

Newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
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Our Vision

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Educational Coordinator
Ann Bleivik

Children's Ministries Director
Beckie Dicks

Are you praying for Vision?
Pastor Dave

Director of Music
F. Marshall Dicks, M.M.

Interim Ministries Youth Director
Jonathan Mallard



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Step by Step in God's Word

There are some Bible verses that are so important, so crucial to our understanding the Christian faith, that every Christian should know them by heart. The Christian Education Ministry of FPCD is challenging everyone to learn these verses over the next 2 years. That's right, a verse a week.

Each week a new verse will be printed in the bulletin and we encourage you to learn it during the week. We hope every group in the church will take up the challenge and review the week's verse at your gatherings.

Let us help each other imprint God's Word on our hearts.

VBS Thanks

I'd like to thank all those who helped decorate for VBS. Our café and small town looked great. Bob Missler built our café counter. Diane Missler designed our shops for our Hometown USA. Jim and Nancy Barber and Bonnie Andrew helped paint our shops and café. The Tuesday Men's Fellowship helped set up the stage, moved the heavy dividers, and put up scenery. The Children's Church kids and Sierra Mathews colored many pictures to brighten up our space. And Wendy Palmer, Lori Mathews, and Jamie Palmer were invaluable custodians, helping wherever was needed. Thank You all. You made my job as decorating coordinator much easier.

Summer Sunday School

Our adult Sunday School class is enjoying the Faith Lessons by Ray Vander Laan. We have moved into Asia Minor to better understand how the Gospel spread. Join us in the North Parlor on Sundays at 9am.

Ann Bleivik
Educational Coordinator



Happy August to you! It has been wonderful getting to know the 6th-12th grade students this summer. We've been seeking God, having fun, and growing together in Christ's Spirit. The vision for CREW this month is to pray to God to show us His love and His truth. We're doing this by learning the F-E-L-L-O-W-S-H-I-P prayers in Sunday school to grow our inner person. In CREW we've used Francis Chan's **Basic Series** to love God and each other more at the deepest level, challenging each other to rely on God's grace.

As we look toward the school year, our goal is to create loving relationships that keep us connected with God in the busy times. **MAN NIGHT** on Friday the 12th will be a great opportunity for the guys to be guys, and learn what it means to be fellow warriors in this age of darkness. The **Mid-High Progressive Dinner** is scheduled for the evening of Saturday the 20th. The kids will experience the importance of sharing our food, homes and hearts with one another as we fellowship together. The **Sr. High Prayer Retreat** on the 26th and 27th will allow the 9th-12th grade students to seek together the deeper things of God. We'll use the **Forgotten God** book to guide us through the biblical identity of the Holy Spirit, and how to pray to the Father with Him, through Jesus.

I'm so excited about God guiding us into more steadfast relationships with Him this month! There is no higher pleasure on this earth than experiencing the love and transforming power of God! Please pray for CREW this month as we seek Him.

In Christ,
Jonathan Mallard
Interim Youth Ministries Director



Former FPCD Pastor Richard Danielak passed away July 7. Richard was ordained to the ministry in 1959, serving 21 years as a Roman Catholic priest.

After his marriage to Rose in 1980 he became a Presbyterian minister. Churches he served were in Whiting, IN, Xenia, OH, Dayton, OH, Sanford, FL, Dearborn, Detroit and Livonia, MI. He also served as a hospital chaplain in Lima, OH. From the age of fourteen, when he went to a seminary, his life was wrapped up in his calling to be a priest and later as a minister, yet the highlight of his life was being married to "my Rosie." Please keep Rose in your prayers.

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Our sincere condolences to the family of Jo Etta Callaway, who passed away June 25th. Jo Etta was a member of FPCD until she & her husband Ben (now deceased) moved Springfield, MO.

**Sunday Morning
Single Worship Service
continues through September 4
10:00 AM**

**August 7 - Communion /
Rev. Dave Bleivik**

August 14 - Rev. Dave Bleivik

August 21 - Rev. Dave Bleivik

August 28 - Guest Speaker

August Birthdays



08/01: Dorothy Riga
08/02: David Sherman
08/03: Sue Bosze
08/05: Thomas McLennan, Marcia Bechtel
08/07: Donna Zirbel, Angie Saylor, Lisa Smith
08/08: Christine Megregian
08/09: Ronald Westby
08/10: Olimpia Todor
08/13: Prill Daykin, Brian Mayer, Renee Watson, Katelynne Blosser
08/14: Diane McKnight, Lola Perkovich
08/16: Katherine Patterson, Carl Bergren, Audrey Schmatz, Sara Szczechura
08/17: Holly Schanz
08/18: Betty Stacy, Chris Masouredis
08/19: Adam Hemp
08/20: Ina Behrens, Becky Jones
08/21: Herma Hergenroeder, Jane Schwyn, Jonathon Husby
08/22: Kelly Brushaber
08/23: Helen Pelling, Nancy Slanec
08/24: Charlene Reid
08/25: Thelma DeHaven, Debbie Field
08/26: Hilda Hespen
08/27: Gary Edson, Charlie Aronson, Kevin Watts
08/28: Margaret Westby
08/29: Jeni Cole, Eleanor Cole

"We'd like to thank all our friends in the congregation who sent cards and notes and expressed their concern for my welfare as a result of my "blood clot problem." I'm relieved that it was relatively short-lived and I will soon be back to normal. We truly are a family, and we are much blessed."

~ Bill Leslie

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



Albert and Dorothy Ebi celebrated 63 years of marriage on June 17. Congratulations, Bert & Dotti!

TREASURE CHEST NEWS

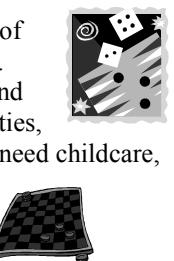
Thank you for all your donations. Currently we are **not accepting old TVs**. As we have a small staff, please make sure all clothing is clean and in salable condition. All electronics and appliances should be in working order. Your help in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

We value the support you give to the Treasure Chest. Please tell your co-workers, friends and neighbors about our resale shop. Our hours are Wednesdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm.



Thank you,
Patsy Knoop

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



Congratulations to Vicki Davidson & Greg Kasul, who were married July 1st. We wish the newlyweds a wonderfully blessed life together!

Congratulations to **Emma Scott, Grace Doverspike, and Stella Doverspike** for participating in the Players Guild of Dearborn's production of "Free to be Me, Free to be You." You were wonderful!



A big **THANK YOU** to Stucchi's Ice Cream. The next time you are out for an ice cream treat, stop at Stucchi's ~ 1338 N. Telegraph (between Wilson & Oak) ~ next to La Cantina Market. Please thank Mona, the owner, for helping us with ice cream certificates for our LEGO contest.

~ DNA Team



scripture and guide us in learning what it means to speak the truth about who God is calling us to be.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY -- FALL/WINTER (2011-2012)

Following the more than 100 years of Bible studies written for women by women in the Presbyterian church, we are offering a new Bible study "Confessing the Beatitudes". This study written by Margaret Aymer, professor of New Testament studies and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian church, will offer important insights into the

Join us in this exciting new study beginning Thursday, September 8, 2011 (10:00-11:30a.m.) in the North Parlor. Study guides will be available at the first session.

Touch of Hope Back to School Offering

We have 21 students in the Touch of Hope program in need of backpacks and supplies this year.

On Sunday, August 7 we are asking congregation members to sign up to donate school supplies to the children in the Touch of Hope Ministry. Please bring donations to church no later than August 21. Requests for items will range from \$7 up to \$40. Please stop at the table in the Narthex on the 7th 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. Volunteers will be needed to help make this offering successful. 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 time please contact Margie Maurer at (313) 563-9520. We thank you in advance for your continued support of the Touch of Hope Ministry.





To Prayers & Squares
Quilt Ministry

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you all so much for such a wonderful thought for such a beautiful quilt. I just love it and appreciate the wonderful gift. I'm sure it was a great deal of work by the lot of you in the church.

After my accident it meant so much that you were so kind to me. God knows how much it means to me. As you know, I lost the use of my legs so I have to be taken around in the wheelchair, and will never be able to walk again.

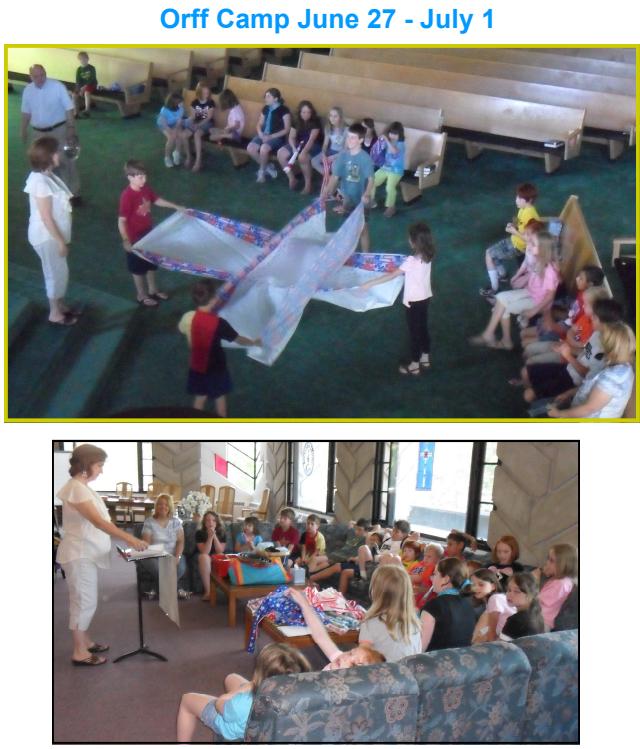
Thankfully I love to paint and always enjoyed it so my hands keep me busy. **But I hope you know how much it means for the wonderful quilt.** It really means a lot for me to know how much you worked for me with God's love.

David is with a wonderful church family. My writing is not great. So remember, I am 90 years old. I love you all.



Drawing by
Dorothy Bleivik

Sincerely,
Dorothy
Bleivik



Orff Camp June 27 - July 1



Peru Team



Dexter Andrew was born to Jane Lewy's stepdaughter, Carah Andrew on May 17, 2011



Holly Schantz with Grandson Paul, who was born April 22, 2009



~ Dr Timothy Huth, your Organist, SubDean of the Ann Arbor chapter of the AGO



Peru Team





God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

One characteristic of man-made religion is that good folks go to Heaven and bad folks go to Hell; some even think that everyone goes to Heaven. The Bible, however, teaches that there are no folks good enough to meet God's holy standards (*Romans 3:10-12, 23*); none of us has enough merit to satisfy God. Unless God intervenes, we are all lost! The good news is that God did intervene -- this verse shows how God makes sinners holy through faith in Christ.

God called us to salvation (*Romans 8:29, 30*) and imputed our sin from us onto the innocent Jesus. Jesus became our substitute sin bearer when we received Him as Lord and Savior by faith (*John 1:12*). God then imputed Jesus' righteousness upon us (*Romans 3:22*) in place of our sins and corrupted goodness. This transaction is the core of the Gospel. Substitution and imputation were used in the Old Testament sacrifices, especially Passover

and the Day of Atonement. Imputation was illustrated in Gen. 15:6; Isaiah 6:6; 53:11; 61:10; and Zech. 3:1-5. Both are illustrated in Philemon.

Why did God do that? Because He loves us despite our sin (*John 3:16*). Apart from Jesus we are condemned under God's wrath (*John 3:36; Heb. 10:30, 31*), for no one but Jesus has or can remove our sins (*John 14:6*).

Therefore, we are saved by God's grace (unmerited favor), not due to our works or merit (*Eph. 2:8, 9*), based on Jesus' righteousness, not ours. God saves us because He loves us as a father loves his wayward son (*Luke 15:11-32*).

If you are a Christian, rejoice in your blessings, share the good news with others, and continue your sanctification (*Philippians 2:12, 13*). If you are not yet a Christian, prayerfully commit yourself to Jesus as your Lord and Savior, repent from your sinful lifestyle, and thank God that He has enabled you to do so (*1 Cor. 12:3*).

God Bless,
~ John Holden

Share your photos!

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

Prayer & Healing Service

Want a change in your life? Whether it is a physical illness, debilitating disease, chronic fatigue, emotional heaviness... the Lord says, "Come, spend a special time with Me. Give Me your burdens." There will be a **Healing Service on the 3rd Sunday of every month**; the next one is Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 4pm in the Chapel. Come with expectation... for nothing is impossible with God!



Our Vision is the monthly newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Articles are to be turned in to the office or emailed to kathywfpcd@gmail.com no later than the **10th** of the month. Please date your articles & keep them brief - one page or less. Longer articles will result in smaller font. We reserve the right to edit as needed.

Medicare, MPRO & You: Know Your Medicare Rights

To ensure that you receive the care you deserve, Medicare partners with Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) throughout the United States. In Michigan, MPRO serves as the federally designated QIO. MPRO works with providers, beneficiaries, and caregivers to build awareness about Medicare rights and handle beneficiary complaints and appeals.

So here is the information:

1-800-365-5899 or www.mpro.org

You can contact MPRO 24 hours a day/7 days a week - including holidays*

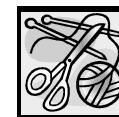
(*Note: Appeals calls received outside of normal business hours are taken by an answering service and returned by MPRO the next day.)

And as always, don't forget that you can always call me if you need additional advocacy! My cell phone number is (313) 575-5853 and I am in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Blessings,
Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

MISSION SEWING - NOT JUST FOR SEWERS

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



Yours in Christ,
Olimpia Todor
Mission Sewing Chairperson

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August

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm Adult Discipleship- NP 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH | 2 10:00am Stephens-Currie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm ALL Staff - SP 7:00pm-9:00pm Outreach & Mission- NP | 3 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 6:00pm-7:00pm Personnel- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary | 4 DEARBORN HOMECOMING | 5 Set up Communion 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- R12, Kitchen 10:00am-11:30am- DNA R16 6-9pm Hoff-Szcz. Small grp- MH DEARBORN HOMECOMING |
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