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to God's love

# Our Vision

## The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

### October 2014 Newsletter



WORLD  
COMMUNION  
Sunday,  
Oct. 5th

### RUMMAGE SALE & SILENT AUCTION



Fri., Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-6pm  
Sat, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm

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### Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
"Learn how God walks with us."  
*Ann Bleivik, Bible teacher.*

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### Saturday Night Alive!

Contemporary  
Praise & Prayer

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm

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### Make Believe Halloween Extravaganza!

Pumpkin Carving—Sunday, Oct. 26, 4–6pm  
Trunk or Treat—Fri. Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30pm

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*Let us thank God for providing for our financial needs.*

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### **THANK GOD AND THANK YOU!**

I was so blessed Sunday to see the enthusiasm with which you came to give your Faith Opportunity Offering. I saw people ready to give joyfully. Imagine that, cheerful givers!!! When I presented you with the faith opportunity, my major goal was for you to grow in faith. Sure we needed the money, but your growing in faith was and is so much more important. When I saw your faithful response, I praised the Lord. I did not know how much had been given until the next day. We received with the matching funds about one hundred thousand dollars. Praise the Lord! Please seek other areas of your life to joyfully grow in faith. Remember that "Again and Again Faith" is where we remain faithful in our commitments and seek even small ways to grow in the Lord again and again.

~ *Pastor Dave*

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### **Pastor Mike Hoffman, CRE & Educational Coordinator**

Christian Education in its best form focuses on the result. Our church helps individuals know what it means to be a Christian, guides people to tell God's story in relation to their own story, and prepares members to hear God's call to go and serve. Our congregation helps learners hunger for faith-filled conversations around Scripture and transform into people of faithful action. Our parents promise to be the child's spiritual teacher; our teachers live their passion for the Bible; our pastors build up the Body of Christ; and our congregation provides a community for people to practice and grow. This is why our Christian Education Committee and staff want to encourage our entire congregation to become plugged into Christian Education. We offer adult, teen, and children's classes each Sunday morning from 8:45/9:00 AM until near 10 AM, Sunday afternoon youth groups from 3-4:30 PM, a Wednesday evening class for adults and a kid/teen's class, Men's and Woman's retreats, and various Bible studies/small groups during the week.

#### **Sunday Morning**

Adults: *Revelation Bible Study/Discussion* in the N. Parlor, Main Level, 9-9:50 AM & *Parenting Class* in room 12 Upper Level, 9-9:50 AM.

Teens: *Confirmation Class* in the Youth Lounge, Lower Level, 8:45-9:55 AM & *High School Class* in the Stage Balcony, Main Level, 9-9:50 AM.

Children: Sunday School Classes in various Upper Level rooms, 9-9:50 AM & Infant/Pre-School: Nursery, Upper Level, 9-9:50 AM & 9:50-11:15 AM

#### **Sunday Afternoon**

Middle School & High School Teens: *4:12 Youth Groups*, Lower Level Youth Lounge, 3-4:30 PM.

#### **Wednesday Evening**

Adults/Teens/Children: *FISH*, hot dinner & cool Fellowship, Mitchell Hall, 6-6:45 PM, \$6 donation.

Adult Class: *The Good and Beautiful God – Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows*, N. Parlor, 6:45-8 PM & Kids/Teens: *C.S. Lewis' Narnia Series: The Boy and His Horse*, 6:45-8 PM.

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** – All-Day Women's Retreat. Call 313.274.1313 to register.

**Friday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> , 5:30 -9 PM and Saturday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-12 Noon** – Men's Retreat. Call 313.274.1313 to register.

**Various Days and Times during the Week** – Adult Small Groups and Bible Studies. Call Pastor Mike at church: 313.274.1313. extension 14, home: 313.562.5961, or cell at 313.213.8319.

## Children's Ministry

**Welcome to fall!** I hope the new school year is going well for you and yours.

Our **children's programs** are in full swing! Your children are invited to join both Sunday School and FISH at any time. Sunday school is on Sunday mornings before Worship at 9:00 AM. We'll be covering a variety of topics with Bible, music, games, art, etc. Bring your kids to Sunday school, and you can attend an adult class as well!



Children's  
Education

Our **FISH class** is on Wednesday evenings. We're reading the Horse and His Boy together. We tie in Christian themes with Bible memory, games, cooking, art and so on. You can come at 6:00 for dinner (with a suggested donation), or you can arrive at 6:45 for class. We're only a few chapters in so far!

By the way, parents, if you've always wanted to sing in **choir**, feel free to bring your kids to FISH, and stay for just the first part of choir rehearsal, then you can get your family home and to bed. (Speaking of music, check out the music section of this newsletter for children and youth musical ensembles).

**Third Grade Bibles:** Please confirm with me if your child is in third grade. We'll be passing out Bibles this fall, and I don't want to miss anyone!

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Director

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## 4:12 – Walking with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark



Two years ago, First Presbyterian studied the Gospel of Mark through Pastor Dave's sermons and the Lenten reflections. I was powerfully impacted by the ACTIONS of Jesus, and understanding why Jesus did the specific things he chose to do. By taking our own journey through the Gospel of Mark, 4:12 is growing this year in our vision to "set the example for all believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity (1 Timothy 4:12)". Each week we ask, "What is God saying to me through His word? What will I do to obey Jesus as my Brother and King?" God is speaking, and His Word will transform us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Weekly worship music at youth group, separate discussion groups for middle school and high school, and diverse activities planned by parent volunteers are also new this year. Lastly, confirmands will meet their sponsors this month. Please pray that confirmands would form a rock-solid faith in Jesus, and feel like an integral part of our church family. Pray for all our students, musicians, and leaders as we seek to imitate Christ in all we do, to the glory of Jesus' name. Thank you.

Grace and Peace, Jonathan Mallard  
Director of Student Ministries  
Converge Discipleship Coordinator



## *Women's Retreat*

### *Where Women Walk with God*

Just as we see the seasons in nature and how God is at work in all, we women have different seasons of our lives. Come to the women's retreat to learn and share how God walks with us and uses us through all of our stages. Find the peace of God in your garden. See you Saturday, Oct. 25th, for faith, fun, and fellowship. 9am - 4pm at FPCD. *Ann Bleivik, Bible teacher.*

## **Treasure Chest**

### *Rummage Sale & Silent Auction*

This year's Rummage Sale and Silent Auction will be held Fri. Oct 10<sup>th</sup> (10am-6pm) and Sat. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> (10am-2pm). We have bargains galore! Please tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives about our sale.

**The Treasure Chest Thanks You!**



*Fri., Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-6pm*

*Sat., Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm*



### **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study**

All Presbyterian Women are encouraged to join us in Bible study and discussion (Thursdays, 10-11:30am in the North Parlor) led by Charlie and Jane. The Horizons Bible study is **Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians**. The Horizons Bible Study book will be available to all participants. ~Jane Lewy

Following is a letter from one of the AmeriCorps volunteers who were housed at our church as they helped clean up flooded homes.

*To The Church,*

*Thank you all for the warmth and hospitality during our stay. The church is absolutely breathtaking. Although I couldn't meet everyone, the ones I did meet and see on occasion were some of the nicest people.*



*Thank you Ken. You made the nights more Rockin' when you were here; also, thanks for lending us your gameboy. You definitely have a fun history. I loved hearing about it.*

*Thank you Chris, the lady from Game Night. The soda and cake pieces lent to a fun Game Night downstairs. The Apples to Apples game was a success. I'd like to give the "Words with Friends" game to you. It's basically Scrabble.*

*Also to Jim, Bob, and Dave. Thank you for opening your door for us. Hopefully we weren't much of a bother.*

*So a statistic I would like to share: The work all six AmeriCorps teams did over the three weeks of being in Detroit- We helped 100 homes exactly. The city hired contractors as well, who finished 75 houses in the same amount of time and the city paid them \$275,000. AmeriCorps NCCC partnered with ICNA (Islamic Circle of North America) Relief USA and Nechama (Jewish response to disaster) to provide homeowners and the city the same service without the price. We saved more than a quarter millions dollars. Thank you all for helping us get there!*

*~ Mitchel Duran  
AmeriCorps NCCC member*



It's easy to take our pastors for granted, not noticing the amount of work that goes into their everyday ministry. [In addition to preaching] they visit the sick, counsel the struggling, take the lead point on countless church ministries, and in many cases manage staff and tend to the countless little details that keep our churches running smoothly... this month is a *great* time to express your gratitude to, and support for, the pastors and church leaders in your life.

Source: Bible Gateway Blog ([www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com))- posted by Andy.



## Music Corner

Welcome to Fall! October is upon us, and our music programs are in full swing. I would like to focus on one ministry in this column this month: The Adult Choir.

The Adult Choir is a fantastic group of people who come together to sing and have fun. We work to learn music that we hope will bless the congregation and bring glory to God on a weekly basis. We enjoy each other's fellowship and have a great time visiting and singing and preparing music.

Here's the rub. WE NEED MORE SINGERS! There are NO auditions. If you like to sing, you are welcome to join us. If you have to miss some rehearsals, that's O.K. We know that schedules are crazy, and that things pop up. If you can't commit to every Wednesday rehearsal and every Sunday Service, that's fine. Make what you can.

If you think, well, I like to sing, but I'm not very good... GREAT! Come and join us. We all work on improving our singing together. It's not a club for those who sing really well, It's not even a "club," but a gathering of people who want to sing, who like to sing, and want to turn that enjoyment towards enriching worship here at First Presbyterian.

So, please, if you would like to try out the Adult Choir, please come on Wednesday nights for rehearsal. We rehearse in the loft from 7:00-9:00pm, after the FISH dinner.

*~ In Christ, Marshall*

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## Touch of Hope Back to School Offering



Thank you to all who made the Touch of Hope Back to school offering a success. Twenty school age children went back to school ready and in style. Many people enjoyed donating to the school-aged children in the ministry. The offering was co-ordinated by Margie Johnston-Maurer and Charlene Reid with many loyal and efficient volunteers. Charlene Reid created the supply list and the labels. The following people helped in the pre-adoption phase- Nancy De Hamer, Sue Ingram, Margie and Mike Maurer, Charlene Reid, Margaret Richards, Jan Snider, Tracie Szczechura and Jan Witkowski. Jan Cobb created charming identification tags for the completed backpacks. Incoming supplies were sorted by Nancy De Hamer, Sue Ingram, Charlene Reid and Tracie Szczechura. Back-pack assembly was completed by Nancy De Hamer, Sue Ingram, Charlene Reid, and Tracie Szczechura. When families and sponsors arrived for their backpacks, they were greeted and assisted by Mike and Margie Maurer. Wendy Palmer and Vicki Davidson were helpful throughout the process. We thank everyone who donated time, backpacks, supplies and donations to the Back to School Offering. We also thank the loyal sponsors who delivered the donations before the first day of school. The families are all very appreciative of the help they receive through Touch of Hope. Thank you for being such a generous congregation. ~Margie Johnston- Maurer

### Kick-off Diaper Drive Dinner

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Come enjoy fine dining and paired wines in an intimate setting at the Witkowski's home, while you learn about our new ministry. Limited reservations are available. Please call Charlene at (313)791-2621 or Tracie at (313)562-4418 to register and for more info. The cost is \$50 per person, payable in advance. You can pay by cash or by check made out to First Presbyterian Church. All profits will go towards purchasing diapers for babies and seniors in need.



## Presbyterian Peace and Global Witness (Peacemaking) Offering

The Presbyterian Peace and Global Witness: P&GW (Peacemaking) Offering with the theme of Faith Connects will be held from September 21 through October 5. The P&GW offering will help provide prevention and eradication of violence and oppression particularly against women and children by addressing illiteracy, poverty, and other issues. You may designate your regular envelope for Peacekeeping or use the Faith Connects envelopes available in the narthex.

Thank-you for your prayers and support.  
~Outreach and Mission Committee

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## ChristNet Returns Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn will be hosting guests of the ChristNet program beginning Sunday November 2nd and ending Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2014. ChristNet provides temporary emergency shelter for men, women, and children from the downriver area.

This is the twelfth year First Presbyterian has participated by providing shelter, meals and fellowship for a one-week period. Our guests arrive nightly for a warm meal, showers, fellowship, and rest. Our guests depart each morning with a sack lunch after having a nutritional breakfast. Many hands are needed to serve in this exciting Outreach program.

Sign ups to serve will begin in the Narthex early October following the service. If you feel like you are called to this outreach whether you are first time volunteer or one who just can't stay away from this amazing experience talents of all kinds are much appreciated and welcomed.

For more information or to get your "spot" early, call or email  
**Jeni Cole at 313-792-8224/248-470-7875/[jlcole1971@gmail.com](mailto:jlcole1971@gmail.com)**  
**Sue Sullivan at 313-274-6756/[srsullivan8845@wowway.com](mailto:srsullivan8845@wowway.com)**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			10am Stephens-Currie- NP 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff</b> - SP 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner)- MH, K 6:45-8pm Class-NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
<b>Communion</b> <b>World Communion</b> 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> After Worship: Congregational Meeting 11:15am Peru Meal-in-a-Bun- MH, K 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group - YL, YC 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	5 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 <b>No Boy Scout Troop</b>  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	6  9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 7pm Property- Library 7-8pm Deacons- R12 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	7  <b>Treasure Chest closed today</b> 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner)- MH, K 6:45-8pm Class- NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
<b>Pastor Appreciation Day</b> 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 <b>2-3:30pm Big Band Concert- Sanctuary</b> 3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group – YL, YC 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	12 <b>Columbus Day observed</b>  11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH 6:30pm NAMI- NP <b>No Boy Scout Troop</b>  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	13  9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 7:30-9pm AA- MH	14  10am Stephens-Currie- NP 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>PROGRAM Staff</b> - SP 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner)- MH, K 6:45-8pm Class- NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
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<b>Reformation</b> T. of Hope Angel Adoption- Narthex <b>8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 <b>No 4:12 Youth Group</b> <b>No Children's Choir</b> <b>4-7pm Pumpkin Carving- MH, K</b> <b>No Handbell Choir</b> <b>No Youth Choir</b> 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	26  1-4pm Homeschool Class- MH, Kit. 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	27  9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 7:30-9pm AA- MH  <b>4pm Presbytery</b>	28  10am-4pm Treasure Chest 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner)- MH, K 6:45-8pm Class- NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 6:30-7:30pm Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 7-8pm Nominating Committee- NP 7-8:30pm GriefShare- SP	2	3	Set up Communion 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- MH or R12 11am Set up for GrouPeru lunch.- MH, K 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares	4
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10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 6:30-7:30pm Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 7-8:30pm GriefShare- SP	30	31	<b>Halloween</b> 5:30-8pm Trunk or Treat (outside, K) 	

## Caring for One Another in the Body of Christ

*“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2  
“We cannot do great things, only small things with great love.” - Mother Theresa*

When I think about what it means to be in the “Body of Christ”, I immediately think of words like “identity” and “belonging”. As Christians, we are Christ-followers and it means that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves....a community. And as a community, it means that we strive to care for one another during good times and difficult times. As I look around our community, I see many evidences of that care and support. Especially by those who have spiritual gifts like mercy and helps, that make them acutely aware of people’s needs that they just can’t help but respond by nature. Or by those who have had life experiences that have made them sensitive to certain needs. Today, I would like to suggest ways that each of us can take more responsibility to care for our “family”.

**Be “Intentional”.** A simple acknowledgement of a person can make them feel special/important. When you see someone, smile and say “hello”. Being acknowledged just feels good! I would like to advocate for people wearing name tags each week. There are many new people, and addressing a person by their name is a good first-step in getting to know them. If you don’t have a name tag, please contact the church office (274-1313) and leave a message with the volunteer. We will get one ordered.

**Simply “Be Aware”.** One of the most difficult things about caring for others, is not wanting to “pry” or seem “nosy”. And while this is a valid and important issue, I sometimes think we can use that as an excuse to not be more involved. I am not advocating going out of your way to gain information, in hopes of “helping”. Rather, I am just asking you to “be aware” of situations going on around you. If there is a situation that you are aware of that is difficult/sensitive, consider an appropriate response, based on your personality and comfort level. An acknowledgement by saying something like “I am sorry that you are going through a difficult time. I am praying for you”... and leave it at that. You would be surprised at how supportive that statement can be. And then follow through and say a prayer for them!

**Pay attention to the people who sit near you in church.** As members of the same family, consider it a “responsibility” to care for those who you see each week. Notice if someone is missing for a week or two, and check on them. Either ask someone who might know them if they are ok, or just take a moment to give them a call or send them a note, letting them know that you missed them. I realize that that can seem awkward, but it is a terrible feeling to be missing and have no one seem to care. Again, you don’t have to pry, just acknowledge the absence. And if there is a need, ask if you can let the church know.

**“Care” for an extended period of time.** If there is a serious and/or extended illness or a death that you are aware of, many of you are faithful to respond right away. Thank you! It means the world to people that others care! But, often times, when the initial event, whether it be a hospitalization or memorial service is over, most of us just get back to our busy lives and don’t necessarily think to follow-up. Again, **be intentional.** Having a long illness or grieving the death of a loved one is going to take months or perhaps years to work through. Put it on your calendar in some recurring form and then contact them. Whether it’s a text, phone call, visit or card, it helps to know that people still remember and care!

What a blessing it is to be a part of such a wonderful community! Thank you for all of the things you do, and know that you are loved and cared for here. If there is anything we can do to be supportive, let us know.

God’s Richest Blessings to You,  
~ Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



## I believe; help my unbelief – Mark 9:24

Have you ever found it hard to believe or act on what you knew to be true? This passage was spoken to Jesus by a father whose son had been possessed since birth. The father was asking Jesus for help after being discouraged by the disciples' inability to help. The hurting father said to Jesus "If you are able..." to which Jesus replied "All things can be done for the one who believes." The father believed, despite being discouraged.

God is strong in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9). Jesus healed the son despite the father's doubt. The father had weak faith, but it was sufficient. We live by faith instead of sight (2 Cor. 5:7) because God's goodness and power are beyond our comprehension and far beyond our meager abilities.

The good news is that the faith needed for blessing need not be the faith of the one afflicted. Here the son was healed on the weakened faith of his discouraged father. The father displayed a "sense of the possible" that faith can work. If we have a hopeless "sense of the impossible," miracles do not happen. Faith can move mountains – even our weak faith can intercede to bless others.

Satan resists losing his slaves; when he cannot destroy or deceive the sinner, he creates doubt. That is when we need this father's prayer and Jesus' grace to overcome the doubt.

The church can disappoint us, as the disciples did the father. When that happens, forgive and go directly to the church's Master. Faith comes from hearing and living by the Gospel message of Christ (Rom. 10:17). ~John Holden

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## Reformation Sunday Reflection



The tradition of Reformation Sunday offers an opportunity to celebrate our heritage and history, to affirm our central theological convictions and to consider God's ongoing reformation of the church...

Reformation Sunday is the Sunday before Reformation Day (October 31), when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg... the primary concerns of the reformers were:

- salvation by grace through faith
- centrality of the Word (both preached and visible in the Lord's Supper)
- and participation of all people in worship through congregational singing and vernacular reading of scripture and preaching.

Recall, for example, that the reformers, including Calvin, strove for more frequent celebration of the Lord's Supper... (and) that the new emphasis on congregational singing was a powerful gift to enable worshipers to engage fully in the praise of God.

Source: [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship); Ada Middleton, contributor.

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**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](mailto: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.

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**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](mailto:jimb@firstpresdearborn.org) no later than the **10th** of the month. Please date your articles & **keep them brief - one page or less**. **Longer articles will result in smaller font. We reserve the right to edit as needed.**

**If you are KEEN... and over 50 years of age,  
YOU ARE A ~ Keenager**

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.

**Grief-Share Support Group-** Thurs. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>—Dec. 18, 2014, 7-8:30pm at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, 600 N. Brady, Dearborn, MI 48124. Christ-centered support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one due to death. \$25 fee. Website for group: [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) Please call for reservations at 313-274-1313.

~ Chris Mayer, R.N.; Parish Nurse



**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Nancy Setterlun wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. **Direct Debit Giving** is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. For more information, contact **Nancy Setterlun at church, (313) 274-1313; ext. 15.**



**Knitters Welcome!**

Knitters of all ability levels and knitter "wannabes": Please join the FPC knitters Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9 pm in the Parlor for a relaxing evening of fellowship and knitting. Bring your own project, come for some knitting tutoring, or just come to see what we are about. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month so if this month doesn't work out, plan on joining us next month. ~ Lynn Hoffman

**With Sympathy**

*We offer our sincere condolences to:*

- ~ The family and friends of Timothy G. Wloch (son-in-law of Johnston Cummings) who passed away on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ~ The family and friends of long time, active member Dr. Eugene P. Smith who passed away on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*



**SATURDAY NIGHT  
ALIVE!**

- **Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014**
- **4:30-5:30pm**
- **First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**

**Contemporary Praise Music & Prayer Event**

Come join us for an hour of contemporary praise music and worship. All are welcome! We hope to fill your hearts with the love of God through some upbeat, powerful music and messages! See you there!



# Make Believe

## Halloween Extravaganza!



### PUMPKIN CARVING

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - 4:00-6:00pm**

Come help us carve pumpkins to decorate for Trunk or Treat, and take one home! Pizza will be provided! Bring a dessert to share if you wish!

### TRUNK OR TREAT

**Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:30pm-7:30pm**

We need you! On Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, First Presbyterian is hosting its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Trunk or Treat. We will be “trunk” or treating outside and also having stations set up in Mitchell Hall if you prefer to be inside. If the weather is bad, everything will be inside. Plan for about 500 children (if you run out of candy we'll provide more). We are looking for people to be ready to pass out treats by 5:15pm so we have a nice representation when we begin. If you have time to arrive early please consider that. It's always a fun night. Please consider joining us! If you are not able to attend on Halloween, but would like to donate candy or treats, that is also appreciated! We will have donation boxes in the Narthex.

*Please email Kim Doverspike for further information: [kim.doverspike1@gmail.com](mailto:kim.doverspike1@gmail.com)*

## ***Noteeworthy***

- ❖ The Dearborn Big Band will be performing a concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. If you like "Moonlight Serenade" and other swing era songs from the 1930's & 40's you will want to hear this concert!
- ❖ Dr. Tim Huth, along with Beckie Dicks, will present a recital (on the grande Casavant pipe organ) as part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters 'Chapel Concert Series' on Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm. {see [ihmsisters.org](http://ihmsisters.org), or call 734.241.3660}
- ❖ FPCD will **NOT** be participating in a CROP Walk this year (we had to cut somewhere). If you want to contribute to the CROP Walk (Church World Services) anyway, please contact Joel DeHamer at (313) 565-0562 or [jdehamer@wowway.com](mailto:jdehamer@wowway.com) or you can contact me at church before/after the service.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT USING THE CHURCH FOR MEETINGS OR EVENTS**

Any person or group who wishes to have a meeting or event at the church must fill out a Building Usage Request form (available in the front office), and the event must be approved by the Pastor and/or the Session before any date or rooms may be reserved. **Forms must be filled out and given to me first to check the availability of your request. I will then forward your request and let you know if it has been approved.** Once approved, the reservation will be held and it will be placed on the church calendar.

Thank you. ~Vicki Davidson, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor

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### ***Sunday Night Bible Discussion Group***

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



### ***Mission Sewing***



From Mission Sewing A great big thank you to all of you who participated in this ministry. Because of your generosity many children will have school supplies, warm clothing, bibles, and books. Also many shelter occupants will have a chance to work on becoming independent. God bless you.

Yours in Christ, Olimpia Todor - Mission Sewing coordinator

**NEED A LIFT? WE'D LIKE TO HELP!**  
 Not just to church. If you or someone you know needs a ride to an appointment, the store, Sunday service or a church event, your FPC family would like to help. Contact Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741, Bob Missler at (313)791-0377, or call the church at (313)274-1313. Also, if you are free to occasionally help with driving, we'd like to hear from you too. ~Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator. *Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*



### New Logo Name Tags

Name tags with our new cross logo can be ordered through the deacons. This is a good way for all of us to get to know each other. To order, please see Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator (313)791-0377.



### October Birthdays



- 10/01: Beth Romeo, Kristen Samuel, Lois Wightman
- 10/04: Bob Kuhlman, Dorothy Tominac, Herb Lamkin
- 10/08: David Hall, Mary White, Christian Cole
- 10/09: Robert Behrens, Anne Dearth
- 10/10: Trevor Samuel
- 10/12: John Holden, Matthew Nyquist
- 10/13: Lois Riopelle, Karen Fuller, Ian Schwartz
- 10/15: Isabelle Watts
- 10/17: Alison Drzinski
- 10/18: Alaina McQuillan
- 10/19: Shirley Painter
- 10/20: Addison Johnson, Micah Johnson
- 10/21: Randy Samuel, Emily Milam
- 10/22: Glenn Maggard, Katherine McFadden
- 10/23: Helen Adams, Lynne Blosser, Kelly Nyquist
- 10/24: Adam Capote
- 10/25: David Smith, Leah Setterlun
- 10/26: Laurie Gentinne, Tony Saylor, Anne Witkowski
- 10/27: Ken Stivenson
- 10/28: Marshall Dicks, Devin Nagy
- 10/29: Marsha Baumgartner, Lauren DeHamer
- 10/30: Jean Clarkson, Suzanne Smith, Louis Meyers

### Meals for the Homebound

Some of our homebound congregation could use assistance with meals. The next time you are preparing something that is easily frozen, just make a little extra. Freeze enough for two people in a nonreturnable container and drop it off at church, letting the office know. The Deacons will deliver it. This small gesture will mean a lot to the recipients and what a wonderful way to show our Christian love. Bob Missler - Deacon Moderator

### Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

- October 5 / - Communion, Rev. Dave Bleivik
- October 12 / - Mike Hoffman, CLP
- October 19 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
- October 26 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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## Our Vision

## Sent with a Prayer

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**Are you praying for Vision?**  
**Pastor Dave**