



# Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

July 2012 Newsletter



Wed. July 4th

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn's 2nd Annual

## LEGO BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>

### Build and Win!

Individual and team categories: Preschool - Adult  
Prizes for each category!

Friday, July 20: Entry drop-off, 12pm-2pm & 4pm-6pm

Saturday, July 21: Public viewing at 12 noon

Awards ceremony at 1pm

Build your best and compete or stop by and view all of the creative entries!

Official rules and registration available online:  
<http://www.firstpresdearborn.org/events/lego-block-party>

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn  
600 N. Brady Street  
Dearborn, Michigan 48124  
313.274.1313

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## Vacation Bible School

July 16 - 20

9:30am-12pm See page 4



## CREW & 4:12 Youth Groups

Paintball, Kickball, & Summer Bash!  
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## Picture Directory

Sign up to have your photograph taken:

On Sundays, in the Narthex  
or  
Weekdays, online

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## Adult Summer Sunday School

This summer we will continue the series “That The World May Know” that we’ve used the last few summers. 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. 2, 2012. Join us in the North Parlor at 9am Sundays.

## 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 helping with the decorations for VBS. The children also helped with some of the decorations. It is such a blessing to have people willing to help make things a little special for the kids. Thanks.

## Step by Step

Our memory verses for the summer are:

July 1	Hebrews 4:14	Aug. 5	Psalms 23:4
July 8	Romans 8:28	Aug. 12	Psalms 145:8-9
July 15	1 John 2:3,5	Aug. 19	Matthew 6:24
July 22	Psalms 46:1	Aug. 26	1 Corinth. 13:4-7
July 29	Psalms 1:1-2		



## THE STORY

Join the Adventure! Beginning Sept. 9, 2012, we will journey through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, in a church wide ministry. Our chronological trip through scripture will explore God's story and how humans (including us) relate to His story. Our textbook, The Story, edited by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee reads like a story and will help all of us develop a holistic and sequential picture of Scripture.

Our educational classes and our worship services will all focus on the same story each week so that the whole family will be exploring together. This ministry will run til May 2013 and will be a blessing to all who participate. I encourage you to make this 31 week adventure a priority in your life.

**The Story: The Bible As One Continuous Story of God and His People**, will be available for you to buy. Read a chapter a week and be ready to be blessed in both Sunday School and worship.

If you have questions, please see Ann Phillips, Jane Dearth or Ann Bleivik.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

## Children's Ministry

### Vacation Bible School

July 16-20, 9:30 to noon, grades pre-K through 5

VBS is right around the corner! All kids are welcome to join us in Babylon - right here in our own Mitchell Hall! Enjoy stories, drama, crafts, games and a whole lot more as we explore how to live a life of faith in a faithless culture. Sign up at [www.firstpresdearborn.org](http://www.firstpresdearborn.org), call the church office, or sign up in the Narthex after church. Contact Beckie Dicks if you'd like to help out.



### Sunday School

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

### Orff Camp

Many thanks to Jane Lewey and to all who helped out with our Orff Camp in June. We heard many joyful sounds coming from the Turco Room and the sanctuary!

~Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Director



Calling all LEGO Builders!! Please join us for our **2nd ANNUAL LEGO BLOCK PARTY**. Another FUN, **FREE LEGO contest is set for July 21** with prizes for all age groups from preschool through adults. LEGO projects need to be completed and **turned in for judging Friday, July 20 from 12 pm - 2 pm or 4 pm - 6 pm** at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. All projects will be on display Sat., July 21 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.



## 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.

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

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



### CREW & 4:12 Youth Groups

As I (Jonathan) write this, I am brimming with excitement because of what God has done in the month of June! I can't wait to see what will happen in July. We've seen growth in both 4:12 and CREW as the kids have reached out to their friends for multiple events. Paintball with the guys was a huge success, and we had three new boys join us! Although we left with quite a few welts, everyone wants to go back for more "male bonding". Kickball at Ford Field was a hit, with high winds keeping the outfielders on their toes. And how could I not mention our Summer Bash?! Let's just say that 275 water balloons, 4 rolls of duct tape, 2 cans of whipped

cream, 2 bags of Cheetos, and 2.5 dozen eggs made for a great afternoon!

With all the crazy games, we've had amazing opportunities to grow friendships with the students. Mike Hoffman and I are so grateful for Mike P. and Krista C., who volunteer weekly to be here with the kids. Kevin and Irene Watts, Sue Yarrington, Dave and Nancy Setterlun and Ann Philips have all put hard work into making our events successful. I'm sure there are also other "behind the scenes" workers as well. If you have been praying for us, thank you! God is definitely on the move as we build friendships and share the love of Christ, one student at a time.

We have a few prayer requests for this month of July:

July is packed with more opportunities to build relationships with the kids. Please continue to pray for more consistency and higher numbers of students as we seek to build a family of friends for the kids to belong to.

Please pray that all who went to Peru will come back with renewed passion for our mission work and community in Dearborn! We have countless chances to reach people for Christ in our everyday lives.

Pray for God to break through to the hearts of students that do not yet follow Jesus as Lord. May He use the Sr. High canoe trip and VBS weeks especially to speak to their hearts.

Pray for the students going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade to feel accepted and loved by the rest of the group. May God challenge the older students to "set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

Thank you for your love, prayers and support! Contact me or Mike Hoffman if you feel led to be on our planning committee or service team, to pray together, or if you just have an idea or questions. God bless you this month, and may Our Savior bless America!

In Christ, Jonathan and Mike

## Notes from our Parish Nurse

### **“Caregiver Support”**

This month I would like to share my heart about the important need to support “caregivers”. First of all, let me define what I mean by a caregiver. A caregiver is a person who provides direct care (for children, elderly people, or the chronically ill). This can include parents, spouses, guardians, adult children, hired personnel who are trained in a particular area, etc. At every stage of life, we have people who care for and help us in general. However, there are other times in our lives when we are unable to totally care for ourselves, and so we need help. The person who assists us during these times would be considered our “caregiver”. There is often more than one caregiver, but there is almost always a “primary caregiver”. It is to this person(s) that I would like to focus our attention.

**Caring for those we love is one of the most important roles we will ever have!** But it is often a role that is taken for granted or not valued by others, and the complexities range from the physical logistics to the emotional stress and strain on the people needing help and those providing the care. In this article, I will not be providing answers on how to offer “caregiver support”. What I want to do is bring this urgent need out into the open and ask for help in creating an emotionally safe, educational and enjoyable way to support those who are caring for loved ones. We want those people who are caregivers to know that we are aware of some of the issues they face, and desire to take steps towards helping to improve their quality of life, which in turn, will improve the quality of life for all of those around them.

**What can you do?** You can **join me on Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn** (meetings will alternate between Dearborn and Allen Park). We will meet for a brainstorming session. During this meeting, we will determine whether or not we have the resources/interest in making this a viable ministry, talk about a structure for the support group, identify specific needs of caregivers and how to access resources that will make finding help easier, and identifying ways to provide emotional and psychosocial support for these very special people. If you have experience in care giving or have a desire to be a part of serving others in this way, please come to the session and share your ideas!

Blessings,  
Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



### Hymn History: How Great Thou Art

S.K. Hine brought to America a hymn that was the final result of almost seventy years of literary activity, involving several different writers and translators. In 1885 or 1886 Rev. Carl Boberg, a Swedish preacher, wrote the hymn, O Store Gud, (O Great God). In 1907 it was translated into German, and in 1912 into Russian. In 1927, the English missionaries Hine found it and started using it in their ministry in the Ukraine. When W.W.II broke out Hine brought the English translation of the hymn with him to England. He added a fourth stanza just after W.W.II, when many refugees from eastern Europe were streaming into England. The refugees were always asking, "When are we going home?" In the day we reach our heavenly home will we proclaim, with the hymn, "**My God, How Great Thou Art.**"

Reflect on the words:

O Lord My God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain:

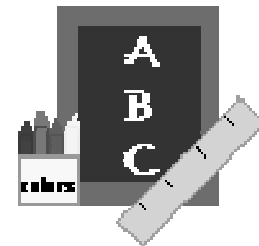
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

*(from Schaefer Missionary Family Homepage, [Schaefer-family.com/hymns.htm](http://Schaefer-family.com/hymns.htm))*

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## Touch of Hope Back to School Offering

It is hard to believe it is time to think about back to school already. We have nineteen school children in the Touch of Hope program in need of backpacks and supplies this year.



On Sunday July 22, July 29, and August 5 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 12. 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 or want to volunteer please contact Margie Maurer at 313 563-9520. We thank you in advance for your continued support of the Touch of Hope Ministry.

~ Margery Johnston-Maurer

## Musings from Pastor Mike - July 2012

**Pastoral Duties:** Thanks Pastor Dave and the entire FPC Family of Faith for your encouragement when I preach. I am enjoying discovering the many talents and gifts of individuals in our congregation and will continue to weave them into the tapestry of my sermons. Jonathan Mallard's Converge Discipleship Program that he is administrating and I am a part of has really increased the time commitment working one-on-one with individuals we are training to become mature Christians who will become leaders in pointing others to Christ. The time investment has been a trade-off for the satisfaction we both are receiving in seeing others grow in their faith as we grow likewise.

I am also currently being trained as a Presbytery of Detroit Facilitator for Church Growth. This is the main focus of a sabbatical that the Dr. Rev. Al Timm, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Detroit is undertaking. We will be working with Gil Rendle, Senior Consultant with the Album Institute, Texas Methodist Foundation, Senior Pastor, and Author of "Journey in the Wilderness" and "Holy Conversations". I look forward to working with the other 4 Presbyterian Pastors who have been chosen for this task and desire to bring back a host of information for our leadership teams to utilize at FPC.

**Director of Young Adult Ministries:** Converge has been my main focus and passion. Our plans for July and August include planning a church-wide celebration, Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 PM to thank our congregation, Pastor Dave, and DNA for supporting our city-wide Converge Young Adult Program. In August we will look into a young adult canoeing or kayaking outing.

**GrouPeru! '12 Leader:** Actually, it takes a whole team to do an international trip and our daughter Elissa and my wife Lynn have really been handling the bulk of the fund-raisers, finances, and planning for this ministry. I thank God for them and the team of 11 missionaries (total) that went to Peru for 2 weeks. Thank you to our church family who provided 25% of our costs through fund-raisers and donations and to the 11 missionaries who offered up over \$1300 of their own money to go and further the Kingdom. Be sure to come to worship with the GrouPeru! '12 Team on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Come find out the impact that our congregation had below the equator!

**CREW Youth Group:** See Jonathan's Director of Student Ministries' article for what he and I have been up to with our H.S. Teens.

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

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### Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

**PW Bible Study** - 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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# July

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Communion 9am Education Hour 9am-12pm Rebekah Circle Pie Sale prep- Kitchen <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11am Rebekah Circle Pie Sale-</b> <b>outside by Narthex doors</b> 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL	1	Peru Team returns       <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	2	CE Subcommittees Meet 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP 7-10pm Young Women's Bible Study- YL 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	3	Independence Day   <b>CHURCH CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	4
9am Education Hour <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL	8	7:00pm NAMI- NP <b>7-8:30pm Caregiver Support Brainstorming - MH</b>      <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	9	9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7-10pm Young Women's Bible Study- YL 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH     <b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b>	10	10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 7:00pm-10:00pm Interdenom. Bible Study- YL	11
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<b>VBS Sunday</b> <b>9am-12pm T. of Hope School Supply Adoption- Narthex</b> 9am Education Hour <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL	22	7:00pm NAMI- NP       <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	23	9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm-8:00pm Technology- R12 7:30pm-8:30pm Investment Committee- SP 7-10pm Young Women's Bible Study- YL 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	24	10:00am-1:00pm Keenagers- off site 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 7:00pm-10:00pm Interdenom. Bible Study- YL	25
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 No B. B. Seniors <b>NO PERSONNEL MEETING</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	6	7 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- NP 9-10:30am DNA- R16 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
12 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11:00am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	13 6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night	14 VBS Setup- (MH, Kit., Chapel, Nursery) 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
19 <b>No B. B. Seniors due to VBS</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	20 12-2pm and 4-6pm <b>Lego Contest project drop-off MH</b>	21 9-10:30am DNA- R16 <b>12pm Lego Contest Public Viewing- MH (K)</b> <b>1pm Lego Contest Awards- MH</b> 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
<b><u>M MH, Kitchen, Chapel, Nursery</u></b>		
26 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	27 6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night	28 <b>11am Memorial Service for Carol Wade- Chapel</b> <b>1-4pm Baby Shower- MH, K</b> 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A



## COMING!!! Pictorial Directory

We are creating a new Pictorial Church Directory. Sign-ups are available now! 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 (click on the 'Picture Directory' announcement and click on the registration website link). Please mark your calendars now. **Pictures will be taken:**

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

~September 7, 8 (Fri, Sat)

## Rebekah Circle Pie Sale!

**Sunday, July 1st ~ 11am outside by the Narthex.  
Proceeds benefit Presbyterian Women's Missions.**



## GroupPeru!12 Mission

Remember to pray for the GroupPeru!12 mission team during their mission trip to Peru. Team members are Justin Bartkowiak, Lewis Britz, David Carlson, Emily Carlson, Brad Ciaglia, Tianna Gorecki, Alissa Hoffman, Jared Hoffman, Lynn Hoffman, Mike Hoffmann, & Allie Hohn.



## '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](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.**

**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](mailto: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.



## Summer Celebration— Saturday, July 28th

**CONVERGE Dearborn Young Adults** would like to invite all young adult participants from the Dearborn Assembly of God, Fairlane Alliance, Dearborn Christian Fellowship, Dearborn Free Methodist, Dearborn Covenant, Dearborn House of Prayer, as well as the entire congregation of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn to attend this celebration!

**What? :** A huge, FREE, intergenerational get-together.

**Where?:** On the S. Lawn of 600 Brady Road, just 2 blocks N. of Dearborn's Ford Field. Free hotdogs, lemonade, side dishes, and desserts, along with music, kid's crafts, bonfire, and games.

**when?:** Saturday, July 28th, from 6-10 PM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

**Why?:** To celebrate what Christ is doing in Dearborn and to thank the congregation of FPCD, Pastor Dave and his vision, and the DNA Team for sponsoring and funding outreach to the young adults in our community.

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### Memorial Service for Carol Wade

There will be a memorial service for Carol Wade, a long-time member of our church, on Saturday, July 28th, at 11am in the Chapel.

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## Treasure Chest News



Do you dream of having extra room in your closets, on the shelves in your kitchen, in your garage or your basement? You can have all of this if you read on.

The Treasure Chest will have its annual rummage sale the first week of October. If you have items which you no longer use but are functional, please consider donating them to the Treasure Chest. Items may be brought to the church any time. We take clothing, house wares, small electronics (functional), small furniture, pictures, frames, glassware, jewelry, purses, shoes, in short, anything which is in good condition, clean, and functional. No large appliances. We will also need LOTS of HELP during the rummage sale. We need unpackers, sorters, and cashiers. Please plan to help out. The money we raise helps support special projects in the church. Mark your calendars and plan to give us a few hours of your time. You will have lots of fun. We guarantee it! If you have questions call Olimpia Todor at 336-2772 or the church.

Many thanks. ~Olimpia Todor, Treasure Chest co-chair.

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### 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.



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!

### ***Congratulations, Pastor Dave and Ann!***

*Congratulations to Pastor Dave and Ann on the marriage of their daughter, Christina, to Greg Hewitt on Saturday, June 30th, in Baltimore, Maryland. Pastor Dave had the honor of conducting the service.*



### **ORFF MUSIC CAMP A SUCCESS!**



What an adventure! The kids who participated in the ORFF MUSIC CAMP had a great time exploring various musical instruments and expanding their knowledge of this wonderful art form.

Many thanks to Beckie Dicks for organizing this event, and to Laurie Gentinne & Marsha Mistecki for their assistance in the program.

A special thanks to Jane Lewey for leading the children in this innovative and creative approach to music instruction.



### ***Baptismal Celebration***

Congratulations to Laura and Ryan Thormann on the baptism of their son, Luke David, on Sunday, June 17th. Proud grandparents are Dave and Jan Smith.

### ***Wedding Celebration***

*Congratulations to Jenelle Richie & Eric Kesteloot who were married at our church on Saturday, June 23rd. May God bless you and keep you in your journey together.*



*Declaration of Independence*  
oil-on-canvas, by John Trumbull, 1817-19

### ***Day of Independence July 4th***

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1776 the American Colonies through the Second Continental Congress voted into action a resolution of independence, thus, making the American Colonies legally separate from Great Britain. A team lead by Thomas Jefferson set into action to describe this decision in a formal document. We know this document as the Declaration of Independence which was signed on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776—just two days later. We now celebrate our day of independence.

(From Sean & Krysta O'Brien's "Ministry7" weblog.)

## Thank You

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for the kindness and concern you have shared with us after Margie's surgery. Your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, cards, and wonderful food have been deeply appreciated. We cannot thank you enough for the support at a time it was really needed. We send our blessings to each of you.

Yours in Christ, Margie Maurer and family

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This  
Month's  
Reflection  
on the Word

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears**  
- **Psalm 34:4**

David's context is God rescuing him from King Saul and King Achish (1 Samuel 21). For us, life on Earth can also be difficult and dangerous, as the Christian life includes persecution, testing, and spiritual warfare. We know that we can cast our anxiety upon God because He cares (1 Peter 5:7). Jesus warned of troubles and presented Himself as the solution: "In the world you will have trouble; but I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). Scripture often encourages the faithful to not fear despite danger.

What can we do to overcome our fears? Start with God's Word (Psalm 119, verses 67, 71, 92, 105, 130, 160, and 165; Romans 15:4; Isa 55; 11). Focus your mind on God. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isaiah 26:3, KJV). Pray: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16b, KJV). Jesus said to always pray and never give up (Luke 18:1).

*Some specifics:*

1. When the godly stumble, they will not fall, for the Lord is the stay of their hand (Psalm 37:24).
2. God always provides a way for us to resist temptation (1 Cor 10:13).
3. We are to face trials joyfully because they help us become mature and complete (James 1:2-4).
4. God comforts us in our affliction so we can comfort others (2 Cor 1:4).
5. "Perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18a). Once we experience God's love, fear declines.
6. Fear leads to worry if we lack faith. Worry is like a rocking chair – much activity going nowhere. Do not worry (see: Phil. 4:6, 7; Matt. 6:31-34; Prov. 3:5-12); instead trust and obey God.

(Remember - God uses whatever happens to us to make us more like his Son – Rom 8:28, 29)

When our faith in Christ overcomes our fear of death (Hebr. 2:15), and our life is in Christ (Phil 1:21), we can rest under God's sovereignty (Romans 8:28-30) as He prepares us for His kingdom. Nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:35-39; Psalm 103:8-14). Fear not!

~John Holden

**Deepest Sympathy** is extended to the Carol and Bob Brinton on the loss of Carol's mother, who passed away recently. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## Thank You

To the Pictorial Directory Steering Committee for their commitment to provide this important reference for our church family.

To our custodial staff whose skill and commitment provide us with a well organized and nicely maintained facility in which we worship and fellowship.

To Tim Huth for enabling us to experience the wonderful talents of organists Janet Chung and Aaron Tan.

To our Christian Education staff for their leadership & expertise in providing meaningful learning opportunities for all ages.

## Financially Speaking

As summer is upon us and we are on vacation, the expenses of the church remain the same. Please consider continuing your giving during this time so we don't get financially behind.

07/02: Paul Doan  
 07/03: Thomas Christian, Robert Fuller  
 07/04: Bunny Barr  
 07/05: Jan Cobb  
 07/06: George Bolash  
 07/09: Nancy Setterlun, Jamie Palmer  
 07/11: Megan Dearth  
 07/12: Barb Jones  
 07/14: Fran Buckley  
 07/15: Jeffrey Griffith  
 07/17: Kathryn Sullivan  
 07/19: Jane Wood, Lynette Carlson, David Milam  
 07/21: Cynthia Zirbel  
 07/23: Velma Regorrah, Michael Blosser  
 07/24: Alyssa Husby  
 07/25: Karen Esper  
 07/26: Loren White, Chloe Doverspike, Lucas McQuillan  
 07/28: Joyce Powanda, John Snider, Michael Reiter, Brandon Evans, Mailan Reid



Have a safe and fun summer!!

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

July 1 / - Communion, Rev. Don Wright  
 July 8 / - Peru Group  
 July 15 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik  
 July 22 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik  
 July 29 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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## Our Vision

## Sent with a Prayer

**Are you praying for Vision?**  
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