



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
September 2012 Newsletter



RALLY DAY!

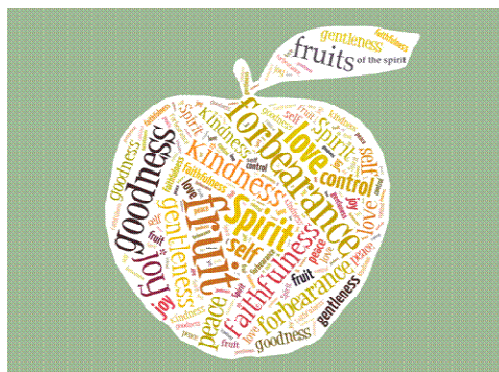
Sunday, Sept. 9th

9:00am ~ Mitchell Hall
(Continental Breakfast served)

Join our fall kick-off to learn more about:

- ◆ Introduction to "The Story"
- ◆ Wed. evening FISH program
- ◆ Other fall activities
(Picnic following morning worship!)

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Art created by Jim Shearer

"Fruits of the Spirit" Sermon Series
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Picture Directory

Sign up to have your photo taken in Sept:
On Sundays in the Narthex, or call the church office.

It's FREE!

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Sunday Morning Adult Class

We will offer one Sunday morning class for adults at 9am, beginning Sept. 16. Since we are doing a churchwide journey through **The Story**, we want all of our adults studying the same material.

This class will meet in Mitchell Hall, with a video presentation followed by discussion time.

Please join us as we discuss the material we have read during the week. We then will go to worship where the focus will be on the same material.

Join us on Sunday, Sept 9th at 9am for more information about this 31 week program.

Rally Day- Have we got a wonderful day planned for you! Join us Sunday, Sept. 9th at 9am in Mitchell Hall for a continental breakfast. We will introduce **The Story** adventure (*see page 4*), the teachers/leaders, and the resources. Books will be available for purchase if you haven't bought one already. Parents can also order one of the children's books for their family if they would like to have one.

Following breakfast, we will worship together, anticipating the start of **The Story**. Then after the service, Worship and Arts Committee is sponsoring a picnic lunch to give us the opportunity to fellowship with one another. Lunch will be in Mitchell Hall.

Come and join the adventure with us on the 9th.

FISH, our weekly Wednesday evening educational opportunity, begins on Sept. 12th. Dinner will be at 6pm, followed by classes at 6:45 til 8:00. The children (including 6h-7th graders) will be continuing their journey through Narnia with Beckie Dicks in Room 14. Confirmation class will be held for our 8th and 9th graders with Sue Young and Jonathan Mallard in the Youth Lounge.

Our adult class will be "**When God's Spirit Moves**" by Jim Cymbala. This class will be led by Mark Dearth and will meet in the North Parlor. If we have enough interest, we will offer a second class on **The Story**. More information will be available on Rally Day at the breakfast.

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Step by Step Verses:

Sept. 2	Matthew 17:20	Oct. 7	Proverbs 27:12
Sept. 9	Matthew 24:35	Oct. 14	Deut. 6:4-7
Sept. 16	Matthew 28:18-20	Oct. 21	1 Peter 5:8
Sept. 23	1 Samuel 16:7	Oct. 28	1 Thess. 5:16-18
Sept. 30	Psalms 121:1-2		



Women's Retreat

Our annual women's retreat will be held November 10, 2012 at the church from 9am to 4pm. If last year is any indication, it will be a great day of learning, laughing, and loving. Details will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks. Please invite friends and family.

All adult women, age 18 through 100, are welcome.

Mark your calendar now!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

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Children's Ministry

Welcome back!

I trust everyone has had a wonderful summer. We're excited to start "The Story" curriculum this fall. We can all look forward to discovering the story of the Bible together. Because the classes will be working through their materials in tandem, you'll be prepared when you ask your kids what they did in Sunday School each week!

Once again, we'll be passing out Bibles to our third graders in September. Just to make sure I don't miss anyone, if you have a third grader, please contact me.

If you are looking for new and exciting ways to be involved in ministry, talk to me. There are several ways to be involved in children's ministries, and I think we can find one to suit you!

Let's have a great new year at First Pres!

~Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Director



***The Adventure Begins!
This is the year to learn
how you fit into God's
story.***

***Join us as we learn God's
story, how people down
through the centuries fit
into God's story, and
how you fit into it. We
will be using the book,
The Story, by Max***

Lucado and Randy Frazee. This adventure is for all ages.



On Sept. 9th, Rally Day, we will introduce this 31 week program. We will provide a continental breakfast at 9am in Mitchell Hall and explain the program, introduce the teachers/leaders, and display the resources. Books will be available to purchase/order. For those who wish to use just their Bible, we will have the specific passages for each week on a master list for you. You can also download The Story as an ebook.

Are you looking for a positive change in your life or your family's lives? This is it. Begin to understand God's Word and what He means for you, and your life will change.

See you the 9th at 9am. If you have any questions, see Ann Bleivik



Musings from Pastor Mike

Pastoral Duties: This past month I have been busy doing much pastoral care with many of the young adults that I come in contact with through *Converge*, as well as a few adults that I come in contact with on a weekly basis. I had the pleasure of doing a sermon message with my good friend, Bob Szczechura on 2 Fruit of the Spirit. Likewise, I was able to work with Mike Pierfederici from *Converge* to craft a young adult led service (more on that later). I have been busy with two Presbytery of Detroit projects. One is a two-day workshop which will be held at The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn on September 21 and 22. It will focus on leadership and assessing and meeting the needs of a church's surrounding community. Be sure to get together a "team" and go on the POD website to sign up for this exciting event. Brochures will also be available in our Narthex. I am also training to become a "Conversation Consultant" for the Presbytery of Detroit and will be assigned a church to come along side and formulate a ministry based on the church's strengths that could be used as an outreach tool. At The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, I have just started a ministry that is based on the hopes and dreams of Doug Stormzand's "Christ Provides" campaign. This ministry will employ two of our young adults and will focus on producing short film clips that can be used for witnessing to those without a church home and those who are still exploring their spiritual options. Our "Christ Provides Imaging Team" is made up of Brian Mayer, Randy Bruder, Bob Szczechura, Jane Lewy, Chris Masouredis, Joe/Ian Higgins, and myself. More information will follow in the near future.

Director of Young Adult Ministries: Our young adults crafted their first Sunday morning worship and I am as proud of them as much as any "parent" could be. God, through the members of FPC, has blessed me with the privilege of working with these fine folks! I have just tweaked a Fall/Winter mailing to all members of *Converge* Young Adults that will list our activities, ministries, and weekly events. Thanks to my *Converge* Education/Activity Team of Jonathan Mallard (staff) and volunteers Mike Pierfederici and Katie Britz for reviewing the events and giving me their valuable insights. Success of a program is weighted heavily on the positive input and two-way communication of all those involved. Thanks to our weekly volunteers: Chris Masouredis, Andrew Mayer, John Semeniuk, Mike Pierfederici, Lewis & Steven Britz, and Chris Watson for their technology and musical talents. I am looking forward to a class on Muslim Ministry taught by a friend of Jonathan's, Adam Simnowitz, that will kick off our fall season. I am also looking forward to spending additional time on my message each week for *Converge*, now that Jonathan and I are doing less overlapping ministries. My "sermonettes" will focus on *The Story* that the entire church will be exploring this year. God is good, all the time! God's Peace to you all!

~God's Peace, Mike Hoffman, C.R.E.

Rally Day Picnic ~ Sunday Sept. 9th

There will be a family picnic immediately following worship on Rally Day, Sept. 9th. The meal is free, but a free will offering will be collected to support our local homeless feeding mission. The entire congregation and guests are welcome to attend. Grilled burgers and hotdogs will be served with baked beans and other picnic side dishes. ~Mark Dearth, Worship & Arts





Music Corner

It's September! Please consider joining our music ministry for the coming year.

Adult Choir- Rehearses at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings, right after the FISH Dinner. Rehearsals begin on September 5th (Even though there isn't FISH that night).

Praise Band- meets during the week at various times. Please contact Steve Britz, Lewis Britz, or Dan Saylor for more information.

Children's Choir- Rehearses at 3:30pm on Sunday Afternoon, NOTE THE NEW TIME. Rehearsals begin on September 16th.

Handbell Choir- Rehearses from 4:30 - 5:00pm on Sunday Afternoon. This is open to all CHILDREN, YOUTH, and ADULTS who would like to participate! Rehearsals begin Sept. 16th.

Youth Choir- Rehearsal at 5:00pm on Sunday Afternoon, Right before the Junior High Youth Group. Rehearsals begin on Sept. 16th.

There are also opportunities to sing as small groups, solos, and the Men's Schola during the year. Please see me if you are interested!

I hope to see you in our Music Ministry this Fall! ~ Marshall Dicks, Director of Music

Card Ministry Outreach

Several months ago we received a letter with an appeal to make handmade cards to support Card Care Connections which provides support to those suffering from cancer. The founder, Aleeza Ganote, (a social worker) saw a need to offer a caring card with an uplifting message of hope and encouragement to those feeling lonely or discouraged.



This is a quote from the letter she sent: *"the diagnosis of a life threatening disease such as cancer can be incredibly frightening. Treatments are often harsh, placing tremendous demands on both body & spirit. The physical burden is very real, but the emotional struggle can be equally challenging. Finding the emotional strength to persevere or simply finding peace of mind can seem out of reach at times. Words of comfort & support can help to ease the mental burden of this disease & provide inspiration at a much-needed time."*

We are grateful we can help to lift spirits of those fighting cancer by supporting this ministry.

P.S. Aleeza, who lives in Fenton, Missouri, found us via our web site.

Card Ministry Begins

We welcome all who would like to join us in Room 14 the first Monday of each month. No experience is needed; we'll teach you what we know. Our first meeting is Sept. 10th (the second Monday due to Labor Day). For those new to this church we make cards for the home bound, sick, grieving and "Touch of Hope" families. In addition - all our home bound receive a card on all holidays from all of you.

Student Ministries

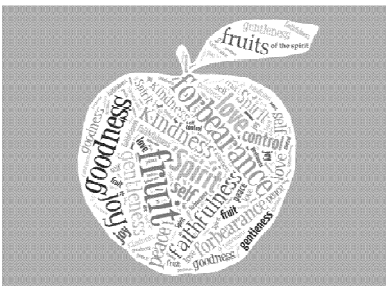
Wow, summer went by fast! Praise God for the growth we've seen in the youth groups and the relationships that are taking root. We have an exciting Fall planned with 4:12 and CREW on Sundays, the confirmation class on Wednesday nights, The Story curriculum in Sunday school, Feed the Hungry, Christnet, bonfires and football games! God has also blessed us with some amazing volunteers that made firm commitments to assist weekly or monthly with the student ministries this year.

As we go full swing into fall activities, my prayer is for all students to appreciate the centrality of "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). The Bible is full of stories with men and women interacting with God on many levels. But what do they have to do with us? We will examine many of these stories in The Story curriculum, and engage with God's heart for each student exemplified in those stories. We all have different gifts, dreams, desires and personalities. Each individual can appreciate the greatness of God from a different angle, a unique life experience. However, the beauty and complexity of the human experience is utterly dead without the cross of Christ. Jesus was the hope of salvation in the times of old, and He is our hope of glory today!

We hope in Christ to reveal His love through us to our students. We will have fun doing weird, wild and crazy games! We will continue to serve those outside our church with acts of mercy and love. We will love one another as Christ loves the Church. **May every one of these activities glorify the sacrifice and power of Jesus Christ, and place Him at the center of our lives this fall.** Please pray for the students, and for our church to unite in this glorious purpose of our lives.

Much Love, Jonathan Mallard

Crew - Sr Hi	Sundays	4 -6pm
4:12 - Mid Hi	Sundays	6 - 7:30pm



"Fruits of the Spirit" Artwork

The "Fruits of the Spirit" artwork on the front cover was designed by Jim Shearer and reflects our sermon series during August on the fruits of the Spirit.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Communion 2 9am Education Hour 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL	Labor Day 3 CHURCH CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	4 9am Men's Fellowship Work 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7-10pm Young Women's Bible Study- YL 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm ALL Staff- SP 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
Christian Education Week/Rally Day 9 9am Rally Day Breakfast- MH, K 9:25am Adult Choir 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11:15am Rally Day Picnic- MH 3:30pm-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 4:30pm-5:00pm Handbell Choir- Sanct. 5:00-6:00pm Youth Choir - Rms 3A&B 6:00pm-7:30pm 4:12 Group 7:00pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	10 11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH 7-8pm Deacons- R12 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 7pm NAMI- NP 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR VISION	11 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9:30-11:30am Prayers & Squares 7-10pm Young Women's Bible Study- YL 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 6pm-6:45pm FISH Kickoff (dinner) M 6:45pm-8pm Classes- MH, NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Set up Communion 1 9-11am Rebekah Circle- NP 9-10:30am DNA- R16 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szc. Small grp- MH 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
5	10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP No B.B. Seniors (due to Picture Day) 5-9pm Picture Day- MH 6-7pm Personnel- SP 7:30-9pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	2:30-9pm Picture Day- MH NO OTHER ACTIVITIES IN MH TODAY	9:30am-4pm Picture Day- MH NO OTHER ACTIVITIES IN MH TODAY 10am-12pm BEOM Club- NP 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
12	10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite 7-8:30pm Grief Support- MH, N&SP, Lib. 7:30-9pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	6:30-9pm Game Night	9am PW Board- NP 9-10:30am DNA- R16 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szc. Small grp- MH 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
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Pictorial Directory

We are creating a new Pictorial Church Directory. *Sign-ups are available!* You can still sign up for your photo shoot by contacting the church office at (313) 274-1313.

- ◆ The photo shoot is FREE!
- ◆ You get a FREE 8X10 color photo!
- ◆ You get a FREE Photo Directory!

Time slots still available for:

~September 6, 7, 8 (Thurs, Fri, Sat)

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

We will resume our weekly class beginning Thursday, September 6, 2012 (10:00-11:30am) in the North Parlor. Each year, Presbyterian Women across the country take part in a new study published through the Presbyterian Women's magazine HORIZON'S. The studies are written for women by women Pastors. This year's study is authorized by Nancy Benson-Nicol who holds a masters of divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School. She has been associated with congregations in several states including Michigan (Ann Arbor). Currently she is a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Our study "Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles" focuses on letters from the New Testament written to provinces in Asia Minor, to specific individuals or to believers in general. We look forward to another exciting year of study. ~Lorraine Lamkin

Treasure Chest Rummage Sale Wed. & Thurs., October 3rd & 4th.

Help is needed to sort, mark, and sell all the stock we have in the store. You can also help by donating unwanted items such as clothing, jewelry, small electronics, house wares (no large appliances), linens, books, & knickknacks. Sign-up sheets will be available during the month of September. Please mark your calendars and plan to help. If you have questions, call Olimpia at (313)336-2772 or Patsy at (313)271-1719. You can also email Olimpia at olimpiatodor36@gmail.com.



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.**

Sunday Bulletin Announcements: Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to **Vicki** no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at vickid@firstpresdearborn.org. 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 to the Senior Pastor.

Notes from our Parish Nurse

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in America, affecting one in six men. The prostate is a walnut sized gland found only in males. It is located in front of the rectum and below the urinary bladder. The prostate's job is to make some of the fluid that protects and nourishes sperm cells in semen, making the semen more liquid

Who is most at risk of getting prostate cancer and why? There are several major factors that influence risk, some of them unfortunately cannot be changed.

Age - The older you are, the more likely you are to be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Although only 1 in 10,000 men under age 40 will be diagnosed, the rate shoots up to 1 in 38 for ages 40 to 59, and 1 in 15 for ages 60 to 69.

Race - African American men are 60% more likely to develop prostate cancer compared with Caucasian men and are nearly 2.5 times as likely to die from the disease.

Family history/genetics - A man with a father or brother who developed prostate cancer is twice as likely to develop the disease. This risk is further increased if the cancer was diagnosed in family members at a younger age (less than 55 years of age) or if it affected three or more family members.

Not everyone experiences symptoms of prostate cancer. Many times, signs of prostate cancer are first detected by a doctor during a routine check-up. Some men, however, will experience changes in urinary or sexual function that might indicate the presence of prostate cancer.

Symptoms include:

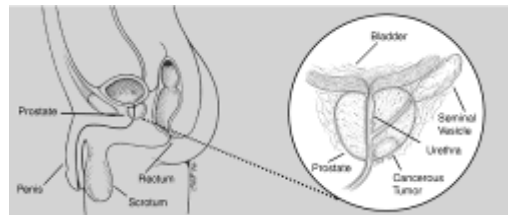
- a need to urinate frequently, especially at night
- difficulty starting urination or holding back urine
- weak or interrupted flow of urine
- painful or burning urination
- difficulty in having an erection
- painful ejaculation
- blood in urine or semen
- frequent pain or stiffness in the lower back, hips, or upper thighs.

If you have any of these symptoms, follow-up with your physician. In most cases, BPH, (Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy) a non-cancerous enlargement of prostate , an infection, or other health problems are the cause. But in the event it is prostate cancer, early detection is the best chance of a good outcome

In the past couple of years, there has been heated debate about whether or not men should be getting yearly PSA tests. And while there is still not consensus, among specialists, most agree that the simple test is worth doing.

“Cancer screening tests, including the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test to look for signs of prostate cancer, can be a good idea. Prostate cancer screening can help identify cancer early on, when treatment is most effective. And a normal PSA test, combined with a digital rectal exam, can help reassure you that it's unlikely you have prostate cancer. But getting a PSA test for prostate cancer may not be necessary for some men, especially men 75 and older.” (Mayo Clinic)

****info taken from American Cancer Society
& Prostate Cancer Foundation**



Our Church is a Polling Place!

Our church is now the new polling place for Dearborn voting precincts 31 & 32, formerly located in the Bryant Library. Please help the voters feel welcome on Tuesday, November 6th, the major Presidential Election... and please remember to vote.



Blood Drive ~ Monday, Sept. 17th 1:00 - 6:45pm

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



**American
Red Cross**

The need is constant.

The gratification is instant.

Please Give blood.

Schedule your appt at www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code **fpcdbn** or contact Jennifer 313-549-7044/Jennifer.Killewald@redcross.org {you may also sign up on our Bulletin Board outside Chris Mayer's office} ~ Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

AAUW (American Assoc. of University Women– Dearborn)

(AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research)

AAUW Book Sale ~ Thurs. thru Sat., Sept. 20 - 22.

The AAUW-Dearborn Branch will be holding their 61st annual used book sale, which provides scholarships to U-of-M Dearborn and HFCC, and financial support to community organizations, including Alternatives for Girls, Dearborn Community Fund, and First Step. The 2012 book sale will be held Thursday, Sept. 20th through Saturday, Sept. 22nd at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn.

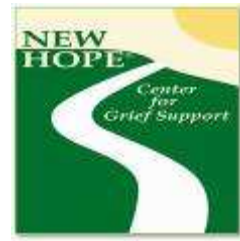


STEPHEN MINISTRY For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, life can be filled with painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but full of pain on the inside and the joy you long for seems far away, help is

available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Art Hughes (313)-383-2589) or Chris Mayer (313)-562-1943. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

From Grief to New Hope ~ Grief is a journey...that doesn't have to be taken alone.

- ◆ An 8-week grief support group (lecture & discussion series) for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
- ◆ Held at our church, Thursdays, 7-8:45pm, Sept 13th - Nov. 8th.
- ◆ For more information or to enroll, contact the church at (313) 274-1313.



Mission Sewing



You can sign up to donate articles needed by Mission Sewing for the various charities which our Presbytery supports. Forms are available in the Narthex during August and September. Please stop by and help us fill our quotas.

~ Yours in Christ, Olimpia Todor, Sewing Chair

CROP WALK~ Sunday Sept. 30th.

- ◆ At St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia on 27475 Five Mile Road just west of Inkster.
- ◆ Registration at 1:30pm and the walk starting at 2pm.
- ◆ To learn more, contact Joel Dehamer at (313) 565-0562 or jdehamer@wowway.com.



All Day Scrapbooking, Card Making & Craft Day

Saturday September 29th from 9am-9pm

Registration Fee (**Received AFTER 8/24/12**): \$50

Registration includes personal 8 ft. table space, breakfast, lunch and a delicious dinner. Consultants from different crafting vendors will be performing demonstrations throughout the day and offering scrapbook supplies for sale. We will also have raffle items!

All proceeds from the event will benefit the ChristNet program, a local rotating night shelter and permanent daytime shelter for the homeless, located in the downriver communities.

To register or for more info., please contact Jeni Cole at (313)792.8224 or jlcole71@att.net.



Thank You

A special 'thank you' to the following who played a vital role in making the first phase of our Picture Directory photo shoot such a success!

Steering Committee:

Nancy Barber Mary Ann Bassett Bob Brinton Mary Currie Lynn Hoffman

Volunteers:

Charlie Aronson Bunny Barr John Barr Caroline Bristol Fran Buckley Lynette Carlson Bob Carlson
Julia Casey Jane Currie Phoebe Hough Pat Knoop Dee LaPointe Chris Mayer
Carol McFadden Bob Missler Marsha Mistecki Margaret Ricards Deb Samuel
Tracie Szczechura Sue Young

*Thanks again for your dedication to our church family,
~ Ann Bleivik & Jim Barber*



Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. *John 17:3*

This passage from Jesus' High Priestly prayer describes eternal life for us as a relationship with God the Father and His Son. What does "eternal" mean, and what does it mean to 'know God'?

"Eternal Life" is a continuing theme in John's Gospel (John 3:15-16, 36; 6:47; 10:28), as a free gift to those who believe in God's Son; this means that those God calls and justifies receive eternal life upon accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior. The word for 'eternal' implies both duration and quality. All human souls will exist somewhere forever. Those in Christ will live in a personal relationship with Divinity; those rejecting Christ will exist apart from God and his people (2 Thess. 1:9).

The qualities of eternal life in relationship with Divinity result in an enlightened, joyful, and fulfilled life. As we seek to obey Christ's Great Commandment to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Matt 22:37-40), we prepare for eternal life and enjoy a taste of it here and now!

To know God means much more than knowing about God, but we start there. We have a natural awareness of God which, if we are open to it, leads us to apprehend and seek God. Through Scripture, we improve our understanding of God and apply that knowledge to our lives with prayer and obedience. As a result, we become closer to God, and we worship Him in reverence and thank Him for our blessings. The Greek word used here for 'know' is used in the Bible to describe intimate knowledge, such as in marriage. To 'know God' in 'eternal life' therefore, is to spend eternity in an intimate and loving relationship with God and His people, fulfilling the purpose of our creation.

~John Holden

Lost & Found

We have an abundance of lost & found items (coats, umbrellas, etc.) in the coat rooms. Please claim your items, otherwise, they will be donated to Treasure Chest.

Craft Show - coming soon!



The Presbyterian Women are having a vendor/craft show on **Sat., November 17th at 10am in Mitchell Hall.** Crafters and vendors are needed! If you are interested, contact Charlene Reid at (313)608-9552 or CTReid@aol.com.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS ANNOUNCEMENT

WE NEED YOU!

To help deliver meals to shut-in elderly residents of our community in our nutrition (Meals-On-Wheels) program.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN THIS WORTHWHILE
ACTIVITY, PLEASE CALL ~ 943-2009**

September Birthdays



09/01: Jane Currie
09/02: Diane Perkovich, Drew Schwartz
09/03: Nathan Barranger
09/05: Jose Brailsford, Michael Barber
09/06: Jewell Dean, Linda Hall,
Jon Joachim
09/07: Lynn Hoffman, Lori Mathews,
Marion Westby
09/08: Gertrude Kohn, Nancy Badore,
Bill Kennedy
09/09: Johanna Bolash, Michael Hoffman,
Callie Wyatt
09/10: Bud Cashwell
09/11: Reymond Sullivan
09/13: Lutz Reiter, Karen Fink,
Lucas Wyatt, Elissa Hoffman
09/16: Gary White, Irene Watts
09/20: Sharon Laura, Beth Ehrenberg,
Chris Martin
09/21: Jean Johnston, Phoebe Hough
09/24: Betty Brown
09/25: Marie Shearer, Kelsey Knoop
09/27: Beverly Fisher, Megan Hemp
09/29: Dick Smith, Doris Matthews,
Robert Miller, Geoffrey Dicks
09/30: Eugene Smith, Richard Klepinger

'Book of the Every Other Month' Discussion Group

The Book of the Every Other Month Club begins Sept. 8th. We will be discussing the Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne Collins. See you at 10:00am.



Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

September 2 / - Communion, *Young Adults*
September 9 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
September 16 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
September 23 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
September 30 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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