



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
September 2013 Newsletter



Rally Day!

Sunday, Sept. 8th

9:00am ~ Mitchell Hall
(*Light Breakfast served*)

Join our fall kick-off to learn more about:

- ◆ Sunday classes on The Beatitudes as coordinated with morning worship.
- ◆ Discipleship in our relationships.
- ◆ Wed. evening FISH programs.

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Sunday, Sept. 15th

Help us be better prepared by participating in this important after-worship drill.

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Scrapbooking, Card Making & Craft Day



Saturday Sept. 21st, 2013
from 9am-9pm

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Listening' Sessions



Join us in September as we envision our future by participating in small group 'listening' sessions.

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Pipe Organ Concert with

Dr. David Wagner

Sunday, September 22nd
at 3pm in the Sanctuary



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**Pray for Christians in the
Middle East. They are in
danger.**

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Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rally Day

Our new programmatic year begins Sept 8, 2013, **Rally Day**. We will begin the day with a light breakfast in Mitchell Hall at 9am. We will introduce the teachers/leaders for this fall's classes and give you a brief description of the classes.

All of our Sunday morning classes will be focusing on the Beatitudes this fall, following the same theme/schedule as the morning worship services.

Come and kick off the year with a wonderful morning.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

We will offer one large class this fall, **To Be a Blessing**. Using the Beatitudes as found in Matthew 5, we will explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and how we are to live in Him. True disciples of our Lord are blessed and can then become a blessing to others, our church, our community, and our world. This study in discipleship will help each of us grow in our relationships with the Lord and with others and will then help each of us be able to share His gospel and serve others more effectively.

Join us on Rally Day at 9am in Mitchell Hall as we introduce this study. We will have a schedule available for all.

FISH

FISH, our weekly Wednesday evening educational opportunity, begins on Sept. 11th. Dinner will be at 6pm, followed by classes at 6:45 til 8:00 Our adult class will be **Who Do You Think That You Are? – Finding Your Identity in Christ**, led by Mike Hoffman. This Mark Driscoll video series explores what it means to be children of God, made in His image, and defined by His view of us. A second adult class will be offered this fall – **Grief Share**. Led by Parish Nurse, Chris Mayer, this class helps those who have lost a loved one find comfort in sharing with others who are also grieving. Please see Chris for more information

Step by Step Verses

We did it! We focused on 100 verses over the last 2 years. I hope you took the opportunity to memorize (or at least learn and reflect upon) many of those verses. Knowing God's Word helps us deal with the issues of the world in our daily lives. I pray that you have been blessed by these verses.

Women's Retreat

Our annual Women's Retreat will be Saturday, Oct. 19th in Mitchell Hall. Our scripture focus this year will be the relationship of Naomi and Ruth. And of course we will have wonderful food, lots of laughs, great afternoon centers, and joyous fellowship. Please mark your calendars for Oct. 19th from 9am to 4pm.

Small Groups

We would like to start a couple of new small groups this year. These would be groups that would meet monthly, bi-monthly or weekly (to be determined by the group) in order to encourage and support one another. With all of life's busyness and craziness, it is a blessing to have a group of Christians who encourage each other, pray for each other, laugh and cry with each other, and seek to draw close to Jesus. Please contact Jane Dearth, Ann Phillips, Dave Bleivik or Ann Bleivik if you would be interested in joining a small group.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

"Envisioning Our Future"

(Small Group 'Listening' Sessions)



Beginning in September you will have the opportunity to attend one of a number of small group listening sessions to be hosted by church leaders and other volunteers at their homes or here at church. The purpose of these sessions is to provide your church leadership and staff an opportunity to gather your input on three questions listed below as we envision the future of First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn.

These sessions will begin in mid September and will continue into October or until we have had a chance to accommodate all who wish to attend. Invitations will be sent out to you at least two weeks before the session you will be invited to and you will have the option to attend that session, attend at a later date or decline to attend.

Three questions will be posed to the small group of 10-12 people at each session and we hope to get your individual feedback on all three. After each meeting, the information gathered will be given to the appropriate committee or staff to develop a response so that you can receive feedback on your comments.

The questions to be asked are.....

1. How have you been blessed at our church?
2. How can we serve you better?
3. I wish that...

Please consider this as a chance to share your thoughts about these three topics with your church leadership and staff. We sincerely hope you will join us in this opportunity to share information and improve how this church can best serve its membership, our world, and most importantly our Father in Heaven.

May God richly bless you and your family this coming year as we continue to serve His world.

~The Envisioning Our Future Task Force



Financially Speaking

Finances are always difficult during the summer months, and your continued giving during this period will be greatly appreciated and will help us immensely.

Please pray for our finances.

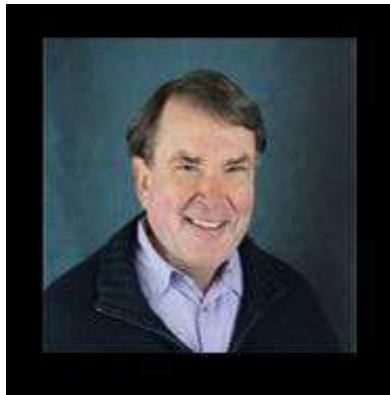
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Pipe Organ Concert

with

Dr. David Wagner

Sunday Sept. 22nd at 3pm in the Sanctuary



Dr. David Wagner

Greetings to the good people of First Pres:

It is my honor to invite you to a pipe organ concert by my friend and colleague Dr David Wagner on Sunday 9/22 at 3PM in our sanctuary.

David studied at UM with Dr Marilyn Mason (also one of my teachers), who dedicated our Aeolian Skinner Organ in 1964, and still speaks highly of it. In addition to his concert work David Wagner is also a well known local radio personality on WRCJ FM 90.9 ('Classical days, Jazzy nights') in Detroit. David will be playing a program appealing to all, including works by JS Bach, William Mathias and 'Prayer' by Cesar Franck.

A reception sponsored by our Choir will follow. This concert is free and open to all, please spread this good news.

*Timothy Huth
Organist, First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn*

Card Ministry Begins

The Card Ministry will begin meeting again on Monday, Sept. 9th, at 7:00pm in Room 14. We meet the first Monday of each month to make cards for the deacons to send to our homebound, sick, or grieving... and sometimes just a friendly 'thinking of you' to someone going through tough times. We welcome any who may wish to join us. No experience necessary. We'll teach you.



Children's Ministry

Fall Class Line-up: Fall is here, and we've got a great line-up of classes and teachers. Come for kick-off Sunday on September 8. Your kids can connect with their teachers and learn about the year's activities. Following the whole-church plan, we'll start off with the Beatitudes in the fall.



At our **Wednesday Night family program**, we'll continue our voyage through the Narnia series. This year, we read the Silver Chair. We'll follow the story, week by week. We'll interact with the themes through art, play, music and food. We'll explore scriptural principles contained in the story, and we'll memorize scripture each week. This is a multi-aged class. Our ages range from elementary through mid-high, but all (including parents) are welcome.

Sunday Kids Choir and Kids/Youth handbells continue this year, at 3:30-4:30 and 4:30-5:00 respectively. If you're in grade k-5, come check us out!

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

CHURCH – WIDE FIRE DRILL

Sunday, Sept. 15th

At the end of the morning worship service

In order to help everyone know what to do if the fire alarm goes off, we will hold a fire drill at the end of worship on Sunday, Sept. 15th. This will help the ushers, the nursery personnel, and the children's church leaders know specifically how they are to lead people out of the building to safety and where to gather outside.

We also want parents to realize that during a building evacuation, they are to go straight out of the building and meet their children at the designated spot on the lawn. We do not want parents going upstairs to get their children, putting themselves at risk. By the time parents could get upstairs, the children will have already evacuated the building.

This fire drill is part of our Emergency Response Plan, helping all of us be better prepared to deal with emergencies in our building that may arise Thank you for your cooperation!

Prayer Alert!

Pray for Christians in Egypt and Lebanon. Imagine if you had to risk your life to worship on Sunday. This is only part of what they face. WATCH and PRAY.

~ Pastor Dave

Music Corner



September is upon us! We're looking forward to another wonderful church and choir year!

Adult Choir

Rally Day is Sunday September 8th. Adult choir will be singing that Sunday. The Adult Choir's first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 4th. All are welcome to the Adult Choir. No auditions, just show up with a love of singing! Rehearsals are at 7:00pm.

Children's and Youth Choirs

All of our Children's and Youth Choirs begin on Sunday, September 15th. Children's Choir is at 3:30, Handbell Choir is at 4:30 and Youth Choir is at 5:00pm. Children's Choir is open to all from Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Youth Choir is open to all from 6th through 12th grade. Handbell Choir is open to all from both Children and Youth Choirs.

Dave Wagner in Organ Concert

We also are starting off this music year with a bang by having David Wagner, well known organist, professor and Radio personality from WRCJ, play a recital on our outstanding Aeolian Skinner organ on Sunday afternoon, September 22nd at 3:00pm. A freewill offering will be taken for our organ renovation fund. Invite your friends and plan to be there for this fun and entertaining afternoon with Dave Wagner.

A Festival of Hymns

On Sunday, October 13th, our adult and youth choirs will be participating in *A Festival of Hymns* by Hal Hopson, with 4 other area churches at St. Paul's Lutheran Church here in Dearborn. As St. Paul's rededicates their organ after repairs and upgrades, we look forward to joining them in singing this concert of great hymns of the faith. I encourage all of you to attend!

If you have any questions about our music program, or would like to get involved, just come to a rehearsal or see me!

Looking forward to the fall!

~Marshall Dicks, Director of Music

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 from April 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 2013 book sale will be held Thursday, Sept. 19th through Saturday, Sept. 21st at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn.

Emergency Contact Forms

Emergency Contact Forms are now available in the Narthex. If you would like the church to have contact information on file for you in the event of an emergency, we encourage you to fill out the form and turn it in to Vicki Davidson, Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor. ~Thank You.

Musings from Pastor Mike - September 2013

Pastoral Duties: I was blessed to be able to preach twice in August and help prepare the Young Adults for planning/writing/running the entire worship service on September 1st. We all have been stretched in a number of ways and continue to grow and transform as teachers, preachers, artists, musicians, speakers, and writers. Holding to the truth, but speaking it in love, seems to be the most challenging action that many who are passionate about their faith have to develop and mature in. I pray that the Holy Spirit keeps working in us all to use our spiritual gifts as God spoke through Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. I continue to mentor 3 young men who are growing in maturity on a weekly basis and am developing a mentoring program to help train others to be able to utilize this valuable skill.

Young Adult Ministries: We have finally finished tweaking the calendar for Converge Young Adult Ministries. We have a number of new, educational, Christian video kits ordered that are taught by the nation's most influential and theologically sound young pastors. Converge will spend 3 weeks a month utilizing these new kits and one weekend a month doing missional activities at church, in Detroit, out-of-state, and of course, our international GrouPeru! Mission trip. We are working to integrate ourselves into the events of FPC (such as ChristNet, Noel, Community Corn & Brat Roast Concert) as well as other local Christian-based activities. We thank Laura Mallard for her stint as Converge cook and wish her well in her new, full-time job as teacher, as we welcome "Converge regular" Georganne Semeniuk as cook-in-training. To be financially sound, we have reduced meals and cooking salary to twice a month with once a month being a "cook-off" supplied by Converge attendees, and once a month a missional activity off-site that all will chip-in, as they are able, for Hot & Ready pizzas. Converge Landscaping activities have wound-down for this year, as most everyone is gainfully employed, praise God! My office-buddy Jonathan continues to hone Converge's Discipleship Program using small groups, Bible Studies and one-on-ones (see his article for more details).

Fish and Sunday Morning Education: You will see me offering more classes to adults of ALL ages. I plan to teach Mark Driscoll's *Who Do You Think That You Are? – Finding Your Identity in Christ* video/discussion format at FISH and have developed a Sunday morning class that will focus on the Beatitudes, Essential Truths of the Christian Faith (R.C. Sproul), and special topics. This Sunday morning class will be for H.S. Seniors, Young Adults, and members of Session to promote a healthy exchange of discussion as well as inter-generational fellowship.

GrouPeru! '14: We are preparing for a season of fund-raisers to send off a group of young adult, and adult missionaries from FPC and the metro area to once again return to help the rescued street boys of Peru. We will leave the middle of June and return by the end of June (2 full weeks). Now is the time to make a commitment and begin to lower the price that you will pay out-of-pocket. Contact me at pastormike929@gmail.com or 313.213.8319 (cell) for additional information. Come experience rice and chicken (daily), cold showers, shanty town water hand-out, hard labor, daily devotions, trash river, international/hometown relationships, and Jesus, all rolled into an experience that will change your life forever!

Thank you again to our congregation and friends and all their support for all our fund raisers. The Community Corn & Brat Roast Concert was a blast and a great day of fellowship! A special thank you to Bob Brinton for supplying the corn and watermelon, The Regenerate Brethren and tech team of Brian and Chris for a great concert, Chris Masouredis and my wife Lynn for all of the food preparation on Saturday, and the GrouPeru! '13 Team and Laura for cooking and serving on Sunday. What a blessing this family of faith is!

~God's Peace, Pastor Mike

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Presbyterian Women's Bible study begins on Thursday, September 12, 2013, North Parlor (10:00-11:30a.m.). Our Fall-Winter study is based in the Old Testament (Exodus/Deuteronomy). Study guides will be available at the first session (\$8.00). Studying the experiences of the Hebrews can teach us about our own relationship with God. How an ever-present God delivers us during the "difficult" times and brings us to a "new" place in our "journey" of faith..~Lorraine Lamkin

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Communion 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary	Labor Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	10:00am Stephens-Currie- R12 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12:00pm ALL Staff- SP 7:00pm-9:00pm Outreach & Missions 7:00pm-9:00pm Adult Choir- Sanct.,
Christian Education Week begins Rally Day 9:00am Rally Day Breakfast- MH, K 9:25am Adult Choir 9:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary 3:00pm-4:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 6:00pm-7:30pm Daisy Troop-R16, R12 7:00pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	11:30am-2:00pm Garden Club- MH 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7:00pm-8:00pm Deacons- R12 7:00pm-9:00pm Greeting Card- R14 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop- YC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH DEADLINE FOR VISION	10:00am-4:00pm Treasure Chest 6-6:45pm FISH Kickoff (dinner) MH 6:45-8pm Classes MH, NP 6:45-8pm Grief Share- SP 7:00pm-9:00pm Adult Choir- Sanct.,
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18 - SP Turco	10-11am POD Cong. Life- SP 10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP	19 11am-7pm Scrapbook Event setup- MH, K	20 International Day of Peace 9am PW Board- NP 9am-9pm Scrapbook Event- MH, K 6-10pm Converge- K, YL, YC, 2A
25 Turco	10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 5:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Council- MH, Kit., NP, SP	26 6-9pm Baby Shower setup- MH, K	27 9-10:30am DNA- R16 10am-2pm Baby Shower- MH, K 6-10pm Converge- K, YL, YC, 2A
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Student and Discipleship Ministries Report

Jonathan Mallard, Director of Student Ministries & Converge Discipleship Coordinator



We, the Church, are the temple of God. I've been keenly aware lately of how God has shown himself strong by bringing unity in First Presbyterian's fellowship and maturity in the students' lives. After two years of being the director of student ministries, it is so exciting to see lives transformed by Jesus! Each week, month and year more "living stones" are added to our spiritual house as we grow in Christ. The summer season has been fruitful with VBS, 5Days Camp, Laura and I getting married, and growing small groups for the young adults. All this leaves me expectant for God to move powerfully in the 2013-14 school year! So what's next?

We have a tight-knit group of high school seniors that are preparing to leave for college next year. I will meet with them for group discipleship to make sure they're ready for the college life. Please pray specifically for the seniors to experience God in their devotional lives this year. It is by experiencing Jesus personally that they will prioritize their faith as adults.

The 6th-10th grade students will again meet on a weekly basis for games, Bible discussion, and hands-on activities to help them truly become brothers and sisters in Christ. Older students will have opportunities to lead small group discussions and activities to grow in leadership capabilities and confidence in their faith. We are also planning a fall lock-in and other special events for the students to bond and grow spiritually. Please pray that the 6th-10th grade students feel at home in youth group and recognize their identities as loved children of God!

We currently have five small groups for young adults in addition to the Saturday night Converge program. These include Bible study, prayer, worship, and fellowship in different forms to meet their needs. Praise God for the growth and relationships that have formed over the past year and a half! Please pray for the leaders who disciple their peers as they follow Christ together. Many young adults need prayer for employment, life direction, confidence in their faith, and a solid relationship with the rest of their home church.

I encourage you to look for ways to connect with the youth and young adults in your life. We have a generation in need of spiritual mothers, fathers and "older cousins" to walk with them in becoming men and women of God. As we prayerfully serve together as a church family we will truly be "built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." – Ephesians 2:22

God Bless You, Jonathan Mallard



You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor. *Exodus 20:17; Deut. 5:21*

These texts list house, wife, servants, animals, and “anything that belongs to your neighbor.” The Exodus version emphasizes house, (which could mean household), while the Deuteronomy version emphasizes wife and the “setting of your desire.”

Obeying the Tenth Commandment protects us from many sins. It does not deal with specific acts, but it restrains our sinful hearts (*Matt 15:19*) which lead us into sinful acts (*James 1:14, 15*). Jesus emphasizes this in the Sermon on the Mount where He condemns our sinful desires (*Matt 5:21-23; 27-28*).

Coveting displays our dissatisfaction with God’s provision. It focuses our envy onto what our neighbor possesses, so we resent God’s grace to our neighbor while forgetting God’s grace to us. Thus we tend to resent our neighbor (whom we are to love) and his good fortune. This can lead us to sin against our neighbor, doing such things as hatred, murder, adultery, stealing, and lying (Commandments 6, 7, 8, and 9). Coveting feeds our selfishness which weakens our spiritual life. Covetous people break God’s Commandments to satisfy their covetous desires.

Coveting exposes sin. Paul saw his own sin in his tendency to covet (*Rom. 7:7-13*). He learned to be content in all circumstances (*Phil 4:11, 12*).

We are called to love our neighbor (*Matt. 22:37-40*). Covetousness makes that very difficult; to love, we must be born again (*John 3:3 - 7*) and become new people in Christ (*2 Cor. 5:17, 21*).

~God bless, John Holden

Thanks from GrouPeru!

Thank you to our congregation and community for all your support and attendance at the Community Corn & Brat Roast Concert this past month. A special thank you to Bob & Carol Brinton for donating the 120 ears of corn and 6 water melon and Bob & Diane Missler for the use of his propane grill. Thank you to all who made monetary donations beyond the suggested donation price. Thank you to the Regenerate Brethren (Mike Pierfederici, John Semeniuk, Dan Saylor, and Lewis and Steven Britz) and tech team of Brian Mayer and Chris Masouredis for a great musical offering.



Thanks to the 17 young adults from Converge who played, served, and attended. Thank you Lynn Hoffman, Anne Witkowski, David Carlson, Laura Mallard, Chris Masouredis & Wendy Palmer for all your help in preparing on Saturday and cooking, serving, and cleaning up on Sunday. Thank you to Converge Young Adults for supplying much of the food for the event, with extra food taken to our own homebound singles and couples, as well as a generous donation to the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. We called for the Spirit to move and move it did! – Pastor Mike

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.

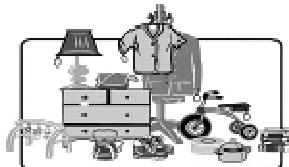
Our Vision is the monthly newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Articles are to be turned in to the office or emailed to Jim Barber at jimb@firstpresdearborn.org no later than the **10th** of the month. Please date your articles & **keep them brief - one page or less**. **Longer articles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

Noteworthy

- ◆ We have plenty of photo directories if anyone wants one. They are \$5 each. (That is what Lifetouch charges us). Please see Jim Barber or Ann Bleivik if you would like to purchase one.
- ◆ Game Night will resume on Friday, September 13th, at 6:30pm in the North Parlor.
- ◆ Ann Bleivik & Jane Mykytenko are interested in building up our costume supply for our upcoming productions. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ann at the church or Jane at 313-657-2776.
- ◆ Jane Lewy-Mykytenko is thinking of starting a music studio. If you are interested in voice or piano lessons for child or adult, please contact Jane @ 313-657-2776.

SILENT AUCTION ALERT

We have a Silent Auction during the upcoming Treasure Chest Rummage Sale the first week of October... When you are clearing your house and find something special you no longer desire- please consider the Silent Auction. Items may be brought to church marked "Silent Auction" at your convenience. See Wendy.



Rummage Sale

Thank You

Mission Sewing



Mission Sewing is a ministry of Presbyterian Women. Once a year we ask our congregation to donate articles which are needed by various charities which are chosen by the PW board. We will be out in the narthex every Sunday. Look for us and please sign up for one (or more) items. These will be distributed to the charities in October. In March of this year some of our women got together to hem baby blankets and to construct adult bibs. Some of our women have been knitting baby hats and preemie blankets. There are many more articles needed which we cannot do in-house so they must be purchased. Please help in whatever way you can. If you have any questions please call or e-mail me. 336-2772 olimpiatodor36@gmail.com.

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!

GriefShare- A FREE 14-week Christ-centered support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. **Classes begin Wed., September 11th & meet every Wednesday (except Nov. 27th) through December 18th from 6:45-8pm in the south parlor.** For more info., go to www.griefshare.org or see Chris Mayer. If you would like to register, call the church office at (313)274-1313.



CROP WALK~ Sunday Oct. 6th

The 2013 Dearborn-Dearborn Heights CROP Hunger Walk (CHW) is once again combining with the Livonia-Garden City CHW. The CHW will be at Rosedale Presbyterian Church in Livonia on 9601 Hubbard St, Livonia, MI (at Hubbard and West Chicago) and will take place on October 6, 2013 with 1:30pm registration and the Walk starting at 2:00pm. As usual 25% of the funds raised by Dearborn-Dearborn Heights will be sent to the usual local charities: **Christian Council of Metro Detroit** (meals for shut-ins), **Covenant House**, **Cross Roads**, **Manna Meals**, and **St. Leo's Soup Kitchen**.

If you would like to participate in the 2013 CHW or make a contribution, please let me know. **I will be available in the narthex before and after the service, or my number is (248) 443-8560 (weekdays) or (313) 565-0562 (nights and weekends) and my e-mail address is jdehamer@wowway.com.**

Thank-you for supporting the 2013 CROP Hunger Walk.

Joel DeHamer

All Day Scrapbooking, Card Making & Craft Day

Saturday September 21st from 9am-9pm

Registration Fee: \$40



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

**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.



Emergency Response Plan Task Force

The Emergency Response Plan Task Force has completed the first draft of a plan to make our facility a safe and secure environment for worship and ministry.

We have enhanced our building and personnel security with classroom bolts, and office windows. Curtains for inside classroom windows are on a "hoped for" list as funds become available. Establishing procedures and timeframes for doors to be locked during various activities (thereby limiting access to the whole building) is in progress.

Chris Mayer is being trained as a "trainer" in CPR and first aid so she can hold training events here at the church periodically, keeping our knowledge and skills up to date. Training events will be held this fall. More information to come.

We are creating a panic/alert system for usage between the ushers and children's leaders on Sundays, and between the office, staff, daytime user groups and Treasure Chest during the week

Evacuation signs are being created and posted for each room in the building that will direct people how best to evacuate the room (assuming the fire/smoke/problem is not in their way) and where to assemble outside. These should be in place this month.

We will hold specific training for all the ushers as we have increased their responsibilities for emergency response.

We will hold an all-church fire drill on Sunday, Sept. 15th at the end of worship to practice our evacuation plan for the whole building and to help our ushers, children's leaders, parents, and worship attendees know what to do and where to go safely.

We will ask each user group in the church in Sept. to give us 15 minutes of their meeting time in order for us to share those portions of the Emergency Response Plan that apply to their group.

Please see Bob Missler, Jim Barber, Mark Dearth or Ann Bleivik if you have any questions or suggestions. Thanks.



I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers. I am grateful to be on the mend thanks to all your positive support.

Sincerely, Andre Mykytenko

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."*



Our sincere condolences to:

The family and friends of Bertha Heltzel who passed away August 8th.

The family and friends of Sherry Brotherton who passed away August 10th.

Long-time member, Don Martin who recently lost his father.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

September Birthdays



- 09/01: Jane Currie
- 09/02: Diane Perkovich, Drew Schwartz
- 09/03: Nathan Barranger
- 09/05: Jose Brailsford
- 09/06: Jewell Dean, Linda Hall
- 09/07: Lynn Hoffman, Marion Westby
- 09/08: 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, Chad Hanson
- 09/25: Marie Shearer, Kelsey Knoop
- 09/27: Beverly Fisher, Megan Hemp
- 09/28: Andrea Hanson, Leah Behrens
- 09/29: Dick Smith, Doris Matthews, Robert Miller, Geoffrey Dicks, Laura Mallard
- 09/30: Eugene Smith, Richard Klepinger

Physical & Spiritual Fitness, Fellowship & Fun!

Would you be interested in a 45 minute stretching exercising session followed by a 15 minute devotional? I am planning to have a Tuesday morning session and possibly an evening session if there is interest.

If you would be interested, please contact Jane Lewy-Mykytenko for details: 313-657-2776 or janeel39@hotmail.com



**Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 am**

- September 1 / - Communion, Young Adults**
- September 8 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**
- September 15 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**
- September 22 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**
- September 29 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**

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Are you praying for Vision?
Pastor Dave