Michael Blosser  
07/24: Alyssa Husby  
07/26: Loren White, Chloe Doverspike  
07/28: Joyce Powanda, John Snider,  
Michael Reiter, Brandon Evans



July Birthdays!

### THANK YOU, FISH KIDS!

Thanks for the yummy bag of goodies you left in my church mailbox at the end of FISH. The peanuts, pretzels, M & Ms and candy corn were such a delicious trail mix assortment! It was so kind of you to think of me. May God Bless you All !



Sincerely,  
Vicki Davidson

We wish to welcome **Jonathan Mallard** to our Staff. Jonathan will be working with the Jr. & Sr. Highs this summer. He previously trained for two years at The Honor Academy of Teen M. Ministry in Texas. He also has completed three years of college studies, some at the University of Michigan’s Dearborn campus. Jonathan is a Dearborn resident.

Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to **Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service to vickid@firstpresdearborn.org**. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. Boxes are also available in the church office for your submissions.

July is Anti-Boredom Month

Welcome to summer everyone! I hope that all of you have some fun activities planned with family and friends over the next few months. Here are a few suggestions to help during the times that you or your children run out of ideas of “things to do”.

Biking or hiking on a bike trail.

TrailLink.com, a website powered by Rails to Trails, a national nonprofit that's working to transform abandoned railroads into bike paths. According to the site, there are more than 30,000 trails across the country that are suitable for bike riding, walking, riding a horse, jogging -- anything but driving.

Gardening. While this is easier said than done, especially if you're not a gardener yourself, it can be done fairly inexpensively. Separate out a small plot in a bigger garden and give your children their own plot. It should be there responsibility to water, weed and harvest.

Open a lemonade stand. It's fun and educational at the same time, and if you really want to go all out and do something a little different and teach your kids about service and helping a good cause (raising money for cancer research) check out Alex's Lemonade, a nonprofit website that teaches kids how to put up their own lemonade stand. Basically, you register online, and the site sends you a lemonade stand kit, which includes promotional materials, tips for holding a successful lemonade stand and, while supplies last, a voucher for a canister of lemonade. (www.alexslemonade.org)

Volunteering. The nonprofit WaysToHelp.org lists thousands of volunteer opportunities for children and teenagers. To find something your kids will enjoy, you can use its search engine to find volunteer activities that children and

teenagers are allowed to participate in. Ask your children which activities sound interesting -- they're more likely to enjoy it if they get to choose themselves. (Note that some of the options will not be suitable for children)

Bowling. It's usually an inexpensive activity, anyway, but if you go to KidsBowlFree.com, you can print free bowling coupons throughout the summer that are good at bowling alleys across the country.

Fishing. While there doesn't seem to be a kids-fish-free website out there, numerous state and county parks will often teach kids how to fish for free. And there are many free fishing activities out there. Just Google your location and the words "fishing" and "free," and see what you get. Regardless, with a lot of kids' fishing poles retailing for under \$15, this can be a pretty cheap sport.

Finally, remember this summer that there is value in your kids doing nothing. It might sound crazy or lazy at first, but Dr. Susan Smith Kuczmarski, Ed.D., who is based in Chicago and often conducts workshops for parents and educators, and "There's tremendous value for children in what I call 'hammock time.' This means doing nothing: daydreaming, hanging out, getting lost in your thoughts, doodling. Call it what you will, it means shifting gears to neutral. Our culture puts so much emphasis on 'doing,' and children soon pick that up. Children are profoundly nourished by introspective time. Too much focus on busy activities and games leaves very little time to dream, wonder, reflect and discover."

\*\*\* Information taken from article: “Cheap summer activities for Kids” by Geoff Williams.

(Submitted by Chris Mayer)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

For the summer, beginning July 3rd, we will have one worship service Sunday mornings at 10am. We look forward to worshipping our Lord with joy and some new touches. We want to use this time to have more fellowship opportunities (especially following worship) to get to know each other better.

- ◆ July 3rd, we will celebrate our Freedom in God and Communion. We hope to have special instrumental accompaniment (drum & trumpet) and possibly a quartet. We ask you to dress in picnic attire, for the service will be followed by a picnic on church grounds. We will provide the meal.
- ◆ July 10th, we will have the Peru Team helping to lead in worship.
- ◆ July 17th, the Vacation Bible School (Shake it Up Café) will help lead us in worship. We hope to have some café treats for our fellowship following the service.
- ◆ July 24th, we will have a special presentation of guitar and organ.
- ◆ July 31st, we will have your favorite hymns.
- ◆ In August we will have more things to come, possibly some guest musical groups (brass or jazz or Dixieland), religious drama, youth and young adult participation.

Pastor Dave Bleivik

Touch of Hope  
Back to School Offering

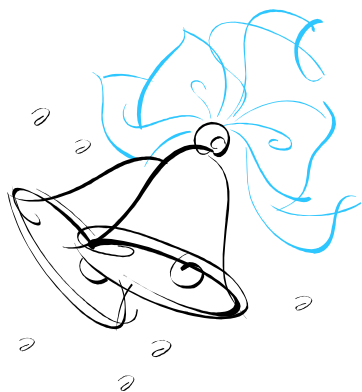
Summer is always fun, but back to school is never far away. We have school children in the Touch of Hope program in need of backpacks and supplies this year.

On Sundays - July 24, July 31, and August 7 we are asking congregation members to sign up to donate school supplies to the children in the Touch of Hope Ministry. Please bring donations to church no later than August 21. Requests for items will range from \$7.00 up to \$40. Please stop at the table in the Narthex on the specified Sundays to decide what you would like to donate. Cash donations are always welcome; you can give a check at the table or donate money earmarked for Touch of Hope along with your church

offering envelope. Our children are looking forward to a good school year and we can support them by giving them a good start with needed supplies. If you have any questions please contact Margie Maurer at (313) 563-9520. We thank you in advance for your continued support of the Touch of Hope Ministry.



WEDDINGS






Phill & Alex Mayer  
June 4



Austin & Mialan Reid  
May 21

URGENT VBS SUPPLIES REQUEST!

VBS is in a few weeks! We *desperately* need supplies and hope the congregation can help. If you can purchase any of these items and donate them to VBS, that would be greatly appreciated. We will have a box in the narthex area or you can drop them off at the office. Thank You!

- 4 cans black olive slices
  - 3 boxes Kroger Rice Chex Cereal
  - 3 boxes Kroger Corn Chex Cereal
  - 3 boxes Kroger Wheat Chex Cereal
  - Beans (try the Bulk Food Store):
    - 1# baby lima
    - 1# dark kidney
    - 1# black-eyed peas
    - 1# navy beans
    - 1# whole green peas
  - 1# seeds – pumpkin, sunflower
  - ¼# cloves
- 
- Plastic berry baskets (for weaving)
  - Snack size Ziploc Baggies
  - 2 canisters of raisins
  - 5 canisters of lemonade
  - 5 rolls masking tape
  - White cardboard or poster board
  - Tacky glue
  - Art paint brushes for kids
  - Acrylic or fabric paint
  - Large safety pins

White T-Shirts:

- Youth small
  - Youth medium
  - Youth large
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- Adult medium
  - Adult large
  - Adult x-large



Remember to Pray for the ConnnectionPeru’11 Mission Team

Justin Bartkowiak, Chris Blaikie, David Carlson, Emily Carlson  
Billy Cayo, Daniel Cayo, Nick Church, Elissa Hoffman, Jared Hoffman,  
Lynn Hoffman, Mike Hoffman, Allison Hohn, Ellie Klein, Deanna McDonnel,  
Alex Strong, Rickard family (6) from N. Carolina



**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays** - Come join us for pizza and games the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month from 6:30pm - 9pm. This is a FREE event. No reservations needed. Drop by at 6:30 for pizza, salad, beverage, and dessert, and then enjoy games and fellowship until 9. There will be a separate area for supervised children’s activities, and childcare may be provided for only \$5 per family for children age 5 and under. If you need childcare, please call the church ahead of time so we can arrange it for you. Invite your friends.....**Everyone is welcome!**







**I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief. Mark 9:24**

The subject is doubt. The context is a father whose son was possessed by an evil spirit. The father said he believed that Jesus could help his son, yet he still struggled with unbelief. Jesus blessed him despite his doubt.

Doubt is not the opposite of faith. Doubt is between belief and unbelief – holding both in tension. Some churches and religions condemn doubt, but God loves authentic doubters. Authentic doubters seek the truth and do not accept easy answers. When told of Jesus' Resurrection, "Doubting" Thomas refused to believe until he could check it out (*John 20:25*). Jesus gave him evidence and he believed. Authentic doubters examine the evidence, analyze the reasons, and ask disciples why they believe (*1 Peter 3:15*). This strengthens faith.

Foggy doubt is quite different. Here, the doubter raises issues not to seek truth but to

rationalize unbelief. The foggy doubter might say such things as, "How can I believe in a God who tolerates evil, poverty, war, sickness, injustice, etc." or "Hasn't science disproved God?" or "many Christians are hypocritical" or "I am not sure about the Resurrection." The foggy doubter does not try to understand these issues – instead he uses them to rationalize unbelief and thus excuse himself from taking Christ seriously. As a result, he becomes unstable and double minded, receiving little from the Lord (*James 1:6-8*). Belief is a moral choice; unbelief is sin (*Romans 1:19-21*).

Doubt is an important stage on the road to faith. To deal with doubt, we need to ask God's help, seek to understand God better (*Rom. 11:33*), ask questions, and study the evidence for the faith. Also pray because the Holy Spirit helps us understand and believe (*1 Cor. 2:1-14; John 16:8, 9*).

Does doubt limit your faith? If so, seek the Truth. Knowing the Truth sets you free (*John 8:32*).

~ John Holden

### Share your photos!

If you have a photo of a wedding, baptism, milestone anniversary or birthday, please submit it to Vicki in the office no later than noon on Monday, and we will try to show it during the Sunday Announcement slides in the Sanctuary before service.

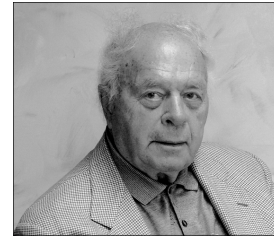
### Prayer & Healing Service

Want a change in your life? Whether it is a physical illness, debilitating disease, chronic fatigue, emotional heaviness... the Lord says, "Come, spend a special time with Me. Give Me your burdens." There will be a **Healing Service on the 3rd Sunday of every month**; the next one is Sunday, July 17, 2011 at 4pm in the Chapel. Come with expectation... for nothing is impossible with God!



**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 [kathywfpd@gmail.com](mailto:kathywfpd@gmail.com) 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.**

### Member Memories



**1941**

In June, Marilyn Netting, (the lady who would become my wife in eight years) and I graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit where we had been friends, neighbors and classmates for the previous six years, without the slightest indication such an event could possibly happen, since we had yet to have our first date. This was abruptly corrected the following month when I took her to Eastwood Gardens, where we danced with thousands of others outdoors under the stars to the music of the great Glenn Miller and his band of renown. In mid-September, I began my college career as a

freshman at Michigan State, and the following Saturday took her to the first of what would be an annual experience, repeated countless times thereafter, to witness the annual 'gridiron fracas' between the Spartans and the Wolverines... an event she dearly looked forward to. Then we celebrated our 18th birthdays, hers on the 29th and mine five days later on October 4th. Imagine, I was married to an older woman. Sixty-four days later, our lives were violently upset with the eruption of World War II on December 07, with the surprise Japanese bombing attack on the U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. This sequence of events occurred 70 years ago.

~ Bob Kuhlman

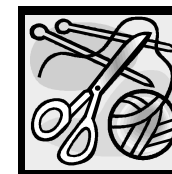


### MISSION SEWING - NOT JUST FOR SEWERS



Mission Sewing is a ministry of Presbyterian Women. This ministry provides clothing, linens, school supplies, baby layettes, and many other similar articles for hospitals, charities, overseas charities, nursing homes and shelters, which in turn give them to the needy. When it was first instituted, the articles were mostly sewn by the ladies who made up Presbyterian Women. Today most of the articles provided are purchased mainly because there simply are not enough sewers with the time needed to complete the needed articles. Also the needs extend beyond those items that can be sewn at home or at the church. So each year at about this time we ask our congregation for donations of items which the Presbytery committee tells us are

needed by the various charities they will work with that year. This list is available in the church narthex until the end of August. Please stop by our table and pick up a card with the item(s) which you may wish to donate. The items may be brought to the church any time until September 24. You may wish to partner up with another person for the more expensive items. Last March our church sewers hemmed 27 baby blankets. Some of the women have knitted baby hats, preemie blankets, and booties. But many other items are needed. Please help. If you have any questions, you may call me at (313) 336-2772 or email me at [olimpiatodor36@gmail.com](mailto:olimpiatodor36@gmail.com).



Yours in Christ,  
Olimpia Todor  
Mission Sewing Chairperson

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<div>CHURCH CLOSED</div> <div><u><b>ORFF CAMP:</b></u> <u><b>10AM-12:00PM</b></u> <b><i>Turco Room</i></b></div>	<div>Set up Communion 9:00am-11:00am Rebekah Circle-R12,Kit. 6-9pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp. MH</div>
<div>Communion</div> <div>9:00am-9:50am Education Hour</div> <div>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</div> <div>Church Picnic following Worship</div>	<div>Independence Day</div> <div>CHURCH CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</div> <div>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</div>	<div>9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm Adult Discipleship- NP 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship &amp; Arts- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH</div>	<div>10:00am Stephens-Curie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm ALL Staff- SP 7:00pm-9:00pm Outreach &amp; Missions- NP</div>	<div>11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 6:00pm-7:00pm Personnel- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary</div>	<div>6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night- MH (or outside), YC</div> <div>CHURCH CLOSED</div>	<div>9:00am-4:00pm VBS set-up MH, Kit., Chapel, YC 10:00am-11:30am DNA R16</div>
<div>9:00am-9:50am Education Hour</div> <div>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</div> <div>10:00am Baptism of Alina McQuillan</div>	<div>7:00pm NAMI- NP</div>	<div>9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH</div>	<div>10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest</div>	<div>No B. B. Seniors 11:00am COM (Pastor) 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary</div>	<div>CHURCH CLOSED</div>	<div>9:00am-4:00pm VBS tear down- MH, Kit., Chapel, YC 6-9pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH</div>
<div>DEADLINE FOR VISION</div>	<div>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</div>	<div>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 9:30AM-12:00PM MH, Kitchen, Chapel, Y. Center</div>				
<div>9:00am-9:50am Education Hour</div> <div>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</div> <div>4:00pm Healing Service-Chapel</div>	<div>No H.S. Art Class 3:00pm Presbytery Leadership Event planning meeting- MH, Kit.</div> <div>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</div>	<div>9:00am Men's Fellowship Work No Finance No Session 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH</div>	<div>10:00am Stephens-Curie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm PROGRAM Staff- SP</div>	<div>11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary</div>	<div>9:00am-4:00pm DNA Lego Contest Setup- MH 6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night- Outside, YC, Parlors</div> <div>CHURCH CLOSED</div>	<div>11:00am-2:00pm DNA Lego Contest- MH, Kitchen</div>
<div>9:00am-9:50am Education Hour</div> <div>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</div> <div>T. of Hope Backpack Adoption (narthex)</div>	<div>6:30 pm-9:00pm Stephen Ministry-SP 7:00pm NAMI- NP</div> <div>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</div>	<div>9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm Arts Alive- NP 7:00pm-8:00pm Technology- R12 7:30pm-8:30pm Investment Committee- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH</div>	<div>10:00am-1:00pm Keenagers- MH 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest</div>	<div>11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary</div>	<div>CHURCH CLOSED</div>	<div>12:00pm-5:00pm Margo Martinez Birthday Party – MH, Kitchen</div>
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