



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
July 2014 Newsletter

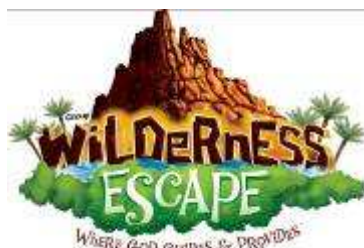


Independence Day
Friday, July 4th

Vacation
Bible
School

July 14 - 18

9am-Noon



*Join the Holy Land
Adventure!!*

Grades Pre-K through 5th See page 4



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*The Tale of "Tasha"
the snapping turtle*

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'WOMEN OF FAITH' SQUARES
Celebration by Crafting

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Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Summer Sunday School – The Wandering

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 Vander Laan, learning more about the places and events of scripture. Our focus this summer will be on the Israelites’ wandering in the desert after leaving Egypt. 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 August 31, 2014. Join us in the North Parlor at 9am Sundays.

FALL Plans

Rally Day will be Sept. 7, 2014. Plan to join us for breakfast on the 7th and hear about the educational offerings for the coming months. Teachers/leaders will be dedicated that Sunday in worship.

We will offer a couple of **adult Sunday School** classes this fall: a Bible Study and a parenting class. More information will be available next month. Plan on joining us this fall as we seek to continue to grow together. You will be blessed!

FISH will begin Wednesday, Sept. 10th.

SMALL GROUPS

In response to our Lenten Small Group Adventure, we will start a few new **small groups** in September. Once the leadership is recruited, the days and times selected, and the focus of each group chosen, we will start sign-ups, hopefully in August. Stay tuned.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

~~~~~ Wedding Coordinators Needed

Weddings are always a fun event at the church. But there is a lot of behind the scenes preparation that needs to take place to ensure that the bride and groom have a joyful ceremony with a minimum of stress. Wedding coordinators help manage the details and the timing of the various steps for the worship service. Please consider being a part of this ministry. This is a paid position. Ann Bleivik would like to get a few people trained before she moves away. Please contact her if you are interested or would like more information.

~Ann Bleivik

Remember to Pray for the GrouPeru!14 Mission Team

*David Carlson, Grace and Kim Doverspike,
Elissa, Jared, Lynn and Mike Hoffman, Natalie
Husby, Stephen Stormzand,
and
Sarah Pinsonault from Charlotte, NC
(joining our team in Peru).*



**Reflections on the Recent Actions
of the
PCUSA General Assembly (GA) in Detroit**



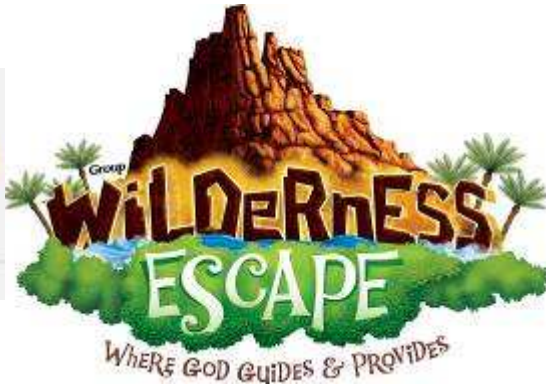
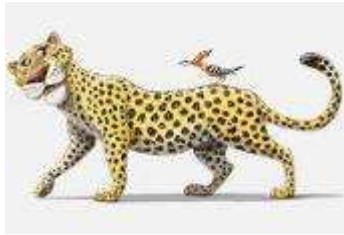
Mason and Dixon were out surveying and arguing, when Mason said to Dixon, "You've got to draw the line somewhere." Our recent GA actions went beyond the line of Scripture. It voted to allow Churches and Pastors in states where Same Sex Unions are legal to be able to perform such unions. We are a confessing Church, which means that the Session is on record as declaring that such unions are not Biblical, so even if legal in Michigan, they will not be performed here. As a Pastor, I remain obedient to Scripture & will never do such a ceremony. The GA also sent a change in the constitution to be ratified by the presbyteries redefining marriage as between two persons. If the presbyteries approve, the PCUSA worship book will be changed to reflect this. Whatever the PCUSA votes it will not change my stand; I would resign my ordination in the PCUSA before I would violate God's Word. The Word of God shall stand forever.

In the Great Commission in Matthew 28, we are charged to obey all that Christ commands us to do. The Greek word includes the sense of guarding or holding dear God's Word. Recently an extended family member asked me if I would do a wedding for their lesbian daughter if she would want to marry another woman. I told her I would continue to love her daughter but would not do the wedding ceremony. Part of what all that Christ commands is for us to love one another. If I was asked to do a same sex marriage, I would still love the people, but not do the wedding. In fact, I would not do the wedding because I do love the people and I know that what God wants and commands is what is best for them.

In regard to divestiture of the three companies working in Israel, I understand why the GA took the action it did, but it was not done in a loving way or even a rational way. It was power politics. While much of Israel's actions toward the Palestinians are wrong, the same case could be made for much if not most of the Middle East and the third world. The action of the GA was selective justice, which in itself is wrong. It is ironic that the actions are taken against an ally of the US, which could suggest that it is safer to be an enemy of the US. I would not comment on this normally because I believe that politics do not belong in the church, I only wish the GA did.

~Pastor Dave

Vacation Bible School



**Monday, July 14th through Friday, July 18th
9am-12pm**

Grades pre-K through 5th

Join us on this wilderness escape where God Guides and Provides. Children learn to trust God as they join Moses on the incredible journey through the wilderness and discover what it was like to live in the Israelite camp. Join one of the 12 Israelite tribes for crafts, music, games and more!

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:

Graham Crackers	Wheat chex	Dried fruit (bananas, cherries, etc.)
Teddy Grahams	Corn chex	Sandwich thins-whole wheat(Kroger)
Icing (white)	Rice chex	Precooked diced chicken (GFS)
Cool whip (large tubs)	Raisins	Voortman cookies (round w/scalloped edges)
Baggies (snack size)		Miniature marshmallows (white)
Cheerios		Hershey nuggets (milk chocolate)
		1/8" wide royal blue ribbon

**Bring to the church by Sunday, June 29th so remaining items can be purchased as needed.
Please contact Dottie Kennedy at (734) 525-6833.**

Youth Ministries July Vision

1 Timothy 4:12

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

This summer our youth group “4:12”, which is named after 1 Timothy 4:12, is learning how to set a good example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity. They will assist with leading the younger students in VBS, sew dresses for children in need and distribute community garden produce to the neighborhood this month.

Also, during Sunday School, Beckie Dicks and I are working together to teach the students how to play worship songs. We are very excited about the opportunities to worship together in music and song. I and the young adult volunteers are also practicing as a worship team for youth group. Please pray that God would bless this ministry and let the students feel connected to Him through worship.

During the Dearborn Homecoming on August 2nd, Converge has agreed to give 4:12 the Saturday night parking fundraiser. 4:12 will be collecting donations to the scholarship fund for our fall and winter retreats. We encourage you to come and enjoy the fun and fireworks on Saturday night!

Lastly, praise God for the opportunities to share the gospel this month! This is the season of Ramadan, the fasting season for Muslims. Many Christians in Dearborn have been building relationships with Muslims, and they are very open to spiritual conversations during this time. Also, look for opportunities to build relationships with your Muslim or other non-Christian neighbors. Pray that the Holy Spirit would use these relationships and spiritual sensitivity to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring our neighbors to the Way, Truth and Life in Jesus.

As we celebrate Independence Day in the United States, may we all seek to glorify God in our beloved country by setting the Christian example through speech, conduct, faith, love and purity.

~ In Christ, Jonathan Mallard



Touch of Hope Back to School Offering

It is hard to believe it is time to think about back to school already. We have 20 school children in the Touch of Hope program in need of backpacks and supplies this year.

On Sunday July 20, July 27, and August 3 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 10. Requests for items will range from \$7.00 up to \$40. Please stop at the table in the Narthex on those Sundays and select your donation. 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 on August 17. 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. *~Blessings, Margie Maurer*

Children's Ministry

Do I have your e-mail address? Parents, have you received e-mails from me regarding children's events and programs? If you have not received e-mail from me, please let me know, and I will add your address to my list..

VBS: This summer at VBS, we'll take an incredible journey into the wilderness with none other than Moses himself! With Group Publishing's *Wilderness Escape* 2014 VBS program, kids will learn straight from the Bible through hero Moses. Kids will also learn firsthand what it was like to live in the Israelite camp during Moses' time. Join 1 of the 12 Israel Tribes for crafts, music, games, and more!



VBS Dates: July 14-18. Please mark your calendars!

Calling all volunteers! Talk to Beckie Dicks (or contact the church office) if you'd like to be a part of VBS this year. If you would like to contribute by donating food, please contact Dottie Kennedy. (Thanks, Dottie!)

Children and volunteers can register either on-line at FirstPresDearborn.org or at church. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the church office.

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator



Music Corner

It's July! What happened to the first half of the year?! Not too much to report on our music ministries. The choir is off for the summer, but we still have special music opportunities and great music on Sundays from our Praise Band and Organ! If you're interested in presenting a special music over the summer, please see me.

Since I have some room to share this month, I thought I would talk about the writing of a favorite hymn, "Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises."

"Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises" first appeared in *A selection of Hymns from the Best Authors, Intended to Be an Appendix to Dr. Watts' Psalms and Hymns*, published in 1787. This collection was edited by John Rippon, pastor at Carter's Lane Baptist Church, and his Minister of Music, Robert Keene.

The author for the text of the hymn is anonymous, in the publication, in the author's line is only the letter "K." Many scholars have postulated that the author is Robert Keene, but this has not been confirmed.

The unique power of this hymn is due to the fact that each of the seven original stanzas were based on various biblical promises. The first verse established the hymn's theme – God's word is a sufficient foundation for our faith. The author then selected precious promises from the Bible, and converted these into hymn stanzas, among them:

Isaiah 41:10 – Fear not, for I am with you: be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 43:2 – When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

2 Corinthians 12:9 – My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Hebrews 13:5 – For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

(from *Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories*, Robert J. Morgan, 2003)

Today we know this hymn as "How Firm a Foundation" and we normally sing it to the tune PROTECTION (or later FOUNDATION due to its association with this hymn). The tune first appeared in Joseph Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, published in 1832. It is possible that the words were originally sung to Robert Keene's tune GEARD.

Hopefully this will give us new insight into one of the great hymns of the faith.

~In Christ, Marshall

Musings from Pastor Mike - July 2014


Lay Pastor Report: As the FPC Lay Pastor, I am blessed to be able to share a message when Pastor Dave is out of town, as well as for the *Saturday Night Alive* Praise afternoons. Most recently I was able to present a sermon on Pentecost Sunday in which I spoke about overflowing with God's Holy Spirit in order to make a difference in the world. We learned about how to leave behind dull religion, experience super-natural power, and become a part of God's miracle in which he moves through us individually and as a church, in order to multiply our potential. The four "C" words that I emphasized were: *comprehend* (the truths of the Bible), *comply* (submit to God's will for our lives), *credit* (give God the honor), and *continuously* (be filled, by surrendering to the Holy Spirit on a daily basis). I feel strongly that revival for the Church Universal is just around the corner if we only open ourselves to the Holy Spirit blowing away the cobwebs of fear and the dust of uncertainty, as we embrace God's thoughts, creativity, emotions, and will. I look forward to preaching in late July and perhaps again in early August. Along with preaching and delivering a servant leadership message at Converge each Saturday evening, I continue to do pastoral mentoring with young and older adults.

GrouPeru!'14 Coordinator: Praise God, as this Vision goes to press we will be arriving home from our two-week International Mission Trip which is based on a relational 15 year commitment that this church has made to the rescued street-boys of Peru. A huge thank-you to David Carlson, Elissa and Jared Hoffman, newbies: Grace and Kim Doverspike, Natalie Husby, Steven Stormzand, a returning participant from N.C., Sarah Pinsonault, and a special thank-you to my wife who keeps impeccable records of each individual's financial accounts, as well as planning out and buying the food for all the fund-raisers. It has been encouraging that so many of you have remarked that besides being able to show your support for each year's team, you also relish the opportunity to socialize with your church family over a delicious, monthly meal. The 10 of us will report on July 13th as we plan-out and participate in the Peru worship service.

Young Adult Ministries Director: The many components of this ministry is what keeps me busiest, challenges me most, and is so rewarding! The mentoring ministry has paired 10 adults with 13 young adults and has helped both to transform in so many ways. The landscaping ministry has helped develop gardening skills in young adults and this year has involved Bryce Norwood, Jared Hoffman, and Don Stanfill, as well as occasionally other young adults. I am blessed to be able to share my passion as a certified Advance Master Gardener with these young men and women as well as am able to play in the soil a few months each year. Converge Christian Community is running well at Panera Cares each Saturday as we continue to hone in on a select group of young adults who desire to grow as Servant Leaders and Disciples, entering the mission field to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In just 6 months, we have completed over 25 mission projects as well as have many more planned. Jonathan and I are already looking ahead toward next year, exploring a formal discipleship program called 3DM for possible implementation. Pray that God continues to multiply all of our efforts to reach out to those who desire to transform in Christ, bring about His Kingdom, and give God all the glory. – Amen!

July 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness class- YC 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 Treasure Chest Closed 10:30am-12pm ALL Staff - SP 7:30-9pm Confirmation Planning Group Mtg.- R16
6 Communion 9am Education Hour 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16	7 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	8 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness class- YC 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 7:30-9pm Confirmation Planning Group Mtg.- R16
13 Peru Team Sunday 9am Education Hour 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16	14 6:30pm NAMI- NP DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	15 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- Turco Rm. NO FINANCE NO SESSION 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm PROGRAM Staff - SP
<i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 9am-12pm MH, K, Chapel, Room</i>			
20 Touch of Hope Backpack Adoption- Narthex 9am Education Hour 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary After worship: Thank You Luncheon for Ann Bleiv- MH, K 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16	21 DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	22 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness class- YC 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 11am Keenagers – MH, K
27 Touch of Hope Backpack Adoption- Narthex 9am Education Hour 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16	28 6:30pm NAMI- MH DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	29 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness class- YC 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
2	10-11:30am Summer Bible Study- NP	3	Independence Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	4	Set up Communion 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- MH or R12 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
9	10-11:30am Summer Bible Study- NP 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite DEADLINE FOR VISION	10	4:30-9pm Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner- Sanctuary- N&SP 6:30-9pm Game Night- MH	11	11am Wedding- Sanctuary & NP 10am-2pm Treasure Chest 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
16		17		18	10am-12pm Set up for Thank You Luncheon- MH, K 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
<u>ms 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, Nursery, YC, YL, 2A&B</u>					
23	10-11:30am Summer Bible Study- NP 7-9pm Knitting Group- NP	24		25	6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares 11am Memorial for Millie Hamilton in the Sanctuary with luncheon following in Mitchell Hall
30	10-11:30am Summer Bible Study- NP	31			

Parish Nurse

What is Sleep Apnea?

According to the American Sleep Apnea Association, sleep disorders, including sleep apnea, have become a significant health issue in the United States. It is estimated that 22 million Americans suffer from sleep apnea, with 80 percent of the cases of moderate and severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) undiagnosed. OSA, which represents the great preponderance of the cases when left untreated can lead to high blood pressure, chronic heart failure, atrial fibrillation, stroke, and other cardiovascular problems; it is associated with type 2 diabetes and depression; and is a factor in many traffic accidents and accidents with heavy machinery, owing to the persistent drowsiness suffered by many OSA patients before the disease is recognized and treated. The public and the health community are generally aware of the increasing obesity of Americans, a phenomenon related to the increase in sleep apnea. *Few outside the sleep medicine community, however, are aware that too little good sleep appears to be as much a factor in obesity as too much food and too little exercise.*

Unless our bed partner is disrupting our sleep, most of us don't think of snoring as something to be overly concerned about. But frequent, loud snoring may be a sign of sleep apnea, a common and potentially serious disorder in which breathing repeatedly stops and starts as you sleep. Although sleep apnea is treatable, it often goes unrecognized. Learning how to identify the warning signs, how to distinguish it from normal snoring, is the first step to overcoming sleep apnea and getting a good night's sleep.

Sleep apnea affects the way you breathe when you're sleeping. In untreated sleep apnea, breathing is briefly interrupted or becomes very shallow during sleep. These breathing pauses typically last between 10 to 20 seconds and can occur up to hundreds of times a night, jolting you out of your natural sleep rhythm. As a consequence, you spend more time in light sleep and less time in the deep, restorative sleep you need to be energetic, mentally sharp, and productive the next day.

There are 3 Types of Sleep Apnea

Obstructive sleep apnea is the most common type of sleep apnea. It occurs when the soft tissue in the back of your throat relaxes during sleep and blocks the airway, often causing you to snore loudly.

Central sleep apnea is a much less common type of sleep apnea that involves the central nervous system, occurring when the brain fails to signal the muscles that control breathing. People with central sleep apnea seldom snore.

Complex sleep apnea is a combination of obstructive sleep apnea and central sleep apnea.

"Anatomy of a Sleep Apnea Episode"

As airflow stops during a sleep apnea episode, the oxygen level in your blood drops. Your brain responds by briefly disturbing your sleep enough to kick start breathing—which often resumes with a gasp or a choking sound. If you have obstructive sleep apnea, you probably won't remember these awakenings. Most of the time, you'll stir just enough to tighten your throat muscles and open your windpipe. In central sleep apnea, you may be conscious of your awakenings.

Sleep apnea signs and symptoms

It can be tough to identify sleep apnea on your own, since the most prominent symptoms only occur when you're asleep. But you can get around this difficulty by asking a bed partner to observe your sleep habits, or by recording yourself during sleep.

Major Signs of Sleep Apnea:

- If pauses occur while you snore, and if choking or gasping follow the pauses, these are major signs that you have sleep apnea.
- Another common sign of sleep apnea is fighting sleepiness during the day, at work, or while driving. You may find yourself rapidly falling asleep during the quiet moments of the day when you're not active. Even if you don't have daytime sleepiness, talk with your doctor if you have problems breathing during sleep.

Other Common Signs and Symptoms of Sleep Apnea:

- Morning headaches
- Memory or learning problems and not being able to concentrate
- Feeling irritable, depressed, or having mood swings or personality changes
- Waking up frequently to urinate
- Dry mouth or sore throat when you wake up

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Do You Have Sleep Apnea? (simple quiz. Not intended to replace professional diagnosis)

- Do you snore more than three nights a week? ☐ Yes (2 points) ☐ No
2. Is your snoring loud (can it be heard through a door or wall)? ☐ Yes (2 points) ☐ No
3. Has anyone ever told you that you briefly stop breathing or gasp when you are asleep? ☐ Never
☐ Occasionally (2 points) ☐ Frequently (5 points)
4. What is your collar size? ☐ Less than 17 inches (16 women) ☐ Greater than 17 inches (16 women) (5 points)
5. Have you had high blood pressure, or are you being treated for it? ☐ Yes (2 points)
6. Do you ever doze or fall asleep during the day when you are not busy or active? ☐ Yes (2 points)
7. Do you ever doze or fall asleep during the day when you are driving or stopped at a light?
☐ Yes (2 points)
Total Score: 0-5 Low Probability of sleep apnea 6-8 Uncertain, but if any symptoms, discuss with physician 9+ You may have sleep apnea and are a good candidate for a sleep study. See your doctor immediately.

So, Is it Just Snoring or Sleep Apnea? Not everyone who snores has sleep apnea, and not everyone who has sleep apnea snores. So how do you tell the difference between normal snoring and a more serious case of sleep apnea?

The biggest telltale sign is how you feel during the day. Normal snoring doesn't interfere with the quality of your sleep as much as sleep apnea does, so you're less likely to suffer from extreme fatigue and sleepiness during the day.

****This information was taken from:** http://www.helpguide.org/life/sleep_apnea.htm



So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.
Matthew 5:23, 24

Worship and reconciliation are very important. Here Jesus teaches that worship is incomplete without reconciliation. Jesus had just taught on the serious dangers of anger (*Matt. 5:21, 22*). How we relate to each other affects our communion with God. Disputes that persist within the family of God weaken the church.

Jesus gave us four steps to heal our personal disputes: If a church member sins against you, go directly and privately to him and point out the fault. If the member listens to you, forgive and be reconciled! But if you are not listened to, go back to the member again with one or two others with you so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses (see: *2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19; Deut. 19:15*). If the offender still refuses to listen, take it to church leadership; (*Matt. 18:15-17*), and if the offender refuses to listen even then, church leadership may consider discipline and/or exclusion (*1 Cor. 5:5*). Keep disputes within the church -- Christians disputing before outsiders undermines Christ's mission (*John 13:34, 35; 1 Cor. 6:1-8*). Try to avoid legal action.

How do such disputes arise? James 4:1-2 tells us that fights and quarrels come from our passion over frustrated ungodly desires. Some also come from misunderstandings and some from spiritual immaturity. Loving confrontation and forgiveness can help angry people find peace and repent.

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (*Col. 3:13*). Our purpose is to restore, not remove.

"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" ~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 vickidfpd30@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 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.**

**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.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 20th, there will be a farewell luncheon for Ann Bleivik following the service. This will be an opportunity to thank her for all she has done for our church and wish her well on the new chapter in her life.



Summer Bible Study

A summer Bible study entitled "Extraordinary Women of the Bible" is being offered on Thursdays this summer from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the North Parlor. The class is led by Jane Lewy and Charlie Aronson and runs through August 21st. All are welcome!

Electronic Giving Update

Nancy Setterlun is pleased to announce that she is in the testing phase of an electronic option for making regular offerings. If you choose to participate, contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

Nancy is looking for a few volunteers who are willing to take part in a test group for online giving. If you are interested, please contact Nancy at church, (313) 274-1313; Ext. 15.

More information will follow once the testing phase is completed. Stay tuned!

Financial Challenge

Over-runs due to high heating and snow removal costs have resulted in notable financial deficit. We anticipate that our faithful will catch up on their giving over the next few weeks and enable us to be in a healthier financial position.

In the interest of dealing with our financial challenges, please forward any ideas you may have on lowering our church's operating costs to Pastor Dave or Jim Barber.

We thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our church family.

God bless, ~ Pastor Dave



We thank Johanna Bolash who gave us our beautiful new light for the organ's music rack in the sanctuary. It is given in loving memory of her late husband, George.





Robert Fuller, Jr.
Bachelor of Business
Administration Management
Eastern Michigan University

Graduation 'Best Wishes'

Congratulations to our graduates and
their families on their achievements!



David Carlson
Attending Hope College in
the fall to pursue a degree
in engineering.



John Lewy
Attending Wayne State in
the fall to pursue a degree
in social science.



Bryce Norwood
Attending Hope College in
the fall to pursue a degree
in Bio-engineering.

Lucas Wyatt
Degree in Criminal Justice
Univ. of Pikeville, KY

Colton Wyatt
Degree in Biology
Univ. of Michigan-Ann Arbor



Sarah Stormzand
Attending University of
Michigan-Ann Arbor in the
fall.

The Tale of "Tasha."



We recently had a visitor to our church. A snapping turtle came up from the Rouge River and laid her eggs on our church property. Wendy Palmer thought she looked like a "Tasha" so that's her name! Her shell is about 12 inches across and she would not be deterred from her mission of creating her nest.

Thanks to Julie Craves of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, we learned that, upon laying her eggs, she returns to the river and does not watch over her nest. When the baby turtles hatch, they will instinctively head for the river to begin their own life journey.

We wish "Tasha" and her family well... the circle of life continues!

Church Triumphant: Longtime member Herma (Fimbinger) Hergenroeder passed away May 27, 2014, at the age of 100. She was a member of First Presbyterian for over 43 years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family and loved ones.



With Sympathy

We offer our sincere condolences to:

- The family and friends of Herma (Fimbinger) Hergenroeder who passed away on May 27th.
- The family and friends of Edward Mistecki who passed away on June 13th.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

New Addresses!



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WOMEN OF FAITH SQUARES

In 1985, this church celebrated its 150th anniversary. Women of the church participated in the celebration by crafting various symbols and designs known then as “Rainbow Squares.” Over 180 were displayed on moveable partitions crafted by the Men’s Fellowship for many years in Mitchell Hall until the partitions broke down. Many squares were returned to the original crafter or a family member.

Once again, 60 squares are on display in Mitchell Hall. The 5 wall hangings depict religious/Christian symbols, flowers, butterflies and rainbows. The names remain on the squares as those who created them.

~ Carolyn Buell

Knitters Welcome!



Knitters of all ability levels and knitter “wannabes”: Please join the FPC knitters Thursday, July 24th from 7-9 pm in the Parlor for a relaxing evening of fellowship and knitting. Bring your own project, come for some knitting tutoring, or just come to see what we are about. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month so if this month doesn’t work out, plan on joining us next month.

~ Lynn Hoffman

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."*



New Logo Name Tags

Name tags with our new cross logo can be ordered through the deacons. This is a good way for all of us to get to know each other. To order, please see Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator (313)791-0377.

07/03: Thomas Christian, Robert Fuller
 07/04: Bunny Barr
 07/05: Jan Cobb
 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
 07/23: Velma Regorrah, Michael Blosser
 07/24: Alyssa Husby
 07/26: Chloe Doverspike, Lukas McQuillan
 07/28: Joyce Powanda, John Snider,
 Michael Reiter, Brandon Evans, Mailan Reid



Library needs DVD's

If you have good Christian DVD's that you no longer use, please consider donating them to our Church library for others to enjoy.

Collecting Pillow Cases to Sew "Little Dresses for Africa"

Do you have patterned or colored pillow cases that you do not need? Converge needs them to make dresses for impoverished children through "Little Dresses for Africa," a 501c3 Christian Organization, which provides relief to children in Africa.

We can use any size, as children need different sized dresses. Please drop off pillow cases at Jonathan Mallard and Mike Hoffman's office. Thanks! ~Jonathan Mallard



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 nonreturnable 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. Bob Missler - Deacon Moderator

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 am

July 6 / - Communion, Rev. Dave Bleivik

July 13 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

July 20 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

July 27 / - Mike Hoffman, CLP

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