



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

October 2015 Newsletter



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October 4th

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**RUMMAGE SALE
& SILENT AUCTION**

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refresh

*A time for women
to rest in God's faithfulness*

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October at FPCD

As we go to press it is a significant week in American Life – We are about to have a papal visit to include an address to a Joint Session of Congress; the United Nations, and the Roman Catholic World Meeting on the family.

It is also (September 23) a time when our Jewish neighbors celebrate Yom Kippur – a day of atonement and the beginning of a New Year while our Muslim neighbors complete the celebration of the day of Arafa. It is the last day of summer. – Think Fall...

As we turn the page to October there is more than an “October fest” on our calendar. We begin with World Communion Sunday – a time when our Christian family celebrates Holy Communion about the earth, hearing the invitation of our Lord – Come unto me all you who are overburdened and I will give you rest. Think Treasure Chest and Rummage Sale – The lower level of the church is full of great buys – and, of course there is always the Silent Auction. Outreach continues with a Diaper drive (Oct.11) to support our Diaper ministry which has distributed nearly 14,000 diapers since October of 2014. Our women will be holding a fall retreat on Oct. 23-24- a great chance for women to rest in God’s faithfulness. The month concludes with the DNA sponsored “Halloween Extravaganza.” We get to carve pumpkins on Wed Oct. 28th and then the annual Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31.

Of course our CE program is in full swing as is our Music program. I do hope that you are taking advantage of the various activities that have been planned for you. In Worship we will continue to have messages on the Letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel of Mark. We follow the Common lectionary of the major Christian Churches. The media shares the suffering of hundreds of thousands seeking refuge in Europe – and, the USA. The economy continues to be unsettled as terrorists ravage areas of the Middle East and Africa. Things remain unsettled at home as well – from the political scene to the never ending social issue divisions. We turn to the Word of God for support and discernment assured of God’s love and care to face the future with confidence. May God grant you to so live.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Don

Children's Ministry

Sunday School meets at 9:00 every Sunday. If your family hasn't tried Sunday School, you should check it out. Kids' Sunday School is a little like Children's Church, but with smaller groups and a longer class time. That means we get to know each other better! There's more time for music, stories, discussions, and projects. While your kids are in Sunday school, please take advantage of the adult educational offerings.



Our FISH kids' class began on September 16. We meet every Wednesday, with dinner at 6:00 and class at 6:45. This year, we're reading the last book of the Narnia Series, *The Last Battle*. All ages are welcome - come for a great story, discussion, crafts and more.

See you in church! ~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator



FPCD Diaper Ministry 'DIAPER DRIVE' Luncheon *Sunday, October 11th*

Since Tracie [Szczuchura] and I started the diaper ministry in October of 2014, we have, thanks to the generosity of the congregation, distributed nearly 14,000 diapers to First Step, Starfish and the Senior Alliance. We collect diapers in sizes from infant to adult. Diaper need is a silent crisis in the United States. Diapers are a basic need for children, as essential to their health and well-being as food and shelter; yet, nearly 1 in 3 families in America struggle to afford diapers for their children. This luncheon is being sponsored by **FPCD Diaper Ministry** - diapers will go to the aforementioned agencies.

~ Charlene Reid

Mission Sewing Udate

Mission Sewing is a ministry of Presbyterian Women. Each year we collect purchased items which the various charities that we select -both local and overseas, request. The Presbyterian Women's Board asks participating churches to gather these items and they are collected in the middle of October and distributed.



To this end we ask our parishioners to donate these items by signing up on Sundays in the narthex of our church. **Please look for us at the small card table.** You will choose one or more tickets and sign up. The tickets tell you what item(s) you have chosen and when the items are due back. Among the charities are Second Mile and shelters such as First Step. Please help us to help those less fortunate. We will be in the narthex all of September and the first part of October. **Bring the items to the church any time and be sure to leave the ticket and price (total) on the package. We need the price since the P.W. needs to keep track of the amount of the donations. We thank you in advance.** Yours in Christ, ~Olimpia Todor

Lavender Springs Spa Womens Retreat

A time for women to rest in God's faithfulness



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

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

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

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

Mark your calendars!

Friday, October 23rd, 7:00-9:00pm & Saturday, October 24th, 9:00am-Noon

TREASURE CHEST **RUMMAGE SALE & SILENT AUCTION**

Fri, Oct 9 ~ 10am- 6pm

Sat, Oct 10 ~ 10am- 2pm

Bargains Galore!

Tools & Crafts

Furniture & Housewares

Books & Children's Toys

Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing

Christmas Shoppe & Sporting Goods



Check us out!

Are You Maintaining a Proper Diet?
You can't be "fed" unless you take time out for a "meal"!

By Pastor Michael J. Hoffman, CRE & Christian Education Director



Sunday Morning Adult Education - 9:00 AM in the N. Parlor

Counter Culture DVD/Discussion with the movie, McFarland, USA. All of us conform, check-out, combat, or counter. We will transform into "counter-ers!" There is a cost....but there is a reward! Books available for a \$15 donation. Facilitated by Pastor Mike.

Sunday Morning Kid and Teen Offerings - 9:00 AM

Grades 1-4 **upstairs** in room #9 with Mrs. Nikolajevs/Mrs. Dicks & Grades 5-8 **upstairs** in room #14 with Mr. & Mrs. Scott. Story, activities, art, music and more as these talented teachers make the Bible come alive.

Senior Highs in the **stage balcony above Mitchell Hall** (close to the food, but far up in the sky!). This exciting class will be taught by Mr. Watts and will focus on real life teen challenges and how to react to them Biblically. Exciting & relevant! Stairwell is along-side the stage!

Sunday Afternoon 4:12 (Middle School) & CREW (High School) Youth Groups – 3:00-4:30 PM starting in the main-level kitchen and moving to the lower level Youth Lounge.

Facilitated by Pastor Mike and Young Adult Chris Masouredis. Food, faith, & fun. Bring friends and become transformed into a disciple of Christ with a weekly application of the lesson.

Wednesday F.I.S.H. -6:00 PM-8:00 PM – Great, catered meal (Park Place) in Mitchell Hall at 6 PM for \$8 per person, \$25 per family of 4 or more.

Adult Offering at 6:45 PM and facilitated by Pastor Don in the N. Parlor or Mitchell Hall.

Believe DVD/Discussions. How can you become more like Jesus? What does it look like to be a disciple in today's "post Christian" era?

Second Adult Offering at 6:45 – Grief Share facilitated by Parish Nurse, Chris Mayer in the S. Parlor

Kids' Experience – Narnia's The Last Battle. Facilitated by Mrs. Dicks and assisted by Young Adult Chris Masouredis. **Upstairs in room #14.** Discussion, activities, & awesome!

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Lamkin PW (Presbyterian Women) Bible Study will be starting the 2015-2016 HORIZONS Bible study, Come to the Waters. Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Charlie Aronson and Jane Lewy-Mykytenko will lead our discussions. "The rich imagery of water throughout the Bible helps us understand and articulate our faith. Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls."



Music Corner

Welcome to October! I hope your fall is going well. All of the choirs and musical ensembles are in full swing. Feel free to drop by and check out a rehearsal!

On the last day of October we celebrate (among other things) Reformation Day. It was on All Hallows' Eve in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church Door (then known as All Saints Church) in Wittenburg, in what is today known as Germany.

We know quite a bit about Martin Luther and his theology, but we sometimes forget that he was a musician, lyricist and major supporter of the arts. By Luther's time the service in the Catholic Church had become removed from the people's participation. In the larger churches the priests and the choir "performed" the mass, and the laity sat (or stood) and followed as best they could. Luther wanted the people to sing. He strongly encouraged congregational singing.

Luther is known to have written, adapted or collaborated on 38 hymns. He believed that hymns should be sung in worship, at home, at work, and in the fields. He was known to "forcefully encourage" his parishioners to sing out during worship. He was a lutenist, and often helped to accompany his congregations' hymn singing, both with other instruments and by himself, with the Lute. He was a staunch supporter of the great art music of his day, and was a patron of some of the first orchestras in Germany.

Of course, we will sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" on Reformation Sunday, a hymn which has become THE Reformation Hymn. Luther wrote both the text and the music to this hymn, the text is based on Psalm 46. We sometimes forget that he wrote other well-known hymns, for instance, Christ Lay in Todes Banden (Christ Lay in Death's Bonds), which was later taken by J.S. Bach and the chorale worked into his great Cantata #4 of the same title.

Luther wrote several other great hymns, many based on Psalm texts. "Out of the Depths" from Psalm 130, "O God, Look Down from Heaven" from Psalm 12, and a setting of the Lord's Prayer are just three more that he wrote, and are still used in some churches. So, when you think of Martin Luther, don't just think of the theological founder of the Reformation, remember the musical reformation that he helped to start as well!

Have a great month of October! As we look further out, don't forget All Saint's Day and our Service of Remembrance on November 1 and a Kirkin' O' the Tartan celebration on November 8!

See you in church, ~Marshall

ChristNet Coordinators Needed

Sue Sullivan and I have thoroughly enjoyed our positions as ChristNet Coordinators at First Presbyterian Church over the past 11 years.

It is time that Sue and I pass along the torch of this very rewarding job to others who can dedicate their time and talents to this very important mission that we have grown to love. It has become a part of us and we have learned so much over the years.

If we do not find another group of individuals to take over, sadly this mission that has become such a loved one will no longer be able to happen.

If you feel you are called to become a coordinator for this mission please contact Jeni Cole (313) 792-8224 jcole1971@gmail.com or Jim Barber and we can coordinate a meeting to discuss the responsibilities and expectations of this mission.

We are praying we find replacements and that we can take this year to acclimate the new coordinators to how this program works and have a smooth transition to the 2016 ChristNet visit. ~Jeni Cole & Sue Sullivan

Musings from Pastor Mike, CRE

Young Adult & Adult CE Director and Youth Groups Leader

Consecration. It **is**: the complete and utter surrender to God's will and God's leading.

It's **not**: going to church once a week, having daily devotions and prayers, sharing your faith or volunteering for a ministry, leading a small group, or raising your hands in worship.



Consecration is setting yourself apart by dethroning yourself and enthroning Jesus as your Lord and Savior. It's giving up of self-interest and allowing God to choose for you. It's realizing every second of time, every bit of talent, and every penny in our bank account is His. Consecration is loving Jesus more and more, having child-like faith in God, and being obedient to the Holy Spirit with no reservation. It is **giving all** for the Almighty.

"...and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." –Matthew 10:38

Remember the story of the sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus? Jesus had been invited to dinner by one of the Pharisees. How boring! Can you imagine having dinner with those who would argue over each course about petty, man-made rules, and then how they justify them according to their interpretation of Scripture? The Pharisees were so engrossed in themselves and what they felt was meaningful, theological debate, that they never realized a sinful woman had "crashed their party". Simon, the Pharisee who had invited Jesus, finally noticed and mocked Jesus by saying, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner." (Luke 7:39) Jesus rebukes Simon by reminding him that he did nothing to welcome him as a guest.

The woman goes for all-out consecration. She wet Jesus' dusty feet with her tears of repentance and wiped them with her hair. She kissed Jesus' feet over and over showing him that she was giving up of her self-interest and was putting Jesus in his rightful place of Lord and Savior. Finally, she took her expensive perfume, the fragrance denoting her as a prostitute, and broke the alabaster container it was in. This container may have been the only part of a dowry that she had to her name. The sinful woman was giving up her past, present, and future lives to show Jesus that she was loving Jesus more and more, having child-like faith in God, and being obedient to the Holy Spirit with no reservation.

She was consecrated. "Your faith has saved you; go in peace" (Luke 7:50)

How about you? Have you taken up your cross today? Are you ready to be consecrated

ChristNet Returns Sunday November 1st, 2015

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn will be hosting guests of the ChristNet program beginning Sunday November 1st and ending Sunday November 8th 2015. ChristNet provides temporary emergency shelter for men, women, and children from the downriver area.

This is the thirteenth 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
Sue Sullivan at 313-274-6756/srsullivan8845@wowway.com

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>Communion 4</p> <p>World Communion</p> <p>9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service Sanctuary 11:30am Property Library 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- YL, YC, 2A 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</p>	<p>5</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work 9:30am Physical & Spiritual Fitness MH 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 7-8pm Deacons- NP 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>10am Stephens-Currie- N Treasure Chest Closed 10:30am-12pm ALL Staf 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) 6:45-8pm Adult & Kids' C 7-8:30pm GriefShare- NF 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct</p>
<p>Pastor Appreciation Day 11</p> <p>9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service Sanctuary 11am Diaper Ministry Luncheon Fundraiser- MH 3-4:30pm Youth Groups- YL, YC, 2A 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</p>	<p>Columbus Day observed 12</p> <p>11am-2pm Garden Club- MH 6:30pm NAMI- NP</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Work 9:30am Physical & Spiritual Fitness YC 4:30-5:30pm Sewing Class 5:30pm Outreach & Missions SP 7:30-9pm AA- MH</p>	<p>10am-4pm Treasure Che 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) 6:45-8pm Adult and Kids' 7-8:30pm GriefShare- NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct</p>
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10-11:30am PW Bible Study NP 6-8pm PNC- NP <div>CHURCH OFFICE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 10:15AM-1PM</div>	2	3 Set up Communion 9am-11am Rebekah Circle NP 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
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21 urrie- NP re Chest OGRAM Staff- SP inner) MH, K d Kids' Classes are NP Sanct., Turco	22 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 5:30-9pm Boy Scout Council Ldrshp MH, K, NP, SP, Lib, YC, YL, Rooms 16, 14, 12, 2A&B 6-8pm PNC- Front Office 7-9pm Knitting Grp- Sewing Room	23 7-9pm Women's Retreat MH, K, NP	24 9am-12pm Women's Retreat MH, K, NP 5:30-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
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Notes from our Parish Nurse

CDC Predicts Flu Vaccine Will be More Effective than Last Year

After an intense flu season last year, health officials said they are hopeful that this year's flu vaccine will be far more effective at curbing outbreaks. This year's vaccine will target the same strain of the virus, the H3N2 strain, that mutated last year, leaving the vaccine less effective, officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases announced Thursday.

"It was a disappointing year from the point of view of what the vaccine can do," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease expert at Vanderbilt University and the medical director at the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

The CDC reported that the rate of flu-related hospitalizations during the last flu season among those over the age of 65 was the highest since records began about 10 years ago. Additionally there were 145 pediatric flu deaths, according to the CDC. Last year's flu vaccine was just 13 percent effective compared to the goal of around 50 to 60 percent effective in other years, CDC director Tom Frieden said at a news conference Thursday.

Health officials are far more optimistic that the vaccine will be more effective this year against multiple strains of the virus that recently affected people in the Southern Hemisphere, Schaffner said. "A new strain shows up, it continues to be a dominant strain for a few years. We have watched in our summer what has happened in the Southern Hemisphere in their winter," Schaffner explained. "Their dominant strain has been the same, the H3N2 strain."

Depending on which vaccine a person gets, the shot will protect against three or four strains of the virus. Experts pick the strains after consulting a number of factors including flu strains in other parts of the world and past outbreaks of the disease.

"At the moment, we have reasonable confidence that we are going to have a good match between the circulating virus of what's out there and what's in the vaccine," Schaffner said.

Every year, 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related complications, according to the CDC.

"Vaccination is the single most important step people can take to protect themselves from influenza," Frieden said. "Flu can be serious and it kills tens of thousands of Americans each year. Vaccination is easier and more convenient than ever, so get yourself and your family protected."

****Resource:** <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/cdc-predicts-flu-vaccine-effective-year/story?id=33859633>

If you missed getting the flu vaccine at the church, please make a point to go your physician or pharmacy to get one. Have a Healthy and Happy Fall!

~ Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise) that it may go well with you and that you may live long on the earth (*Ephesians 6:2, RSV*)

Children are to honor those who taught them and cared for them when they were vulnerable and unable to care for themselves. This applies both to young children who still depend on their parents and also to adult children caring for their aging parents.

Here Paul quotes the Fifth Commandment (*Ex. 20:12*) as part of the discussion of mutual responsibilities in relationships that begins (*Eph. 5:21*) with “being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Honoring parents means obeying them (*Col. 3:20*), listening to them, respecting them, and when elderly, caring for them and not causing them pain. This obedience fosters self-discipline which in turn helps stabilize living (*Prov. 10:17, 27; 12:1, 15; 13:1, 18, 24; 16:25*).

Civilized societies understand the value of honoring their elders. Many gladly stand when greeting an older person, particularly a parent, a veteran, or someone who has been kind, helpful, or accomplished.

If we honor the generation that raised us, we set an example for the generation we raised. Both the Fifth Commandment and this verse promise those who honor their parents a better life than those who do not.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to also love one another (*1 John 4:11*).

~ John Holden

SEWING CLASS



The sewing class is again in full swing (Tuesdays at 4:30pm) and there are some neat new skills to learn and some projects to consider. Two of our young ladies have succeeded in constructing dresses by using patterns. I am very proud of them and look forward to future successes. We thank all of you who have donated sewing machines. They are being put to good use and we look forward to receiving more when they are no longer useful to you. However, we can only use portables because we do not have room for cabinets in the present room set up. We do have room for more students so join us and have a great experience.

~Yours in Christ, *Olimpia Todor*

If you are KEEN... and over 50 years of age,

YOU ARE A ~ Keenager

Please join us the fourth Wednesday of each month for Christian Fellowship and Information as we go for lunch, or meet in Mitchell Hall. Check the Keenager bulletin board for details and sign-up sheet.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to family and friends of the following who have passed and joined the Church Triumphant:

- ~ Helen Adams, former member*
- ~ Sandy Bak, fiancé of our custodian, Ken Stivenson*
- ~ Rowland Hanson, former member*

Please keep these families in your prayers.



GriefShare



GriefShare classes are held on Wednesday evenings through December 9th from 7-8:30pm in the North Parlor. We invite you to join us for a catered meal (optional at \$8) at 6pm in Mitchell Hall.

Total cost to attend the classes is \$20, which includes DVD sessions, discussion, a workbook and refreshments. We hope you will come and allow us to help you navigate this difficult time in your life. Call the church to register at (313) 274-1313 ext. 16.

Online Faith Offering

Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will receive in the year ahead. It is through the pledges and contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here at 1st Church, Dearborn.

As you consider your pledge, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Authorization forms are available at the church office. Please contact Nancy Setterlun in the church office {(313) 274-1313, ext. 15} to set up online giving.



Syrian Refugees~ Helping Children in Need

The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides opportunities for Presbyterians to respond to cultures of violence.

Gifts to the Offering will support Syrian refugees who still hope for an end to violence and a peaceful future for their children. Because of the work of our church partners in Lebanon, the children of Syrians displaced by war and sheltering in refugee camps will be able to resume their education. They will receive schools supplies, a place to learn, and teachers, paving the way to a brighter future in a desperate situation. Your gift makes it possible for children to learn and teachers to teach: these are tools of hope for people struggling to make a life in camps and nourish hope for a return to their homes. A violent and broken world calls all of us to offer our gifts and play our part.

You can designate your regular offering envelope for "Peacemaking" or designate an offering envelope available in the pews as "Syrian Refugees". ~Joel DeHamer



Make Believe Halloween Extravaganza!



PUMPKIN CARVING

Wednesday, October 28th - 6:00-8:00pm

Come help us carve pumpkins to decorate for Trunk or Treat, and take one home!

Dinner provided!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 31st - 5:30pm-7:30pm

We need you! On Saturday, October 31st, First Presbyterian is hosting its 8th 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 5:00pm so we have a nice representation when we begin. Chili gathering prior to Trunk or Treat, weather permitting. 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



Reminder... Please pick up your Christmas tree!

If you donated a Christmas Tree for use as a Vacation Bible School prop and have not yet picked it up, please remember to stop by Mitchell Hall and take it home with you. If you wish to donate your tree or no longer want it, please let us know.

Thank you.
The Custodial Staff

Landscaping 'Thank You!'

We are grateful to our church family and friends for their outstanding accomplishments in sprucing up and landscaping our church property. "Many Thanks!" to the following for their labor of love to beautify our church grounds:



Carl Bryer

Jan Cobb

Mike Hoffman

Jared Hoffman

Dean Masouredis

Diane Missler

Bob Missler

Marsha Misteck

Sheila Misteck

John Snider

Vic Todor

Caleb Rice (student)

In addition, the following members have adopted a portion of our grounds to keep them properly groomed and weed-free: **Jim & Nancy Barber, Pasty Knoop and Jenny Miazga.**

Bette Smith's new address:

**Bette Smith
American House
615 Petoskey Ave.
Room 17
Charlevoix, MI 49720
Phone: (231) 675-6011**

Please note time change:

***Physical & Spiritual Fitness
now starts at 9:30am
Tuesday mornings.***

Sunday Night Bible Discussion Group

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



NEED A LIFT? WE'D LIKE TO HELP!

We will try to accommodate members who need a ride to a medical appointment or Sunday Service. Contact Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741, or call the church at (313)274-1313. Also, if you are free to occasionally help with driving, we'd like to hear from you too.

~Nancy Barber, Deacon Moderator.

Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."



FPC Knitters

Knitters of all ability levels and knitter "wannabes": Please join the FPC knitters Thursday, October 22 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



Address change!!

Please note Jim & Marcia Bechtel's new address:

Jim & Marcia Bechtel
953 Great Oaks Blvd.
Rochester, MI 48307

Jim cell - 313.670.1849
Marcia cell - 313.320.5044

October Birthdays

- 10/01: Beth Romeo, Kristen Samuel, Lois Wightman
- 10/04: Bob Kuhlman, Dorothy Tominac, Randy Samual, Herb Lamkin
- 10/08: David Hall, Mary White, Christian Cole
- 10/09: Robert Behrens, Anne Dearth, Kristi Best, Zipporah Britz
- 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: Emily Milam
- 10/22: Glenn Maggard, Katherine McFadden
- 10/23: Lynne Blosser, Kelly Nyquist
- 10/24: Adam Capote
- 10/25: David Smith, Leah Setterlun, Charles Kalinski
- 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

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. Nancy Barber - Deacon Moderator

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

- October 4 / - Communion, Named! - Rev. Don Wright**
- October 11 / - Approach the Throne - Rev. Don Wright**
- October 18 / - Saving the World- Rev. Don Wright**
- October 25 / - Reformation Sunday- Rev. Don Wright**

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Mike Hoffman, CLP

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F. Marshall Dicks, M.M.

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