



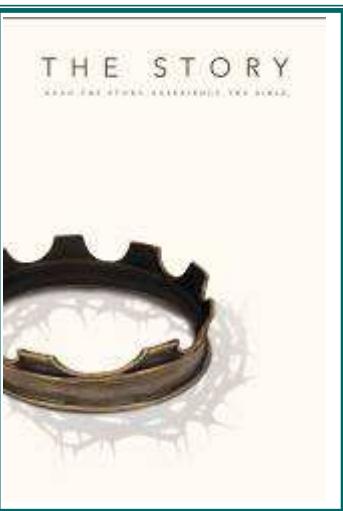
Come home  
to God's love

# Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn  
November 2012 Newsletter



Thanksgiving Day  
Nov. 22nd



## "The Story"

Join us as we learn God's story,  
how people down through the  
centuries fit into God's story,  
and how you fit into it.

Sundays—9am, Mitchell Hall  
Wed. Evenings—6:45pm, S.Parlor



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### **Step by Step in God's Word**

Here are our verses for November. Please help each family member learn the verses. You will be blessed!

Nov. 4	1 Tim. 4:12
Nov. 11	Rom. 12:1-2
Nov. 18	James 4:8
Nov. 25	Rom. 15:4
Dec. 2	2 Chron. 31:21



### **Sunday Morning Adult Classes**

Our Sunday Morning Class on **The Story** continues. We meet each Sunday at 9am in Mitchell Hall for a light breakfast, video and discussion. Join us.

### **FISH**

Our Wednesday evening classes at FISH continue. Mark Dearth is leading a discussion class on the Holy Spirit. We also offer a class on **The Story**, for those who can not come on Sunday morning.

We will not have FISH on Wed. Nov. 21st, due to Thanksgiving. We will meet on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> for our last class night of 2011. In Dec. we will have our craft night and our caroling night. A new adult class will begin in January.

### **Women's Retreat**

*Seaside Escape* will be our theme for this year's Women's Retreat. We will meet at the church on Saturday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm for a day of faith, fellowship, food, and fun. Please join us for this wonderful "get-away" for all the women in the church. Invite a friend and share the joy and laughter. The cost is \$10 to help with the food and supplies expenses. There are scholarships available for those who can not afford it. Please register by Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> so we can have enough food and supplies for everyone. If you have any questions, see me

**(clip art – Seaside escape)**

### **THE STORY**

As we move into November, **The Story** will take us through the stories of Judges, Ruth, Saul and David. Are you seeing God's Upper Story as you read through the people's Lower Stories? Have you been blessed by what you have read? Have you been upset or frustrated by what you have read? Has your view of or your understanding of God been broadened? The harshness of some of the Old Testament stories can be upsetting. But it is important to remember what was God's purpose. Could it have been fulfilled without God's actions – those that were a blessing and those that were a punishment?

Keep reading. Don't let your reactions to what happened stop you from reading. God is sovereign and can take your negative feelings and help you grow in understanding. Join us in class. Hearing how others react and think also helps us grow. Keep reading!

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

## Children's Ministry

Hello family and friends! Thanks to all the Children's Church kids who sang "The Perfect Ten" in the service in October. It was a great reminder to us all that God's Commandments are true and timeless.



We welcome kids to join us at any time during the year for Sunday School. This year's Sunday School gives our kids a chance dive into "The Story" with friends their own age and our wonderful teachers. Oh, and don't forget, of course, our sometimes-crazy, but always-engaging music time. If you haven't tried out Sunday School for your kids, think about giving them a chance to go a little deeper. They'll learn life-changing truths, make friends, and get to know their caring, dedicated teachers.

Beckie Dicks  
Children's Ministries Coordinator



*Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima*, by Joe Rosenthal  
(Taken on February 23, 1945 during World War II)

## Veterans Day Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day is an official United States holiday honoring armed services veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I.

I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.)

Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving.



## ***Reflection on Stewardship***

Our Stewardship theme for this year is **Responding to God's Love** based on Romans 8:28: *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."* This is a profound concept that tells us that God helps those who love him *and* support his plan. We see many examples of this throughout the Bible where those who love God and share gratefully continue to be blessed by God, and prosper.

We have so much to be thankful for: some of God's work is easy to see in our daily lives: children learning, souls saved through mission work and compassion provided to those in need to name only a few. But frequently it is easy to take God's work for granted because much of His work was accomplished generations before we were born, and taken for granted since the results have "always" existed. The work was done by others, and never really understood or appreciated.

Only when we take stock in all that has been provided throughout our lives, and the opportunities afforded to us, can we begin to comprehend all that has been provided to us throughout our lives. Out of profound gratitude we know God's love for us.

As stewards of God's gifts to us, we need to do what He calls each of us to accomplish in support of His plan. For everyone has gifts that can be used to glorify God and finding your fit within the church allows you to team-up with groups enabling you to leverage your gifts. Plans and programs will come to life and fulfill God's plans with your help. There is much work to be done; ask God how you should devote your stewardship of love, and listen for what He calls you to achieve!

### **Key dates for this year's stewardship program to hold on your calendar:**

Stewardship Sunday/"Ask Him": .....November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Loyalty Sunday/"Thank Him" (dedication of faith responses for 2013): November 18<sup>th</sup>

Douglas Stormzand  
Stewardship Committee

## Musings from Pastor Mike

**Pastoral Duties:** I am working with Bob Brinton and Pastor Dave on putting together a Leadership Conference in early February that will be held here at First Church Dearborn. My part in particular was to line up two young adults who could film, edit, and present some of the “best practices” for growing worship attendance. I am happy to announce that Chris Masouredis and Ralph Evangelista will be our sound and camera/producer film artists & technicians. I am extremely blessed that *Converge* will be featured as one of the components of the Presbytery of Detroit Leadership Conference demonstrating how this program has brought a number of young adults to Saturday evening worship at the young adult gathering each week, as well as boosted Sunday morning worship and participation. I am continuing to counsel/disciple 10 young men on individual basis as well as host a Wednesday evening young adult Bible study each week at *FISH*.

**Young Adult Ministries:** *Converge* continues to attract and involve new young adults each month. Even with a number of young adults returning to college life away from home, new young adults who are going to school in the area or working are finding *Converge* to be their gathering place of choice. Currently, 2 classes are being taught on Moslems and Christianity (how to comfortably present your faith to a follower of Islam). One class is a lecture/discussion class taught by Adam and the other is a video/discussion class taught by myself. Both classes are reviewing what we believe as followers of Jesus Christ and helping us all to become firmly grounded in explaining our faith to others. As you read this edition of The Vision, 7 or more of the young adults and I will be in Joplin, Missouri on a Presbytery of Detroit Disaster relief Trip. Please keep us in prayer as we travel and work to help in rebuilding after a disastrous tornado hit that area a year ago. Later this month a number of young adults and I will also be volunteering at DRMM’s Soup Kitchen to help feed the hungry.¶

**GrouPeru! '13:** We are currently signing up high school, college-age, young adults, and adults (younger kids with an accompanying parent are welcome as well) for another mission trip to Peru. Our on-going relationship with the rescued street boys is such a blessing to them, us, and our family of faith. Since I have also been working closely with the Presbytery of Detroit’s chairperson of the “Hands-on Mission” committee, we may open the trip up to all the Presbyterian churches in the metro area. Our goal is to have a team of 15 to be able to do construction, witness, and love on these abandoned boys.

~God’s Peace, Mike Hoffman, C.R.E.



## Music Corner

Welcome to November! That means it's time to start thinking about the holidays. If you are interested in singing with the choir for the holidays, we are beginning to look at Christmas and Advent music. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm, right after the FISH Dinner.

As we continue through THE STORY, look forward to music concerning Ruth, David and Solomon. We'll be doing some familiar and not so familiar works by Handel, Randall Thompson and others.

Mark your calendars for the NOËL Festival. This year the festival happens on Saturday, December 15. Tickets will go on sale on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend this great evening of dinner and entertainment. Our Children's and Youth Choirs will be singing, as well as the Adult Choir and various soloists.

We are always looking for more members for all of our choirs. Our youth choir meets on Sunday afternoons at 5:00pm. The Youth Choir is open to 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Our children's choir meets on Sunday afternoons at 3:30pm. It is open to grades K through 5. Our Handbell Choir meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:30. Our handbell choir is currently open to all.

In Christ, ~ **Marshall Dicks, Director of Music**

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## Touch of Hope Christmas Offering

We look forward to the Christmas season with anticipation. Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and a time to be grateful for God's blessings.

Many of our fourteen Touch of Hope families have been challenged this year. As a congregation we can help brighten their holiday season and show them God's goodness.

Angel adoption for gift choices for Touch of Hope family members will take place on October 28, November 4, and November 11. Gifts will be collected and dedicated on Sunday December 9.

Non-perishable food, personal care items, paper products and cleaning supplies will be collected the week after the gifts on December 16. Fourteen of any item listed in the above categories would be appreciated. All donations of any amount are welcome, provided the items are not past the expiration date. These items will be sorted on December 16 and sponsors and families will pick up donations and gifts on that day.

Help will be needed to sort gifts and donated food, personal care items, paper products, and cleaning supplies. This will mean sorting on both December 9 and December 16. Please consider donating time after both services on those Sundays. Many hands make light work. If you have questions please contact Margie Johnston-Maurer at 313 563-9520. All volunteer help and donations of gifts and supplies are appreciated. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Margie Johnston-Maurer



## **"Thank You" from Treasure Chest**

A great big thank you to all of our members who participated in our Treasure Chest rummage sale. Your help made it possible to set up and carry through this rather large undertaking. Everything went well and we hope all of you had some fun even though it was a lot of work. We hope you will visit our Treasure Chest and tell your friends about us. Lots of thanks also to those of you who have donated all the goods for us to sell. We, Treasure Chest ladies, really appreciate your generosity.

~Olimpia Todor



### ***ChristNet Extended to November 11, 2012***

Due to scheduling changes at ChristNet we are making our church available for another week for guests of the program. Another church will be assuming daily operations for this important ministry.

## **Mission Sewing**

Many thanks to all of you who donated items for the Mission Sewing Ministry. We sent out over \$600 worth of goods which will be distributed locally, overseas, and Second Mile. Your generosity is incomparable. May God bless you in all you do. ~Olimpia Todor



Dear Pastor Dave and Friends:

Thank you so much for your continued thoughts, prayers and support. Duane and I know that FPCD is an amazing place to come back to.

We love you guys and appreciate you!! Enjoy Trunk or Treat (We will so miss being there)- we sent the kids some candy via Andrew.

Lots of love, Susannah Wesley (London, UK)



## **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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>Communion</b> <b>Service of Remembrance</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b> 9am-12pm <b>T. of Hope Angel Adopt.- Narth</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 11:15am Nominating Committee- NP 11:15am Flu Shots- SP 2-5pm CROP Walk Gathering- MH 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group- <b>Room 16</b> 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	4 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site <b>No Boy Scout Troop</b>	5 <b>Election Day</b> 7am-8pm <b>Election Polls- MH</b> 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7pm Property- <b>Room 16</b> 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7-9pm CE Committee- R12 7:30-8:30pm Investment Committee- Library 7:30-9pm AA- NP	6 10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff- SP</b> 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH 6:45-8pm Classes- MH, NP 6:45-8:15pm Confirmation Class- R16 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP
<b>CHRISTNET- YC, YL, Downstairs</b>			
<b>Mission Team returns from Joplin, MO</b> 11 9am-12pm <b>T. of Hope Angel Adopt.- Narth</b> 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group- <b>MH</b> 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	11 <b>Veterans Day observed</b> 11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH 7-8pm Deacons- R12 7pm NAMI- NP 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC	12 <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	13 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 7:30-9pm AA- MH
<b>CHRISTNET ENDS</b>			
9am Education Hour <b>9am-1pm PW Cookie Walk- MH, K</b> 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>No Children's Choir</b> 4-6pm CREW Youth- YL <b>No Handbell Choir</b> <b>No Youth Choir</b> 6-7:30pm 4:12 Group YL, YC 6-7:30pm Daisy Troop Mtg.- R12, R16 7pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	18 <b>No B. Scout Troop</b> 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site	19 <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	20 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP <b>6:30pm SESSION/Coord. Council -NP</b> 7:30-9pm AA- MH
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			THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1		All Saints' Day 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 6-7pm Personnel- SP 7-8:30pm Grief Support- MH, N&SP, Lib.	2 2pm Young Adult Bible Study- YL	3 Set up Communion Mission Team leaves for Joplin, MO 9-11am Rebekah Circle- MH or R12 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH 6-10pm Converge- K., MH (due to ChristNet)
<b>CHRISTNET (through November 11<sup>th</sup>) YL, YC, DOWNSTAIRS KITCHEN</b>					
7	8		10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite 7-8:30pm Grief Support- MH, N&SP, Lib.	9 2pm Young Adult Bible Study- YL 6:30-9pm Game Night- N&S Parlors	10 9-10:30am DNA- R16 9am-4pm Women's Retreat- MH (K), N&SP 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A  DEADLINE FOR VISION
<b>Kitchen</b>					
14	15		10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 1-3pm Lydia Martha Mary- NP 5:30-9pm Boy Scout Council- MH, Kit., NP, SP	16 10am-1pm Craft Show set up- MH 2pm Young Adult Bible Study- YL	17 10am-3pm PW Holiday Galleria – MH, K 3:30-5pm Hoff.-Szcz. Small grp- MH 4pm Cookie Walk set up- MH 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
21	22		Thanksgiving  THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH CLOSED	23 2pm Young Adult Bible Study- YL	24 9-10:30am DNA- R16 6-10pm Converge- K., YL, YC, 2A
28	29		10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit.	30 2pm Young Adult Bible Study- YL	

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## Notes from our Parish Nurse

### “10 warning signs of Alzheimer’s”

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain's nerve cells, or neurons, resulting in loss of memory, thinking and language skills, and behavioral changes. There are many “typical” changes that happen as we age, but there are others that may alert us to health problems. If you read these “warning signs” and see a pattern occurring in yourself or loved one, please discuss it with your physician.

- 1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life** One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's is memory loss, especially forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events; asking for the same information over and over; relying on memory aides (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on their own. *What's typical? Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.*
- 2. Challenges in planning or solving problems** Some people may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before. *What's typical? Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook.*
- 3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure** People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes, people may have trouble driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game. *What's typical? Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave or to record a television show.*
- 4. Confusion with time or place** People with Alzheimer's can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there. *What's typical? Getting confused about the day of the week but figuring it out later.*
- 5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.** For some people, having vision problems is a sign of Alzheimer's. They may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast. In terms of perception, they may pass a mirror and think someone else is in the room. They may not realize they are the person in the mirror. *What's typical? Vision changes related to cataracts*
- 6. New problems with words in speaking or writing.** People with Alzheimer's may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock"). *What's typical? Sometimes having trouble finding the right word*
- 7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.** A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. This may occur more frequently over time. *What's typical? Misplacing things from time to time, such as a pair of glasses or the remote control*
- 8. Decreased or poor judgment.** People with Alzheimer's may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. They may pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean. *What's typical? Making a bad decision once in a while.*
- 9. Withdrawal from work or social activities.** A person with Alzheimer's may start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects or sports. They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite sports team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby. They may also avoid being social because of the changes they have experienced. *What's typical? Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations.*
- 10. Changes in mood and personality.** The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer's can change. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone. *What's typical? Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted*

\*\*information taken from [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

## ***News from the Treasure Chest***

All workers in the 2012 Treasure Chest Rummage Sale are invited to a Luncheon Tuesday, December 4th at 12:00 Noon. Thanks to everyone for all their time and hard work in making the 2012 **Rummage Sale** a Success, for a total of **\$2,850**.

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Many thanks to those who donated and purchased items, and worked in the **Silent Auction**. To date, we have received **\$1,936** that will support our mission work.

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## **Flu Shots!**

Get your Flu and/or Pneumonia shot after worship on Sunday November 4th in the South Parlor. \$25-Flu and \$35-Pneumonia. Most insurances cover the cost of the immunizations. (\$5 gift card available if there is any cost to recipient.)



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## **Noteworthy**

- ◆ Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Advent Breakfast is Saturday, Dec. 15th, 7:30am at Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$12 through the Detroit Presbytery.
- ◆ Thank-you to all who supported the 2012 CROP Hunger Walk. FPCD raised about \$600.
- ◆ Please prayerfully consider giving to the Peacemaking Offering. This offering supports seven peacemaking ministries.
- ◆ On Oct. 11th Bill Kennedy was installed as Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star; translated, he is the state's male head of the largest fraternal organization.
- ◆ Congratulations to Abby Mills who received multiple titles & ribbons at the Arabian and Half-Arabian Champianship Youth Nationals held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Sunday Bulletin Announcements:** Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at [vickid@firstpresdearborn.org](mailto:vickid@firstpresdearborn.org). Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. There is also a bin in the front office of the church for your submissions. ~ Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

**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.**

## Our Church is a Polling Place!

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



### *Stewardship~ Responding to God's Love*

A few years ago there was a commercial on television with a little girl and her mother having a picnic. This is what happened.

Mom—I love you

Child—I love you too mommy

Mom—How much?

Child stretches out her arms and says this much.

Mom—stretches out her arms and wraps the child in them and says I love you more.

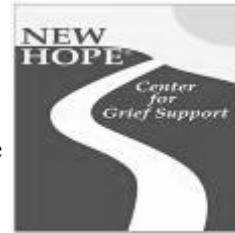
I don't remember what they were selling but that scenario has stayed with me. It is a constant reminder of God's love for us – always wrapping us in more love than we can imagine. Can we respond to such awesome love with anything less than our deepest love for Him? Soon we will be asked to give back to God a portion of our resources to be used for His work. May our response be guided by the power of our love

~Olimpia Todor

### **From Grief to New Hope ~**

#### **Grief is a journey...that doesn't have to be taken alone.**

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



### **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!

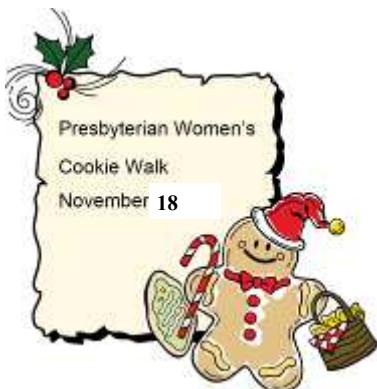


*Congratulations to Sarah Conlin and Steven Britz who were married in our sanctuary on October 20th.*

*Congratulations to Ina and Robert Behrens on the birth of their granddaughter, Leah Elizabeth Behrens, born September 28th. (8lb 30oz)*



*Congratulations to JoAnn and Cory Sadler on the baptism of their daughter, Evelyn Grace, on Sunday October 21st.*



### **Presbyterian Women's Cookie Walk**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, November 18 in Mitchell Hall. Please reserve this date to donate and purchase some delicious "home" baked goodies.

We would appreciate your donations of cookies, brownies, fudge, homemade candy or other special treats. This is one of our special fundraisers for the many mission projects sponsored by Presbyterian Women.

Please bring your items to the church kitchen Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday morning, the 18<sup>th</sup> -- marked COOKIE WALK. ~Thank you

**Make**

**Bake**

**Donate**

## ♪ Thank You ♫

*A big thank you to everyone who helped me during the time I was on crutches. Even the small things like opening the door for me (believe me when you're on crutches opening a door is a big deal). Thanks to those that helped me on Thursday mornings to prepare the bulletins for distribution on Sundays. Thanks for the cards, the offers to help me with food and other things, for your thoughts and prayers, everything was greatly appreciated. These things helped me to keep a good attitude while I was stumbling around. It's great to have such a caring church family. God bless you all.*

*Fran Buckley*



**And I heard a voice from the throne saying: “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will live with them”. Revelation 21:3**

The Christian objective is sinners saved by Christ entering God's presence without flaw and with great joy (Jude 24) so they can live with God in Heaven, knowing the Father and His Son (*John 17:3*) forever.

The Father's house has many rooms prepared for us by Jesus (*John 14:2, 3*). God's dwelling is holy and loving where the full meaning of “Immanuel” (God with us) is experienced. There we will enjoy God and each other in a new world without sorrow, for the old order of things will have passed away (*Rev. 21:4*).

Living here in Christ, we look forward to our destiny. Our hearts and minds focus on things above, not earthly things, for we have died to sin and now live in Christ (*Colossians 3:1-3*). Our life here begins to display the holiness and love that characterize the life to come that we will enjoy together.

What's the alternative? It is Hell, and it consists of those who refuse God and the Gospel. They will suffer by being banished from the presence of the Lord (see *2 Thessalonians 1:9*). What is that like? Consider what life in this world would be like with no Christian influence and no escape, not even by dying. Hell is eternal separation from God in the company of all who reject God.

Everyone gets the destiny they prefer – those who love God and want to be with Him get their wish; those who want to be free from God get their wish as well. Rejoice! In Christ, the best is yet to come.

~John Holden

## 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.

Thank you. Bob Missler, Deacon Moderator.

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

## 1st Annual Holiday Galleria

vendors, crafters, artisans

**Saturday, Nov. 17th**

The Presbyterian Women are having a vendor/craft show on **Sat., November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Mitchell Hall**. Crafters and vendors are needed! If you are interested, contact Charlene Reid at (313)608-9552 or [CTReid56@aol.com](mailto:CTReid56@aol.com).



**CHANCEL COMMITTEE:** We are in need of 2-3 people to take one month a year and call people who would like flowers in the chancel on Sunday morning in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. If you are interested, please call Mary Currie at 313-565-4129. ALSO, if you would like flowers in memory of your loved one and you haven't done so in the past, please call Mary.

**November**

- 11/02: Sandra McLennan, Victoria Davidson
- 11/04: JoAnn Cashwell
- 11/05: Carolyn Buell, Emma Scott
- 11/06: Alexandra Slanec
- 11/07: Amanda Brushaber
- 11/08: Gregory Martin
- 11/09: Donald Wright
- 11/11: Walter Pauza
- 11/13: Isabelle Blair, Carolee Orcutt  
Annabelle Hyma
- 11/15: Meghan Johnson, Evelyn Reid
- 11/16: Daniel Currie
- 11/17: Lorraine Lamkin, Jane Mayberry
- 11/18: Deborah Martin, Andrew Koper
- 11/20: Joanne Whitehouse, Travis Yarrington
- 11/22: Gary Wolter
- 11/24: Carl Zirbel, Dottie Kennedy
- 11/25: Margaret Belloff, James Maurer
- 11/26: Doris Bryer
- 11/27: Jordan Romeo
- 11/28: Michael Barr
- 11/29: Kelly Clark, Greg Kasul
- 11/30: Jack Guinall, Trudy Monroe  
Mark Dearth, Angella Griffith  
Matthew Megregian, Heather Slanec

**Condolences** to the Hall and Mainwaring families on the loss of Bunny Hall, who passed away October 16, 2012. Also, our condolences to Jane Gibbs and family on the loss of her husband Grover, who passed away October 17, 2012.

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

- November 4 / - Communion, Rev. Dave Bleivik**
- November 11 / - Rev. Don Wright**
- November 18 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**
- November 25 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik**

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