



Come home
to God's love

Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

August 2014 Newsletter

Summer in Michigan!



Bay Point Lighthouse
Marquette, Michigan

Peru Corn/Brat Roast Fundraiser

Sunday Aug. 10th - 11:00am



- ~Brat in Bun
- ~Pasta Salad
- ~Ear of Corn
- ~Drink
- ~Watermelon

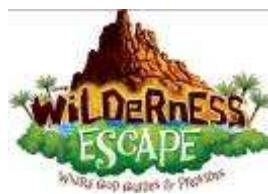
\$7 a person
\$25 a family of 4 or more

Summer Activities!

We joined together this summer in ministry, education, and just plain fun! From the Peru 14 Mission Trip to Vacation Bible School our faithful experienced God's blessings through these opportunities to learn and serve.



PERU 2014



VBS

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**Dearborn HOMECOMING
2014**
Fri-Sun~ Aug. 1 - 3
Ford Field
Join the fun!



Tuesday Aug. 5th
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**Touch of Hope
Back to School**
School Supplies Offering
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Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.

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ADVENTURE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Sunday School

We continue with the Ray VanderLaan series. Our August focus will be on the Israelites time of wandering in the desert. Come and learn the faith lessons that God has for us in these scriptures.

Join us Sunday mornings at 9am in the North Parlor.

VBS Decorating – Thanks

I'd like to thank all those who helped me with the VBS decorations for our Wilderness Escape theme.

Bob and Diane Missler

Catherine Dicks

Beckie Dicks

Wendy Palmer

Elizabeth Dicks

Nancy Slanec

Lola Perkovich

Geoffrey Dicks

Alexandra Slanec

Zander Perkovich

Ava Evenhouse

Heather Slanec

Children's Church

Our decorations helped set the theme and the atmosphere for a wonderful week of VBS.

Thank you all for your time and your talents.

RALLY DAY- Sept. 7th is Rally Day. We will begin the morning with our continental breakfast in Mitchell Hall. We will meet the teachers/leaders and hear about the educational opportunities for the fall. Join us at 9am on the 7th. ~ Ann Bleivik

Children's Ministry

What a great time we had at VBS this year! The building was filled with joy and excitement as we learned about Moses' wilderness journey with the Israelites. God is with us, God gives us what we need, God gives us strength, and God guides us. So.... Trust God!!



Many thanks to all who made VBS a success this year:

Bonnie Andrew

Elizabeth Dicks

Dottie Kennedy

Wendy Palmer

Charlie Aronson

Geoffrey Dicks

Pat Knoop

Zander Perkovich

Sheila Beatty

Bert Ebi

Dee LaPointe

Leah Setterlun

Sarah Britz

Matthew Ferguson

Jonathan Mallard

Heather Slanec

Randy Bruder

Noah Husby

Laura Mallard

Don Stanfill

Julia Casey

Kenneth Isaacson

Jane Mykytenko

Stephen Stormzand

Nancy DeHamer

Katya Isaacson

Lydia Mills

Laura Westbrook

Catherine Dicks

Bill Kennedy

Rachel Nikolajevs

Sue Young

Daniel Bowen

Thanks to those who helped ahead of time with crafts, food and decorations!

~ Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

♪ Thank You ♪

Thank You Rebekah Circle

Thank you ladies (and husbands) for the wonderful goodbye dinner and gifts. You have been like sisters to me while I have been at FPCD. Thank you for your love and acceptance.

Thank you Church Family

Thank you all for the wonderful retirement day! Rebecca Circle ladies - you out did yourselves on the reception. It was beautiful, tasty, and heartwarming.

Thank you for all the blessings you wrote and put in the blessing bowl. They will warm my heart on those lonely nights in Baltimore.

Thank you for all the gifts and cards. But most of all, thank you for your love and friendship through the years.

I love you. You are my family

*Love,
Ann*



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 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. Please stop at the table in the Narthex 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 to families and sponsors after church 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. ~ *Margie Maurer*



As Ann leaves, I need to express a few words about her.

She and I have served together at First Pres. for over six years, and in our joint ministry for forty years. On Sunday, I said that her real job description was to make those around her better, which she did with great style, humility, and love. She made my family and me much better than we would have been without her. She was relentless in her efforts for us to really know personally our Lord Jesus Christ, and also to know about Him. She

was always pitching in with different tasks and involved in a never ending struggle to organize the Senior Pastor.

She and I had a lot of fun doing our children's Advent and Lenten specials. She was a faithful postwoman (Mrs McFeeley) for Mister Rogers, a talking Christmas Tree and a "bear" to work with...she never stopped clowning around! You might ask me how I got her to do it; she did it because the children loved her doing it. It's also no secret that Ann was a great Bible teacher...much better than I, in fact.

She is going to a great job caring for our granddaughter as my daughter goes back to work...one more chance for her to love and serve. While I remain on here for the months ahead, Ann and I will continue to see each other monthly. Please keep us in your prayers.

Lovingly,
Ann's Husband and Senior Pastor.





*Special thanks to the Worship & Arts Committee of FPCD
for their gift certificate in honor of my 40th anniversary
in ministry.*

Pastor Dave

Timothy Huth, Organist of First Presbyterian Church, in recital:

The Six winged Seraph, the Moon and a Star:

Music of Simon Preston, Louis Vierne, JS Bach and Charles Tournemire

Monday August 04, 2014 7PM (Part of the 'Monday's in August Summer Series)

On the Letorneau pipe organ at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church,
2250 East Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor 48105
(exit Washtenaw toward Ann Arbor off of 23)

Presented by
St Francis and the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



'Pipe Organ Encounter - Advanced'



During the week of June 30-July 04 the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists hosted a 'Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced' for 18 talented high school aged organists from Honolulu to New York City. The students stayed at UM dorms, took daily lessons all over Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti from a faculty of 9 (your organist included), attended performances at UM and local churches, and attended classes and lectures. They also had a 'Detroit Day' wherein they visited WRCJ radio, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral and Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian, ending up at the Senate Theatre (the former Fisher Theatre Wurlitzer) for a silent movie played by Steven Warner. Pray for musicians in service to the Church and who serve the larger society through their art! ~ Tim Huth



Music Corner

It's hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about our ministry kick-off for the fall. There are many ways to be involved in the music ministry here at First Presbyterian. I'd love to have anyone who's interested in singing or playing music involved!

Adult Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm after the F.I.S.H. dinner. We meet in the choir loft. All are welcome! We'd love to have you come and "check us out!" We look forward to singing in the services and preparing for the NOËL festival in December!

Youth Choir meets on Sunday afternoons at 5:00pm in the loft. We look forward to adding several new singers this fall. The choir is open to all youth grades 6 and up. We try to sing a wide variety of music, and look forward to singing both some traditional type pieces and also singing with the band again this year.

Children's Choir meets on Sunday afternoons at 3:30pm in the loft. This choir is open to all children, grades 2 to grade 5. We have a lot of fun singing and learning about music! We'd love to see you there!

Handbell Choir meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 in the Handbell Room (rooms 3A & 3B) downstairs. This is open to all children and youth. We look forward to ringing both chimes and handbells. It's a fun time and we're all learning as we go, so come check us out!

For those of you who play instruments, we'd like to see you get involved, playing along with the hymns and providing "Special Music" moments for the congregation. If you're interested, please see me! We're always looking for people who are interested in providing "Special Music" for the service. If you would like to minister in this way, please see me.

I hope your last month of summer is wonderful, but look forward to getting back into the musical "swing" of things in the fall!!

~ In Christ, Marshall

Confirmation Class - Fall 2014

Attention 8th and 9th graders! There will be a **Confirmation Class** meeting for all students who plan to participate in the confirmation program starting this fall. Please bring your parents, too! The meeting will be held immediately following church on Rally Sunday, Sept. 7th in the North Parlor. It should last 30-minutes or less and will cover information about the confirmation program and expectations for the students and parents. This is a required meeting for all who plan to participate. Please see Sue Young or Jonathan Mallard with any questions.

~ Jonathan Mallard



Our Church is a Polling Place!

We remind you that our church is a polling place for Dearborn voting precincts 31 & 32, formerly located in the Bryant Library. Please help the voters feel welcome during the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 5th ... and please remember to vote.

Musings from Pastor Mike - August 2014

By now we have all recovered physically from our mission trip to Peru. It was a highly successful trip under the border to a South American country that was experiencing a typical winter of bright sunshine and daytime temperatures in the 70's. We spent all but three days in typically remote areas very unlike the cosmopolitan city of Lima. Typical Peruvian architecture in the desert and mountain site that we stayed in lacked some windows and doors as well as non-existent screens, meaning that flies, dogs and cats wandered in and out from the outside at will. Small towns are highly congested with constantly beeping motorcycles, small cars, pedestrians, and bicycle-powered carts. Talk about aggressive drivers! I thought that the D.C. and N.Y.C. areas of the US were full of road-rage risk-takers until I went to Peru for the first time 12 years ago.

We spent our time in Peru doing manual labor, mostly making mud bricks and hauling rocks to use in foundations. The mountain site of Kusi is developing into a town that has a public school as well as other buildings that will eventually attract the community in order to mingle more with the rescued street boys and make them feel more of the community at large. Evenings and week-ends at Kusi and Ica were spent interacting with the boys. Games, movies, Vacation Bible School (for the boys as well as the community), birthday parties, water balloons, bears, and many more activities were all planned months ago by team members and hauled down in some very heavy suitcases. Some people ask us, why not just spend that time, effort, and money locally? Why go half-way around the world? The answer is simple and easily accessible from God's Word. The Great Commission is not just about taking care of your neighbor next door, but to go "to the ends of the earth" to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We take that command seriously!

You noticed that I started this article with the fact that we have all recovered physically. I don't think that I can ever recover emotionally from these 12 trips over the past 12 years. Ask my family....I don't even enjoy going on a day-trip to Frankenmuth without glancing at my watch by 3 PM and saying, "We should probably get back to Dearborn soon". I enjoy being in a familiar place and not having to step out of my comfort zone. We are in Peru for a minimum of 14 days. 14 days of seeing the scarred heads of boys that were mistreated by parents and police. 14 days of seeing people in the desert who live in garbage dumps and weep when you bring them fresh, free water. 14 days of experiencing eating chicken and white rice until you realize that as soon as you get back in the states, you can have Bangkok 96, McDonalds, or a really great salad or any number of dairy treats. You soon realize that these boys are thankful for eating the same thing on a daily basis because it's much better than trying to dumpster-dive for scraps left behind by American tourists. Even the worst-off American has it much better than most people in developing countries. My life, and the life of those who go on mission trips like GrouPeru! will never be the same and I thank God for it! Kudos again to this year's wonderful team, their theologically-correct daily devotions and discussions, and to our family of faith who supports us through prayer, donations at fund-raisers, and monetary gifts. I praise God for all of you! ~ Amen!

August 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Communion Touch of Hope Backpack Adoption- Narthex 9am Education Hour 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 Dearborn Homecoming	3 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	4 7am-8pm Primary Election Polls- MH 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness class- YC 7pm Property- Library 7:30pm-8:30pm Investment Committee 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- YC	5 10am Stephens-Currie- NP 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm ALL Staff- SP 7-8pm Adult class- NP
T. of Hope Backpack Collection- Narthex, Bride's Room 9am Education Hour 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am Peru Team Corn/Brat Roast-MH,K 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 DEADLINE FOR VISION	10 6:30pm NAMI- NP DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	11 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness class- YC 7-9pm CE Committee- NP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 7-8pm Adult class- NP
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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		<i>Dearborn Homecoming</i>	1	Set up Communion 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- offsite 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares <i>Dearborn Homecoming</i>
6	10-11:30am Summer Bible Study- NP	7 6:30-9pm Game Night- MH	8	10am-2pm Treasure Chest 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares <i>Boy Scouts overnight- YC, YL</i>
13	10-11:30am Summer Bible Study- NP 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite	14	15	16 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
20 SP	10-11:30am Summer Bible Study- NP	21	22	23 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
27	10-11:30am Summer Bible Study- NP 7-9pm Knitting Group- NP	28	29	30 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares

Parish Nurse

The Many Faces of Stress in our Modern World and What we Can do to Keep it Under Control

Stress is your body's response to any thing that disrupts your normal life and routines. Our body responds to stressful events by an involuntary release of adrenaline and other hormones that cause a "flight" or "fight" response. This physical response comes with a rush of adrenaline and other hormones that cause your heart and breathing to speed up and provide a "burst" of energy so you can respond to the danger. If we are healthy (emotionally and physically), as soon as the "threat" or stressor is gone, our bodies respond with other hormones to bring our heightened response back to a normal state. Whether the stressor is "real" or "perceived", our bodies respond automatically. In this modern age, we are exposed to many more "stimuli" on a regular basis that can cause us to feel stressed, threatened or overwhelmed. In this article, I would like to identify some of the stressors and ways to counteract them.

In the past few years, I have been aware of the increased levels of stress people are experiencing in their everyday lives. The usual culprits are work, money, family relationships, traumatic personal events, life changes, the level of emails that we are expected to respond to on a daily basis, etc. But did you know that things like watching traumatic events on TV and computers can be major stressors as well? As a matter of fact, there are new studies out that report people who watched six or more hours a day of the Boston Marathon bombings, had higher levels of stress than those who had been at or near the event! The researchers say that watching television/digital media coverage of traumatic events for prolonged periods of time can be detrimental to your mental health. In addition, "we were very surprised at the degree to which repeated media exposure was so strongly associated with acute stress symptoms", said lead author E. Alison Holman, associate professor of nursing science at UC Irvine. "We suspect that there's something about repeated exposure to violent images or sounds that keeps traumatic events alive and can prolong the stress response in vulnerable people." She goes on to say that there is mounting evidence that these traumatic events can trigger flashbacks and encourage "fear conditioning". "If repeatedly viewing traumatic images reactivates fear or threat responses in the brain and promotes rumination, there could be serious health consequences...it can turn what was an acute experience into a chronic form of stress". Most people would never imagine that the repeated viewing of these images could be not only be unproductive, but very harmful, especially to children. Even media stories on disasters like superstorm Sandy can cause anxiety in children. And even more concerning, was some studies that show that for children who already have issues with anxiety, prolonged exposure to these disasters might even lead to PTSD.

So what can we do to help decrease the stress of all that is happening all around us? First of all, in light of the new studies pointing out the effects of stress related to extended periods of exposure to traumatic events...**Be aware of how much time you and your family expose yourselves to these stories. And be especially aware of the potential effect anxiety can have on children, or anyone struggling with fears and anxiety.**

Next, consider being intentional about your health and well-being by instituting some "**resilience strategies**". What is "resilience"? Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress.

Here are 10 strategies from the American Psychological Association:

Make connections. Good relationships with close family members, friends or others are important. Accepting help and support from those who care about you and will listen to you strengthens resilience. Some people find that being active in civic groups, faith-based organizations, or other local groups provides social support and can help with re-claiming hope. Assisting others in their time of need also can benefit the helper.

Avoid seeing crises as insurmountable problems. You can't change the fact that highly stressful events happen, but you can change how you interpret and respond to these events. Try looking beyond the present to how future circumstances may be a little better. Note any subtle ways in which you might already feel somewhat better as you deal with difficult situations.

Accept that change is a part of living. Certain goals may no longer be attainable as a result of adverse situations. Accepting circumstances that cannot be changed can help you focus on circumstances that you can alter.

Move toward your goals. Develop some realistic goals. Do something regularly — even if it seems like a small accomplishment — that enables you to move toward your goals. Instead of focusing on tasks that seem unachievable, ask yourself, "What's one thing I know I can accomplish today that helps me move in the direction I want to go?"

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Take decisive actions. Act on adverse situations as much as you can. Take decisive actions, rather than detaching completely from problems and stresses and wishing they would just go away.

Look for opportunities for self-discovery. People often learn something about themselves and may find that they have grown in some respect as a result of their struggle with loss. Many people who have experienced tragedies and hardship have reported better relationships, greater sense of strength even while feeling vulnerable, increased sense of self-worth, a more developed spirituality and heightened appreciation for life.

Nurture a positive view of yourself. Developing confidence in your ability to solve problems and trusting your instincts helps build resilience.

Keep things in perspective. Even when facing very painful events, try to consider the stressful situation in a broader context and keep a long-term perspective. Avoid blowing the event out of proportion.

Maintain a hopeful outlook. An optimistic outlook enables you to expect that good things will happen in your life. Try visualizing what you want, rather than worrying about what you fear.

Take care of yourself. Pay attention to your own needs and feelings. Engage in activities that you enjoy and find relaxing. Exercise regularly. Taking care of yourself helps to keep your mind and body primed to deal with situations that require resilience.

Additional ways of strengthening resilience may be helpful. For example, some people write about their deepest thoughts and feelings related to trauma or other stressful events in their life. Meditation and spiritual practices help some people build connections and restore hope.

The key is to identify ways that are likely to work well for you as part of your own personal strategy for fostering resilience.

References: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/watching-coverage-tramatic-events-boston-marathon-stress/> and <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/road-resilience.aspx#>



The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand (NKJV). Psalm 37:23, 24

An upright person's life is guided by God. However, the godly life is challenging, and the best of us can fall from error or misfortune. Even though we fall, God upholds and supports us so that following calamity, we can move on (see: *Job 5:19; Micah 7:8, 9; Luke 22:31-34; Rom. 8:28, 29; Phil. 1:6*). This blessing comes from living by faith (*Matt. 14:31; 2 Chron. 27:6*). When setbacks occur, turn to God -- you are under His care on His mission which He oversees.

God's support of Joseph is an example (*Gen. 39:2-6, 21-23*), and Israel prospered when they lived by faith. The ungodly in a fallen world rejecting God have a vastly different life and destiny (*1 Sam. 2:9; Prov. 16:7, 24:16*).

This passage is not about sin (that involves repentance and Christ) but about the trials of life (*James 1:2*).

May God strengthen and bless you as you respond to His call (*Eph. 2:10*) and bless others.

~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. 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**

Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, NOON, Aug. 27th, at **Rose's Restaurant** (201 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48187 {Restaurant phone: (734) 981-9904}. It's at the corner of Canton Center & Cherry Hill Rd.

Car pool if necessary and go directly to the restaurant.
Please sign up on the Bulletin Board.



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!

New Wedding Coordinator!

Sherry Scott, mother of member Shereen Lind, has graciously agreed to be the Wedding Coordinator for FPCD. It is helpful to have a second person help with big weddings, so if you would be interested in helping with a wedding or two during the year, please let the church office know. The Wedding Coordinator helps the bridal couple with the logistics of the wedding ceremony in the sanctuary or the chapel.



Electronic Giving Update

I am pleased to announce that I am in the final phase of testing for giving regular offerings electronically. Testing for phase 1 will be complete the first week of August. My plan is to go live with the system on August 11th. If you would like to participate in electronic giving and have your offerings electronically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, please contact Nancy Setterlun at church, (313) 274-1313; ext. 15 for more information.

~ Nancy Setterlun



'Thank you' to all who provided cards, calls and visits during my recent hospital and rehab stay. Your friendship and support are greatly appreciated.

God Bless! ~ *Dee LaPointe*

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*

Vacation Bible School



WILDERNESS ESCAPE
Where God Guides & Provides
We joined Moses on his incredible journey
through the wilderness!



Peru Team 2014

*...to go and be the hands and feet of Jesus
and do His work in Peru...*



With Sympathy

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of long time active member Richard Martini who passed away on July 15th. He is survived by wife, Mary, who lives in Arizona.

Please keep the Martini family in your prayers.



Pancake Breakfast 'Thank You!'

Thank you, thank you and thank you for supporting the Peru college fund for six young men! We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who made this fundraiser successful. We cannot thank you enough for your generous donations, as well as all of your prayers and support. This church rocks!!! Thank you, Kate, Billy and Ann. ~ *Ann Phillips*

Sunday Night Bible Discussion Group

The Sunday night Bible discussion group will begin a study of the Gospel of Matthew on Sunday, September 8th. Rev. John Sefcik started and ran this class for many years prior to his death. His wife, Delfine sent John's notes to us, so we still have the benefit of John's Biblical insights. If anyone is interested in studying Matthew, please read the first 3 or 4 chapters and join us at 7:00PM at Bert Ebi's house (501 Kingsbury). The meetings last one hour.



New Address!



Please note Ann Bleivik's new address in the Baltimore area:

4211 Rose Petal Ct Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

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.



Mission Sewing will be in the narthex during the month of August asking our members to sign up for the various items which the charities we support have requested through this ministry. Please stop by and help us to help those in need. There is a diverse selection of items so you are sure to find one (or more) that you would want to give. **LOOK FOR US IN THE NARTHEX AFTER THE SERVICE.**

Thank you. ~ *Olimpia Todor*

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

August 3 / - Communion, Mike Hoffman, CLP
August 10 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
August 17 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
August 24 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
August 31 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

August Birthdays



08/01: Dorothy Riga, Robert Farkas, Greg Capote
08/02: Megan Rehbein
08/03: Jim Barber, Sue Bosze, Kevin Isaacson
08/05: Thomas McLennan, Marcia Bechtel
08/07: Angie Saylor, Lisa Smith
08/08: Christine Megregian
08/09: Ronald Westby
08/10: Olimpia Todor
08/13: Prill Daykin, Brian Mayer, Katelynne Blosser
08/14: Diane McKnight, Lola Perkovich
08/15: Jeannette Capote
08/16: Katherine Patterson, Audrey Schmatz, Sara Szczechura
08/17: Holly Schanz, Kelly Warner
08/18: Betty Stacy, Chris Masouredis
08/19: Adam Hemp, Luke Thormann
08/20: Ina Behrens
08/21: Jane Schwyn, Jonathon Husby
08/23: Helen Pelling, Nancy Slanec
08/24: Charlene Reid, Anne Elliott
08/25: Debbie Field, Savannah Capote
08/26: Hilda Hespen
08/27: Gary Edson, Charlie Aronson, Kevin Watts
08/28: Margaret Westby, Kathleen Planta
08/29: Jeni Cole, Eleanor Cole
08/31: Eve Britz

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