



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
August 2015 Newsletter



It's summer.. enjoy!

Peru Corn/Brat Roast Fundraiser



Sunday, Aug. 16th - 11:00am

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

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



Touch of Hope "Back to School" School Supplies Offering

*Please donate school supplies to our
Touch of Hope children.*

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Aeolian Chorus Summer Concert

4:00pm, sanctuary
Sun. Aug 23

Featuring "Frostiana", a work based on
Robert Frost's poetry, plus other select
pieces

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VBS Adventure

"What a great week we had!"



*Our 'campers' went on the
journey of their life!!*

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August at FPCD

August will feature a number of events in our church family life. On August 1st Robert James and Kathleen Planta will be united in marriage in our Sanctuary. Congratulations are in order. August 2nd our worship will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the sermon topic: "The End Times." The weekend of August 8/9th Dearborn will be holding the annual Homecoming and our youth will be supporting the effort by providing parking in our church lot. The 16th will be the time for the distribution of the Touch of Hope back packs and the Peru Team will be holding a Corn and Brat roast following worship. The 23rd will feature a concert in our Sanctuary by the Aeolian Chorus of Allen Park at 4 pm, directed by Marshall Dicks. On August 30th a special community event will be held at Dearborn's Ford Field with the theme: "We Humble Ourselves." This will run from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. and celebrate American History with a 100 voice choir and a number of dramatic presentations.

Our prayers continue for the PNC which is hard at work in the process of interviewing potential candidates for the pastorate of our church. The Presbytery has approved my continuing to serve as a Temporary Pastor until such time as their search is over. Know that I do appreciate the continued support of Staff, Session, and Members as we seek to hold high Christ's Cross in this place.

This summer we enjoy the service of Charles Kalinsky as our lead guitarist and soloist in worship and look forward to Tim's return from his European Studies. The Personnel Committee has approved changes in our contract with Mike Hoffman as he will assume the lead role in our high school youth ministry program as well as continue his work with Converge.

Work has now been completed on the new cement for the sidewalks of the church and repairs to the chapel parking lot. This \$25,000 was provided from funds set aside for property and maintenance of our facility. Thanks to Bob Missler for supervising the work, and the Tuesday morning team for the required landscaping improvements.

May this be a time of rest and renewal for all. Remember to keep your church in your thoughts and prayers.

Peace and Blessings, ~Pastor Don



Touch of Hope Back to School Offering

It is hard to believe it is time to think about back to school already. We have 21 school children in the Touch of Hope program in need of backpacks and supplies this year.

On Sunday August 2 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 9. 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 16. 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.

Children's Ministry

Church nursery: Thanks to Jennelle Kesteloot for her excellent care of our youngest family members every Sunday morning during both education hour and the worship service. If you have infants and toddlers and have not yet visited our nursery, please stop by!



Vacation Bible School: This year's Vacation Bible School was a great success! Our church family reached out to the community with love, kindness and fun. Many thanks to those who made the week possible with their commitment and creativity, including leaders, musicians, storytellers, administrators, cooks, decorators, and more:

Bonnie Andrew	Charlie Aronson	Sherry Aronson	Emma Best	Jonathan Best
Sarah Britz	Randy Bruder	JoAnn Cashwell	Catherine Dicks	Elizabeth Dicks
Geoffrey Dicks	Carole Higgins	Mike Hoffman	Jo Ann Isaacson	Katya Isaacson
Bill Kennedy	Dottie Kennedy	Dee LaPointe	Caitlyn LaPointe	Laura Mallard
Chris Masouredis	Bob Missler	Diane Missler	Jane Mykytenko	Rachel Nikolajevs
Lindsey Seashore	Emma Scott	Alexandra Slanec	Heather Slanec	Stephen Stormzand
Laura Thorman				

Thanks also to all who helped with your generous donations of food and your loans of decorating items. You helped make VBS a success!!

And finally, a special thanks to Wendy Palmer and Ken Stivenson for their patience, help and resourcefulness before, during and after Vacation Bible School!

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator



Klymer

Vacation Bible School was Great!



Pike



Trail mix for the journey.



Chris as Elijah.



Charlie as "Trek,"
about to climb Mt. Everest.

*Jesus promises to provide, to
comfort, to love us forever,
and more.*

*At Everest, we learned His
awesome power is enough to
overcome
any
"mountain" or problem
in our lives.*



Preschoolers on an expedition;
"We see a snake!"



First graders at games.



Music time with Mrs. Mykytenko.



Story time with Mr. Hoffman.



Second & Third graders
at crafts.



Fourth & Fifth graders
at games.



Cliff



Yeddi



Mallory



FPC Diaper Ministry ~ 'Thank You!'

The generosity of our church family never ceases to amaze! To those of you who attended the Presbyterian Women gathering on June 28th, thank you. For this gathering, PW chose to support the efforts of our own FPC Diaper Ministry.

This is a ministry started by Charlene Reid and Tracie Szczechura about a year and a half ago. We collect and distribute diapers to the most vulnerable and needy; namely, babies living in poverty-stricken homes and the elderly. Because of your generous donations, we have been able to distribute thousands of diapers to Starfish Family Services, First Step, and Senior Alliance.

At this gathering, we had a speaker from Starfish Family Services, a private, nonprofit agency serving vulnerable children and families in metropolitan Detroit.

We are pleased to announce that because of your support, we delivered over four thousand diapers to Starfish and collected nearly \$400 in donations – which will be used to buy more diapers!

We are always willing to talk to you about this ministry and we are always collecting diapers. We'd also appreciate any coupons to use towards our purchases. Thank you again,

~Charlene and Tracie



Sermons on our Web Site

Going away for the summer? You can check in with us and enjoy our sermons by visiting our church web site, www.firstpresdearborn.org, and clicking on "**Sermon Podcasts**" to hear our latest sermons as presented in our Sunday morning worship service.

And when the summer travelling is over.....***See you in church!***



Pastor Mike Hoffman, CRE & Educational Coordinator

Sunday Morning Adult Education Class from 9-9:50 AM:

Ray Vanderlaan's two, exciting, video studies, *The Dust of the Rabbi* & *The Early Church*, will be offered with discussion and led by Pastor Mike in the North Parlor. These two series will take us through the summer, one week with an opener and the video, and the following week with a lively discussion. You won't want to miss even one session!

Various Days and Times during the Week – Adult Small Groups and Bible Studies. Call Pastor Mike for more information at home at 313.562.5961 or at church at 313.274.1313, extension 14.



Music Corner

Welcome to August! High Summer! There are two things to talk about musically in this edition of the Music Corner. First is that there is an end of summer concert coming up on Sunday August 23rd at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. The choir is the Aeolian Chorus, a small select ensemble that I have had the privilege of conducting for the last couple of summers. The program will feature the suite "Frostiana," a work based on Robert Frost's poetry, set to music by Randall Thompson. We will also do a work by Vaughan Williams (remember my write up on him last month?), a couple of vocal jazz pieces and a couple of spirituals. It should be a wonderful concert. So please, mark your calendars, Sunday, August 23rd at 4:00pm. See you there!

The second thing is to welcome back Tim Huth, our organist, from his time on some of the great organs of Europe. This is not Tim's first time to get to go to Europe. He always seems to end up in France. France is home to some of the great organs, and has been home to some of the great organ composers in music history. While there are great composers for the organ from Germany, Bach, Buxtehude, Telemann, Reger, Mozart, and Mendelssohn come to mind; and Italy, where Willaert, the Gabriellis, the Scarlattis, and Vivaldi come to mind; and other European organist-composers such as Sweelinck, no one seems to have the list that France has of, in no particular order, Franck, Fauré, Widor, Saint-Saëns, Durufle, Dupré, Vierne, and others.

These French composers form a particularly strong line of organ composers. Always exploring new sonorities and structures, their music is exciting, contemplative, evocative and always beautiful. We are fortunate that Tim has the capability to play these composers so well, and has an opportunity to study where they worked!

Welcome Tim back from his "working vacation" I'm sure we'll hear some great music that he played over in Europe and probably some new music that he's been inspired to learn from his time there.

Have a great month of August, and don't forget to make plans to be involved in the music ministry come September!

In Christ, Marshall

Homecoming Parking

- ~ Church Lot
- ~ Saturday, Aug. 8th - Youth Groups
- ~ Sunday, Aug. 9th - Young Adults
- ~ **\$5 a car...** proceeds to be split between Youth and Young Adults for our Fall Program Scholarships and Special Events!



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Lamkin PW (Presbyterian Women) Bible Study - Jane Lewy-Mykytenko and Charlie Aronson will be leading a twelve week study in prayer, following the Women of Faith study series. We will be meeting Thursdays in the North Parlor from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Musings from Pastor Mike – *The Outflow of Jesus' Love*

GrouPeru! '15 Mission Team Report – August 2015

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is dead.” – James 2:17. This theme became evident to me over the past eleven months as the twelve of us **prepared** for The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn’s 16th consecutive mission trip to Peru. Our family of faith is passionate about our close **relationships** with the boys and house-parents of the desert site of Ica and the mountain site of Kusi.

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accomplished by **action**, is dead.” How blessed we are to have such a caring congregation who supports our up-and-coming teams through their **support** of our fundraisers. From luncheons to candy and cupcake sales, many of you have donated toward the cause of lowering the amount of the cost for each of our missionaries.

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is dead.” Over the past few years, a few of you have even **donated** large sums of money to be used for scholarships for first-timers. This has enabled families who would not be able to participate, as well as for families that have more than one child who wishes to participate, a chance to be able to make this trip a reality.

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is dead.” This theme was evident in the devotions that were **prepared and presented** daily by each member of the team. All the lessons focused on who scripture shows us examples of how people have **acted** on their faith, not by just sitting passively by and expecting a miracle to happen.

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accomplished by **action**, is dead.” The team **did much** to benefit the two sites that we worked at. We taught Bible lessons, scraped wall of flaking paint, celebrated all the boy’s birthdays in one, huge party, painted buildings, put together and handed out goodie bags (with beanie babies...thanks Treasure Chest!), delivered water to shanty-town residents, and passed out soccer uniforms, shirts, and flip-flops to each boy.

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accomplished by **action**, is dead.” Did our church family and Peru mission team have faith that God would do some wonderful and awesome events and activities for the boys? Absolutely, 100%, yes! We all spent much time in prayer and discernment over the past year to ask God how he could and would **work through all of us**. Thank-you church family for modeling and living-out both faith and works!

~God’s Peace, -Pastor Mike, Lynn, Elissa, & Jared Hoffman, Anne Witkowski, Grace Doverspike, Natalie Husby, Stephen Stormzand, Alex & Emma Best, and Catherine and Elizabeth Dicks

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>Communion 2</p> <p>T. of Hope Backpack Adoption- Narthex</p> <p>9am Education Hour</p> <p>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>11:30am Property- Library</p>	<p>3</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7am-8pm Election Polls- MH</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work</p> <p>10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC</p> <p>7:30-8:30pm Investment Committee</p> <p>7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP</p> <p>7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>10am Stephens-Currie- M</p> <p>10am-4pm Treasure Chest</p> <p>10:30am-12pm ALL Staff</p>
<p>9</p> <p>T. of Hope Backpack Collection- Bride's Room</p> <p>9am Education Hour</p> <p>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>DEARBORN HOMECOMING</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm NAMI- NP</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR VISION</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work</p> <p>10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC</p> <p>4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class</p> <p>5:30pm Outreach & Missions- SP</p> <p>7-9pm CE Committee- NP</p> <p>7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>10am-4pm Treasure Chest</p> <p>10:30am-12pm ALL Staff</p>
<p>16</p> <p>T. of Hope Backpack Distribution- Bride's Room</p> <p>9am Education Hour</p> <p>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>11am Peru Team Corn/Brat Roast- MH, K</p>	<p>17</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work</p> <p>10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC</p> <p>4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP</p> <p>6:30pm SESSION/CC -NP</p> <p>7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>10am Stephens-Currie- M</p> <p>10am-4pm Treasure Chest</p> <p>10:30am-12pm PROGRAM</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9am Education Hour</p> <p>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>4pm Aeolian Chorus Concert- Sanctuary</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm NAMI- NP</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work</p> <p>10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC</p> <p>4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class</p> <p>7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>11am-1pm Keenagers- M</p> <p>10am-4pm Treasure Chest</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9am Education Hour</p> <p>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>(2-6pm Parking for "We Humble Ourselves" event attendees)</p>	<p>31</p>		

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Set up Communion 1 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- offsite 10am Planta/James Wedding- Sanctuary Reception- NP 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
5 urrie- NP re Chest JL Staff- SP	6 10-11:30am PW Bible Study-NP 6-8pm PNC- NP	7 DEARBORN HOMECOMING	8 10am-2pm Treasure Chest 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares DEARBORN HOMECOMING
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Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer and that you have been able to be out in nature enjoying the healthful benefits of God's creation! Over the past year, I have sensed a growing awareness that I spend very little time in nature. I recently stepped outside of my house at 7 am, in order to retrieve something from my car. In that moment, I went from silence (everyone else was still sleeping) to a whole world of activity outside! There were several different types of birds chirping/singing to one another, the wind was rustling the trees, the eye-popping colors of the flowers/foilage in my yard were stunning, squirrels were chasing each other and even a couple of bunnies were hopping in the nearby grass. Wow! I literally stopped in my tracks and realized that most of my days consist of doing tasks inside my home, driving to work with my windows closed enjoying air conditioning, working inside at the church or visiting people (inside), then driving home and immediately going inside to relax or to do whatever else is required of my time. All the while, not really paying a lot of attention to the life-giving things around me. So recently, when I was doing some research and came across the term "Nature-Deficit Disorder" it caught my attention. As I began to read about this new term that is fast being accepted by the medical/psychological community as a legitimate concern, I knew I had to share the insights with you.

Have any of your children or grandchildren ever complained to you that it seems like you had more "fun" as a kid than they do? If you are one of those people who likes to share stories about your childhood, chances are good that your stories revolve around being outside all day with friends, playing games and coming in when the street lights came on. Or perhaps they were memories of tent camping and the wonders of cooking over the open fire roasting hotdogs and making s'mores, or swimming or canoeing in nearby lakes or rivers. For Americans around my age, baby boomers or older, we experienced a very different kind of free, natural play that seems far removed from the era of computers, Netflix, texting, and X-box One. Within the space of a few decades, the way children understand and experience nature has changed dramatically. "Today, kids are aware of global threats to the environment, but their physical contact, their intimacy with nature is fading", says Richard Louv, recipient of the 2008 Audubon Medal, and author of seven books. In his landmark book, The Last Child in the Woods, Louv has brought together cutting-edge studies that point to the fact that direct exposure to nature is as essential for a child's health, as good nutrition and physical exercise. This deficit (not a medical diagnosis per say), is describing for us, the possible human costs, of being alienated from nature. We are seeing diminished use of our senses, more attentional difficulties, and dramatic increases in rates of physical and mental illness (especially in our youth). Unlike TV/screens, nature does NOT STEAL time, it amplifies it! The natural world is God's amazing gift to us! Perhaps, with all of the effort that it takes to keep up with the myriad of expectations, due to advancements in technology, we have taken this gift for granted and not seen it for what it is: God's healing balm to our souls. Studies are showing that for children (and adults) unstructured time out in nature, has healing effects, especially on our emotions. And one of the best parts is that time in the natural world is free!

Some unhealthy trends that I wanted to bring to your attention are as follows: Studies show that from 1997-2003 there was a **50% decline** in the proportion of children ages 9-11 who spent time outside hiking, walking, fishing, beach play and gardening! Pediatricians are alarmed at the increase in sedentary lifestyles of children these days. 2 out of 10 American children are clinically obese! (Four times the percentage of childhood obesity in the 1960s.) And, 60% of obese children 5-10 years old have at least one cardiovascular risk factor. They are warning parents that **"today's children may be the first generation of Americans since WWII to die at an earlier age than their parents!"** In addition, there are emotional/psychological trends that are just as scary: Levels of anxiety, depression, angry violent outbursts and lack of self-control with alcohol and other substances are on a steep incline. But, the good news is that with an awareness of the trends, and a commitment to making some relatively simple changes in our lives, we might head off these trends. By starting in our own personal lives and then branching out to share this information with others, we can make strides in helping America's youth (and adults) live more satisfying joy-filled lives! Next month, I will share some practical and fun strategies we can take to improve our connection with the natural world.

*information taken from: The Last Child In the Woods by Richard Louv. Additional resources: Children & Nature Network (www.cnaturenet.org)

~Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



Beloved ... I ... write appealing to you to contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For admission has been secretly gained by some... who pervert the grace of God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:3, 4) RSV

Jude addresses false teachings among God's people, urging believers to defend the faith. There have always been false teachers; both Testaments report false teachers distorting God's Word (*Jer. 23, Ezek. 13; Matt. 7:15-20; 24:11, 24; 2 Tim. 4:3-5; Peter 2:1, 1 John 4:1*). Suppressing truth motivates God's wrath (*Rom. 1:18*). False witnesses perish (*Prov. 21:28*).

Godly faith is attacked because its moral standards expose society's sins. Society rebels by persecuting the faithful. "All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (*2 Tim. 3:12*). We are admonished to be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, and fulfil our ministry (*2 Tim. 4:5*). Some try to modify the faith to make it less offensive (*1 Cor. 1:22-31*). Changing the faith to please the world (*Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15 - 17*) is hypocritical, rejecting God's mission (*John 17:17; 18:37; Matt. 28:18-20*).

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit led Him into the wilderness to be tempted (*Matt. 4:1*). When we contend for the faith, we may be tested in a similar way. Jesus held to the faith, and so shall we if we abide in Him (*John 15:5*) and apply the armor of God (*Eph. 6:10-20*).

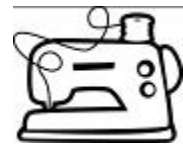
This can be hard, but we know that God rewards those who suffer on His behalf (*Rom. 8:18; Matt. 5:10-12*). After suffering for Him, He will restore, establish, and strengthen us (*1 Peter 5:8-10*). The experience can help us see the strength of our commitment to Christ. Remember that Christianity is about sharing God's love and forgiveness.

"... affliction is preparing us (*James 1:2*)... so we look not at the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" (*2 Cor. 4:17, 18*).

~John Holden

SEWING CLASS

The sewing class will take the month of July off and will return the second Tuesday of August (Aug. 11th). Our sewers have done a splendid job of learning sewing skills and using these skills to make walker bags and adult bibs which will be included in the Mission Sewing contribution for various charities. We are now working with patterns. We have acquired 2 more sewing machines so if you would like to join a fun-loving group we do have a little extra room to spare. I can be contacted by e-mail: olimpiatodor36@gmail.com or by phone 313-336-2772 for more information. The class is open to both adults and youngsters who are at least 10 years old.



Yours in Christ, *Olimpia Todor*

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.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Velma Regorrah on the recent passing of her brother, Don Payne. Please keep Velma and her family in prayer.



FPCD ~ Adopt-A-Garden

Wouldn't it be great to spruce up our church property! If you have an interest in adopting a portion of our beautiful landscape and take care of it, please call the church office at (313) 274-1313. With a little teamwork, we can continue to have a beautiful landscape surrounding our house of worship.

A Special Message for Summer Travelers

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? First Presbyterian offers electronic giving for those of you wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a more convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Please contact Nancy Setterlun in the office to set up online giving.





"Soccer Ball Pass-Back" game at ICA. Our kids mixed with the desert boys... priceless!



Art projects after our Bible Story presentation. Our girls work with the boys of ICA.



The desert shanty town outside ICA. Poverty beyond understanding!



Water balloon toss at ICA. Our kids partnered with a boy from the site. Emma Best & her partner faired well!

Peru Team 2015

Our mission team was able to visit and minister to young boys in ICA, Peru. Through works projects, Bible studies and just plain fun, relationships with the boys are built and sustained.



Pastor Mike, his son Jared, and fellow missionary, Stephen Stormzand, deliver water in the shanty town with ICA boys.



Pastor Mike & Kate Greenman explain how soccer jerseys, shirts, shorts, & flip flops will be passed out. The boys were overwhelmed!



Anne Witkowski, Elizabeth & Catherine Dicks, and Nattie Husby rival our boys at Kusi, scraping and sanding for repainting.



Our Group Peru '15 Team finally paints at Kusi, after days of sanding & scraping!

Office Volunteer (An opportunity to serve)

We are in need of volunteers to work in the church office a few hours each week to help with the following:

- ~Answer the phone.
- ~Proof-read bulletins, etc.
- ~Help prepare report packages for meetings.

Available time slots are Monday mornings (9am to Noon), Monday afternoons (Noon-3pm) and select days of the month [e.g. third Tuesday (9am to Noon) and others as requested].

If interested, please call Jim Barber in the church office at (313) 274-1313.

"We Glorify Christ... and serve His world."



Women's Retreat: Lavender Springs Spa

A Time for Women to Rest in God's faithfulness.

Come join us in October for a relaxing and spiritually nourishing spa-themed event.
Experience the power of connecting with other women.

Through 6 refreshing sessions with 6 of our own dynamic presenters,
women will journey through the psalms of the Bible,
studying the different kinds of songs, poems and prayers
that have inspired people for centuries.

Participants will learn how the psalms help us share our feelings, disappointments,
celebrations, and doubts with a truly great listener; God.

And you will leave with a fresh approach to prayer that will grow your faith
throughout the months to come.

Mark your calendars!

Friday, October 23rd, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 24th, 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.



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** 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 2015 book sale will be held Thursday, Sept. 17th through Sunday, Sept. 20th at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center (DISC), 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn {just east of Greenfield Rd}.

Sunday Night Bible Discussion Group

The Sunday night Bible study group plans to discuss Dr. Francis Schaeffer's book, "How Shall We Then Live?" (a study of the development of Western Culture from Roman to the present time). It covers the areas of Philosophy, Science, and Religion and explores how our individual world view affects how we act in our times. We will use DVD and a study guide based on the book. Please call Bert Ebi (562-5156) or the Leslie's (336-8238) if you plan to participate.



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, 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. ~Nancy Barber, Deacon Moderator. *Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*



Attention Knitters! We will not be meeting in the month of August, but please plan to join us Thursday, September 24 here at FPC. Knitters of all ability levels are welcome to join us for fellowship and sharing of all things knitting.

~ Lynn Hoffman



Ah! Summer!!



08/01: Dorothy Riga, Robert Farkas, Greg Capote
 08/02: Megan Rehbein
 08/03: Jim Barber, Sue Bosze, Kevin Isaacson
 08/05: 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: 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

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 non-returnable 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. Nancy Barber - Deacon Moderator

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 am

August 2 / - Communion, *The End Times* - Rev. Don Wright

August 9 / - *Watch What God Does!* - Rev. Don Wright

August 16 / - *Reverence for Christ* - Rev. Don Wright

August 23 / - *Put on God's Armor* - Rev. Don Wright

August 30 / - *The Light of the World* - Rev. Don Wright

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