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# Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

July 2013 Newsletter



Independence Day  
Thursday, July 4th

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn's 3rd Annual

## LEGO BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>

Build and Win! Drop off: Fri. July 19th

Viewing: Sat. July 20th

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

Friday, July 19: Entry drop-off, 12pm-2pm & 4pm-6pm

Saturday, July 20: 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>

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Vacation  
Bible  
School

July 22 - 26



Join the Adventure!!

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*Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.*

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## Adult Summer Sunday School – The Exodus

This summer we continue the series “That The World May Know” that we’ve used the last few summers. We are “traveling through the Holy Land” with Ray Vanderlaan, learning more about the places and events of scripture. Our focus this summer will be on the Exodus and the Israelites’ wandering in the desert. Come and explore the historical sites and understand the faith lessons that God gives us with each place and story. Summer Sunday School will run through Sept. 1, 2013. Join us in the North Parlor at 9am Sundays.

## FALL Plans

As we start planning for the fall, we will again work with Worship and Arts Committee and Pastor Dave to have the same theme in our Sunday School classes and worship services. Pastor Dave will do a series in the fall on the Beatitudes. Our Sunday School classes and Children’s Church will all study the same beatitude as will be the focus in worship. I will spend the summer pulling together curricula for the different ages.

The series will take us up to about Thanksgiving. We will then study Thanksgiving and Advent in Nov. and Dec. In the winter and spring, we will plan to study the rest of the Sermon on the Mount, in conjunction with the morning worship.

## Step by Step

Our memory verses for the summer are:

July 7	Proverbs 16:18	Aug. 4	Malachi 3:6
July 14	1 John 1:9	Aug. 11	Matthew 5:14-16
July 21	John 8:32	Aug. 18	Psalm 122:1
July 28	1 John 2:15	Aug. 25	Matthew 22:37-38



## THE STORY

One of our members has requested that I find/create a brief summary of **THE STORY** that people can have that will help us keep the chronology and flow straight in our minds. I will seek to do this during the month of July. Stay tuned.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

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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 until August 29<sup>th</sup>. Women are welcome to join in when their summer schedule allows. We are meeting in the North Parlor. You can contact Sue Young 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.





## Emergency Response Plan Task Force

We have been hard at work gathering information on how best to secure our building and create a safe environment for all of the groups that use the building during the week. We had Brad Smith from the Dearborn Fire Department and Rob Seeley from the Dearborn Police Department share their wisdom and expertise with many of us on Tues. June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Then the Task Force shared the same information with many others on Thurs. June 13<sup>th</sup>.

We have taken their suggestions and are creating a comprehensive plan that hopefully will be ready to share with the congregation at the end of August and during the month of September. We will meet with every group during that time to share how they can best respond to various emergencies that might occur while they are in the building.

We will hold training for ushers, teachers, leaders in dealing with medical emergencies, weather issues, building evacuations, disruptive visitors, and those with harmful intent.

Changes that are already in progress include:

- Heavy duty bolts on doors to keep those in the rooms safe
- Window in the office doors to protect the staff
- Evacuation maps in every room of the building
- Creating a silent communication system between classrooms, the office and the narthex area
- Developing a more cautious climate by all, when the building is unlocked.

Educating the congregation and the user groups will come in the form of newsletter articles, minute for missions in worship, and visits to explain the plan with each user group in the fall.

As part of this process, we plan to hold a fire drill at the end of worship on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, in order that everyone will know what to do in case we ever need to evacuate the building. If weather is an issue on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the fire drill will be held on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be forthcoming over the next couple of months.

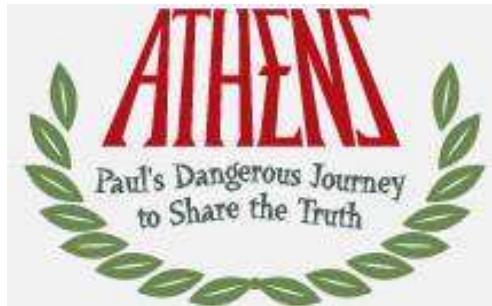
If you have any suggestions or questions, please see Jim Barber, Bob Missler, Mark Dearth, or Ann Bleivik.



*Alan and Josie Brailsford are "retiring" from the Outreach and Mission Committee (OMC). Their contributions to the OMC over several decades are incalculable. Please join the members of the OMC in thanking them for their service and wishing them well in their future activities.*

*~Outreach and Mission Committee*

## Vacation Bible School



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

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.

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

### Shopping List

The menu is planned! If you would like to make a contribution to VBS, you can bring any of the following items to the Christian Education office:

Rice crispie treats (GFS)	Wheat Chex	Snack baggies
2-oz cup sleeves (GFS)	Corn Chex	Yellow cake mixes
Choc. Chips (Kroger brand only)	Banana chips	Lemon juice
PLAIN Cheerios ( <u>NO</u> Honey nut)	Dried cherries	Sugar-free orange jello
Rice Chex	Raisins	Diet lemon-lime pop(7-up, Sprite)
Kalamata Olives ( 8 cans)	Lemons (1 bag)	5 boil 'N' bag boxes of white rice
	Cookies	

Bring to the church by July 14th so remaining items can be purchased as needed.

## Children's Ministry

**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)

**Escape to Athens with Paul!** Imagine

leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to spread the life-changing truth of God's love—register now to be part of this Athens VBS! July 22-26, 9-12AM, preschool through elementary school.



**Register at:** <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/firstpresdearborn/gpgs/Home.aspx>

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**We need you!** If you would like to be a part of this year's VBS, please talk to Beckie Dicks. There are all sorts of ways you can volunteer!

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

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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 21, July 28, and August 4 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 11. 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. Backpacks and supplies will be distributed August 25th. 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



## Music Corner

Well, we're in the summer, and I'm already planning for the fall. As part of my planning for the year, I look at composers' anniversaries, and other anniversaries that might help me to plan music for the coming year. This year there were several that caught my eye.

- ◆ 50 years ago: The assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the death of C.S. Lewis, the death of composers Francis Poulenc and Paul Hindemith.
- ◆ 100 years ago: The birth of composers Norman Dello Joio, Witold Lutoslawski and Benjamin Britten.
- ◆ 200 years ago: The birth of composers Giuseppe Verdi and Richard Wagner.
- ◆ 1000 years ago: The birth of composer Hermannus of Richenau.

Now we won't do anthems by all of these composers, but it helps to ground my music choices to review historically where the Church has been in its history. The fact that composers as far apart as Hermannus of Richenau, Giuseppe Verdi and Benjamin Britten wrote music to the same scriptural texts is both amazing and humbling.

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer! As a reminder, if anyone is interested in participating in Special Music Opportunities this summer, please see me.

See you in church!

~Marshall Dicks, Director of Music



**Jose and Alan Brailsford are delighted to announce the birth on June 14 of their first great grandchild, Ave Nicole Ryba.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**The church wishes to thank the following ladies for all their hard work putting together the Pastor Emeritus celebration for Pastor Don:**  
Mary Ann Bassett, Jan Smith, Mary Jo Miller, Jane Currie, Mary Currie, Phoebe Hough, Janet Leslie, Carolyn Buell, Jenny Miazga, and Nancy DeHamer  
**We couldn't have done it without you!**

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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 62nd 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. 19th through Saturday, Sept. 21st at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn.

## Musings from Pastor Mike - July 2013

**GrouPeru! 13** – Our mission team had a successful 2 week trip once again to share God's love with those rescued street boys and public school kids who live below the equator. Thank-you again to the great family of faith at First Church Dearborn for allowing us to be representatives of this outwardly-focused church to our Peruvian brothers and sisters. We did much more work in public schools this year during the day, traveling from classroom to classroom singing Christian songs with the kids, presenting a short biblical drama, and of course, the ever popular crafts! In the evenings, we spent time with the boys playing soccer, doing artsy things, and being big brothers and sisters to those who once lived homeless in the alleys and sewers of urban centers. We take seriously the command by Jesus to carry out the Great Commission and are thankful to you for allowing us to be a part of this ministry.

**Pastoral Duties** – While 95% of my ministry here at FPC is to be spent concentrated on the young adults, I am also thankful for the opportunities to occasionally preach, compose and recite pastoral prayers, and be a part of crafting worship services. July 7<sup>th</sup> the Peru Team will conduct worship, August 4<sup>th</sup> I get to preach and serve the Lord's Supper, and September 1<sup>st</sup> the Young Adults will conduct worship. It is a treat to be a small part of the worship team that puts so much effort into bringing glory and honor to God.

**Converge** – Wow! These young adults are amazing! Last month 13 individuals spent an entire Saturday (8 AM-5 PM) working at the House of Hope Community Center/Church in Detroit planting a neighborhood vegetable garden, painting out urban blight, planting flowers and cutting a lawn to create a welcome entryway into the neighborhood, reclaiming a street whose curbs were covered up under years of old leaves and debris, trimming a forest full of trees, repairing the physical plant that houses the community center, and enjoying fellowship with over 50 other Christian volunteers. In June we also sent 3 of us to work with 30 others from the Presbytery of Detroit to NJ to help with the rebuilding of Pleasant Point Beach that was devastated by Hurricane Sandy just over a year ago. The pastor at the Presbyterian Church that housed us predicts that it will take over 10 years to totally rebuild the town. Near the end of this month we will host an event in Cass Park in Detroit that will feed, clothe, and offer free health checks and referrals for treatment to 150 individuals who call the Cass Corridor home. Thank-you to all of you who have been so generous in hiring young adults (Converge Landscaping Services) to do various yard work and plantings. You have offered up employment opportunities to at least 5 individuals and have been most generous, often paying more than what was earned. You are teaching the young adults of this church what extravagant giving is all about. May God bless you all as you enjoy the remainder of the summer and be sure to mark Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 PM on your calendar as the date of the *Community Corn-Roast Concert* that will be held out-doors on the church grounds. See you in worship!

~God's Peace, Pastor Mike

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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.

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# July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	<p>7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site</p> <p><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship &amp; Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH</p> <p><b>Peru Team returns</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am Stephens-Currie- R12 <b>Treasure Chest Closed</b> 10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff- SP</b> 7-9pm Outreach &amp; Missions- SP</p>
<p><b>Communion</b></p> <p>9am Education Hour 10am <b>Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> Baptism of Lexi Hanson</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30pm NAMI- NP 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site</p> <p><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b></p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am-4pm Treasure Chest</p> <p><b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b></p>
<p>9am Education Hour 10am <b>Worship Service- Sanctuary</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p>7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site</p> <p><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares <b>No Finance</b> <b>NO SESSION</b> 7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>PROGRAM Staff- SP</b></p>
<p><b>9am-12pm T. of Hope School Supply Adoption- Narthex</b> 9am Education Hour 10am <b>Worship Service- Sanctuary</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30pm NAMI- NP 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site</p> <p><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b></p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7-8pm Technology- R12 7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>No Keenagers</b> 10am-4pm Treasure Chest</p>
<p><b>9am-12pm T. of Hope School Supply Adoption- Narthex</b> 9am Education Hour 10am <b>Worship Service- Sanctuary</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site</p> <p><b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b></p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am-4pm Treasure Chest</p>

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 9am-12pm MH, K, Chapel, Room**

# 2013

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
3	Independence Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	4	5:30pm Mallard/Wolfe Rehearsal- Sanctuary	5	Set up Communion 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- offsite 9:10:30am DNA- R16 No Converge 2pm Wedding & Reception of Jonathan Mallard & Laura Wolfe (Sanctuary, MH, K, Bride's Room)
10	10-11:30am Women's Bible Study- NP 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite	11		12	9am-12pm Dearborn Players Guild Rehearsal- MH 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A
17	10-11:30am Women's Bible Study- NP 10-11am POD Cong. Life- SP	18	12-2pm and 4-6pm LEGO Entry Drop-offs- MH  5pm Godfrey/Konfara Rehearsal Sanctuary	19	9:10:30am DNA- R16 12pm LEGO Contest Public Viewing- MH 1pm LEGO Contest Awards Ceremony- MH 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A  4pm Wedding of Butch Godfrey & Linda Konfara- Sanctuary, Bride's Room
24	10-11:30am Women's Bible Study-NP	25	Wolter/Laforet Rehearsal (TIME TBD)- Chapel	26	6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A  4pm Wedding of Craig Wolter & Jackie Laforet 4pm- Chapel, Bride's Room
<b>s 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, Nursery, YC, YL, 2A&amp;B</b>					
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## Notes from our Parish Nurse

### Do you have High Blood Pressure???

#### **Who is at risk for high blood pressure?**

About 65 million American adults—nearly one in three—have high blood pressure. In the United States, high blood pressure occurs more often in African Americans than in Caucasians.

Many people get high blood pressure as they get older. Over half of all Americans aged 60 and older have high blood pressure. This is **not** a part of healthy aging. There are things you can do to help keep your blood pressure normal, such as eating a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight, and getting enough physical activity.

Your chances of developing high blood pressure are also higher if you:

- Are overweight
- Are a man over the age of 45
- Are a woman over the age of 55
- Have a family history of high blood pressure
- Have pre-hypertension (that is, blood pressure in the 120–139/80–89 mmHg range)

Other things that can raise blood pressure include:

- Eating too much salt
- Drinking too much alcohol
- Not getting enough potassium in your diet
- Not doing enough physical activity
- Taking certain medicines
- Having long-lasting stress
- Smoking (smoking can cause a temporary rise in blood pressure)

#### **What is high blood pressure and what are the signs and symptoms?**

Blood pressure is the force of blood as it moves through the blood vessels. If blood cannot flow easily through the vessels, the force increases. If the force is too great, you have high blood pressure.

High blood pressure is called the **silent killer** because you can have it for years without knowing it. The only way to find out if you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure measured. Using a blood pressure cuff and stethoscope or electronic sensor, you or your doctor/nurse can take your blood pressure and tell you if it is high. Even though high blood pressure usually has no signs or symptoms, it is dangerous if it continues over time.

High blood pressure is a serious disease. It can lead to heart disease, stroke or kidney problems. It is important to find out whether you have high blood pressure and, if you do, how to keep it under control. For this reason, the Health Ministry at First Presbyterian Church will be instituting Blood Pressure Screenings twice a month (2nd and 4th Sundays) beginning 30 minutes before the start of the 10 am church service. We will be rotating skilled personnel to take your BP and recommend follow-up with your physician if it is elevated.



**For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate. Luke 15, verse 24**

This text from Jesus' parable of the Prodigal (*Luke 15:11-31*) is the Father rejoicing at the return of His wayward son. The Father received His son lovingly because He had been looking for his return and was filled with compassion (v.20). The Father did this despite His son's selfishness, rejection, and unwise behavior.

The son had asked for his share of the Father's estate so he could leave home to go to the far country. Inheritances normally come after death. This son did not like living at home with his Father and would not wait; he wanted money now to get away. His Father gave him the money; he left, and then squandered the money with wild living (v.13). A famine hit, and he was broke, barely surviving by feeding pigs (v.15).

In pain with humility, the son "came to his senses" (v.17) and compared his situation with that of his Father's servants. With sorrow for his sins, he returned to his Father to confess, repent, and accept whatever his Father might do to him. His Father had been longingly waiting for him, and received him with love, compassion, and such joy that He celebrated the event publicly. Read *Luke 15:11-24*.

God loves sinners, and welcomes them warmly when they repent and turn to Him, no matter how much they have sinned. God's love and forgiveness in Christ can save and restore the worst of sinners; we cannot sin so devastatingly that God's compassion in Christ cannot forgive and restore us into His family. Therefore, when we "come to our senses," and repent, God will forgive us with joy and welcome us into His eternal presence. God's compassion and grace to sinners is beyond our comprehension (*Exodus 34:5-7; Nehemiah 9:16 – 21; Psalm 103:8 – 18; and 1 John 1:9*).

You can always enjoy the love and forgiveness of God if you repent. Remember David (*2 Sam. 12:13, 14; Ps. 32:1-5*).

~God bless, John Holden

**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.**

## ***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.
- ◆ We welcome Ken Stivenson, our new part-time evening custodian, as he joins our staff here at FPCD. Please introduce yourself to Ken in the coming weeks.
- ◆ The upcoming Primary Election is Tuesday, August 6th.

### ***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.



### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**



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

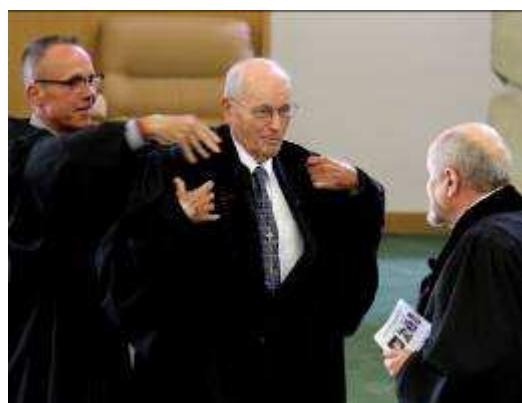
## Baptismal Blessings!

*Congratulations to Tammy and Matt McQuillan on the baptism of their son, Joel Nicholas, on Sunday June 30th.*

*Proud great grandparent is Valree Blum.*



*Congratulations to Chad and Andi Hanson on the baptism of their daughter, Lexi Renee, on Sunday July 7th.*



**We gathered to celebrate Pastor Don Wright's designation as 'Pastor Emeritus'.**

## Mission & Ministry in New Jersey



**We thank our mission team for their commitment to provide disaster assistance to victims of Hurricane Sandy.**

**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.



**Community Corn Roast Concert**

On Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8 P.M., GrouPeru! 14 will be offering a free, out-door concert consisting of 3-4, top-notch, Christian Bands. Children's activities and inflatable bouncers will be available to entertain the young ones. Delicious corn-roast & brat dinners as well as individual food items will be available at a low cost to raise money for next year's mission trip. Bands will also offer up CDs at low prices. This is a family, community-wide event for the whole metro area, so please invite your friends, relatives and neighbors.

**Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Lauren**

**We share a special "thank you" from the Bockstanz family in response to a dinner held at our church on May 29th to benefit their daughter, Lauren, who was severely injured in an ATV accident:**

***Thank you for making Lauren's fund raiser a huge success. It wouldn't have been possible without all of your help. We really appreciate it.***

***Love,  
The Bockstanz family***



*A worthy award to Lauren, Lauren*

**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.



## 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."*

### **Lost & Found**

Are you missing a scarf or coat? We have quite a few things in Lost & Found in the church office & the Mitchell Hall coat room... we may have your stuff!



## July



- 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: Lynette Carlson, David Milam
- 07/21: Cynthia Zirbel
- 07/23: Velma Regorrah, Michael Blosser
- 07/24: Alyssa Husby
- 07/26: Loren White, Chloe Doverspike, Lukas McQuillan
- 07/28: Joyce Powanda, John Snider, Michael Reiter, Brandon Evans, Mailan Reid

### ***Our sincere condolences to:***

The family and friends of Viola Gavorek who passed away May 22nd.

The family and friends of Virginia Cassidy who passed away June 1st.

The family and friends of Jane Wood who passed away June 16th.

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

**Please remember to pray for the GrouPeru!13 Mission Team as they minister to those in need:**

*David Carlson, Bradley Ciaglia, Elissa Hoffman, Lynn Hoffman, Mike Hoffman, Courtney Melchione, and Anne Witkowski.*



## **Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am**

**July 7 / - Communion, Peru Team**

**July 14 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**

**July 21 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**

**July 28 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**

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**Are you praying for Vision?**  
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