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to God's love

Our Vision

**The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
November 2013 Newsletter**



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Pray for God to provide for our financial needs.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Sunday School

We continue with our class **“To Be or Not to Be.... A Disciple of Jesus Christ”** as we study the Beatitudes. We are learning that these 8 qualities are what each Christian is to have. And thereby, receives blessings from the Lord. This class will finish in mid-November.

We will follow the Beatitude class with a couple of topical issue weeks, Nov. 17 and Nov 24. Then come December we will move into an Advent/Christmas theme that will help prepare us for the celebration of our Lord’s birth. January will see the class move into studying the rest of the Sermon on the Mount.

Join us at 9am Sunday mornings in the North Parlor

FISH

Our adult classes during FISH will continue through November:

“Who Do You Think You Are” – a video discussion class on finding your identity in Christ.

“GriefShare” – a small group focused on dealing with life without a loved one who has died.

Dec. 4 will be our craft night at FISH when we make an ornament or Christmas decoration to give to the people we visit during our all-church caroling event. This is a fun mission project.

Women’s Retreat

The women’s retreat, Oct. 19th, was a lot of fun. We learned how Naomi and Ruth depended on one another and trusted God, even in the tough times. We laughed a lot, made a fun ornament, created some bags of soup mix to share with others, pampered ourselves and feasted on s’mores.



Thank you to Ann Phillips and Sue Sullivan for the great food. Our center leaders were Jane Dearth, Jane Lewy, and Ann Phillips. Thank you ladies for a great day.

Small Groups

A few of you mentioned an interest in small groups at the listening meetings. Christian Education is planning to sponsor a short-term small group event during Lent. This would be an opportunity for people to try a small group and see if they are blessed through the experience. It will also offer our current small groups the opportunity to open their groups to new people if they so desire. Stay tuned.

Fellowship

Many have expressed a desire for more fellowship events. I am willing to work with a few people and get some events organized. How about a Mariners’ Reunion – a chance for all former Mariners to gather for a potluck once again and share the blessings they received from that ministry. Interested???? See Ann Bleivik.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator

Notes on Stewardship

Thank you for your support and participation at First Presbyterian throughout the past year. Your attendance at the listening sessions was extremely helpful. Members' concerns and suggestions are being incorporated into the development of our future directions and to improve our church programs.



November is the time each year that we turn our attention to formalizing our plans for the next year. Our committees are finalizing their programs and activities for 2014.

Our Finance Committee is developing our church budget to assure that we balance all of the needs within the church. One of the key aspects of this process is collecting an indication for next year's giving, your contributions. We need every member's response to complete our plans before our Advent season.

Our Stewardship theme this year is simple but powerful: "Ask Him". We invite each member to ask Him. Please indicate your response on your Faith Response Card and return this card to the church on November 24, 2013. Your faith response affirms your belief that God's work should continue. It is also an opportunity to express your personal love, devotion and gratitude to God for our many blessings.

Key dates for this year's stewardship program to put on your calendar:

"Ask Him" Sunday..... November 17, 2013

"Thank Him" Sunday (dedication of pledges for 2014)..... November 24, 2013

As stewards of God's gifts to us, we need to do what He calls each of us to accomplish in support of our common vision of "*glorifying Christ by being and making disciples who share God's love, seek His truth, and serve His world.*" There is much work to be done; ask God how you can help and listen for what He calls you to achieve.

Douglas Stormzand
Chairman of the Stewardship Committee

Waiting to Soar

By Jonathan Mallard, Director of Student Ministries & Converge Discipleship Coordinator



Isaiah 40:30-31

³⁰ Though youths grow weary and tired,
And vigorous young men stumble badly,
³¹ Yet those who wait for the LORD
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up *with* wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,

Patience is hard to learn for most of us. This is especially true for the passionate and energetic young man or woman who wants to see immediate change in the world. When we have youthful energy we can burn the candle at both ends and convince ourselves that we will not burn out. Over time, however, the wise person realizes this: Surrendering to God's timing and trusting in His good will empowers us to soar on His grace rather than struggle in our own power.

In Christian relationships we must wait on God to reveal His truth, and not insist on everyone adhering to our opinions immediately. If we are right and even persecuted for righteousness, we can follow Jesus Christ's example. "When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly." – 1 Peter 2:23. It takes humility to forgive those who hurt our feelings, discourage our visions, or have different priorities.

The truth is that sometimes others' opinions and priorities are given by God to balance us out! This is what it means to have different members, giftings and personalities in the Body of Christ. By speaking the Word of God with love and compassion, God himself will bring unity to His Church. So whether you are working to heal a relationship, advance a cause, or just do what is right, wait on the LORD! He will renew your strength, give you peace in hardship, and make the wrong things right in his perfect timing.

The youth have been learning about building our foundation on Jesus and having the right heart to follow him through the Beatitudes. Please pray that they read the Bible daily and learn to express their feelings to God, who loves them deeply. Please pray for genuine friendships to grow among the college age group so that we can truly share the love of Christ relationally. Please pray for the volunteers, who selflessly pour into our students, that God may fill them up with joy and a deeper knowledge of His presence.

Lastly, pray that the outreach events in October and November would lead to more students feeling the love of Christ and knowing God better through youth group. These outreach events include Apple Charlie's, a paintball trip, a girls' spa day retreat, pumpkin carving, Trunk or Treat, and Feed the Hungry. May you rest in the peace of Christ this month, work hard to build His Church, and soar like an eagle wherever He carries you!

Much Love, Jonathan Mallard

Children's Ministry



Leading the Way

Thanks to Rachel and Shereen for stepping up to help lead the first through third grade class. I appreciate their positive spirit and can-do attitude as they become a part of our ministry team. What a privilege it is to make a difference in our children's lives!

Beanbag Chairs!

News! Have you seen the new beanbag chairs in the first through third grade classroom? And why are there new beanbag chairs? Here's why - have you ever seen two 7-9-year-old boys trying to share a single beanbag? And so, the new seats. The children were ecstatic a few weeks ago to arrive in Sunday school and find the new, brightly colored arrivals. Now, they all sit, peaceful, cozy and calm while they listen to their Bible stories.

Wed. night FISH Classes

The students become the leaders: Art plays a major role in our Wednesday night FISH classes. We read The Silver Chair by CS Lewis, we memorize related scripture verses, and we tie it all together with some kind of hands-on activity. Sometimes, it's a game, sometimes it's an art project. We've explored many different media for expressing our thoughts, feelings and observations. An exciting new development is that the kids are starting to come with their own ideas: "Let's do wax resist!" "Let's do line design!" (as well as, of course, "Let's play sardines!") Keep those ideas coming, kids!

Children's Church

Dilemma: I ran out of copies. A few weeks ago, I made what I thought were enough copies for an activity in Children's Church. I was happy to find out that I had not made nearly enough. Our program has grown! Now, success is not measured in numbers. Success is measured by God, as we participate in the realization of his kingdom. So thanks be to God for the opportunity to touch so many lives. And the resolution to our dilemma? All of Children's Church marched down to the office to make more copies on the spot. After all, who doesn't like a field trip?

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Coordinator

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 fifteen Touch of Hope families are struggling. 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 27, November 3, and November 10. Gifts will be collected and dedicated on Sunday December 8. Non-perishable food, personal care items, paper products and cleaning supplies will be collected the week after the gifts on December 15. Fifteen 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 15 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 8 and December 15. Please consider donating time on those Sundays. If you have questions or want to volunteer 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



Music Corner

November is here! The choirs are all looking forward to Advent and Christmas! We'd love for you to join us! No auditions necessary – just come to a rehearsal and check us out!

Don't forget our Service of Remembrance on Sunday, November 3. The choir will be presenting some very special music for that service. We also have a Kirkin' o' the Tartan service on November 24. We'll have some bagpipes and fun in that service!

Please go ahead and mark your calendars for our December dates: December 8 is Church-wide caroling to shut-ins, December 15 is our NOËL Festival, and Tuesday, December 24 is Christmas Eve, with a 5:30pm Family Service and an 11:00pm Candle-light Service.

Many thanks to all who came out and supported our choirs at the concert at St. Paul's Lutheran on October 13! We had a great time singing hymns together! We also got a good overview of the history of hymnody through the narrative of the various composers and their insights.

All of our choirs are open for more singers. Children's Choir (grades K-5) meets on Sunday afternoons at 3:30. Our Youth Choir (grades 6-12) meets on Sunday afternoons at 5:00. Our Adult Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. We'd love to have you come and join us!!

In Christ, *Marshall Dicks, Director of Music*



Thank you to my church family for all your prayers, cards, food, and well wishes during my broken leg adventure. I may not be quite ready for Nascar but I can be dangerous with a wheelchair. I am truly blessed by all of you. Thank you again for all your love and support and for being my family.

~Ann Bleivik

Emergency Contact Forms

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

Musings from Pastor Mike - November 2013

Commissioned Lay Pastor, Director of Young Adult Ministries and *Converge*

Pastoral Duties: This past month I was able to preach again at Sunday worship and focused on “Abiding in Christ”, using an exegetical style which focuses on line-by-line examination and cross references, and found it to be most enjoyable in preparation and delivery. I also did some hospital and home visits and was accompanied by my buddy Deacon Bob Szczechura. I am involved in a few Presbytery of Detroit Committees as well as chairing *Congregational Development and Transformation*. My team is putting on an event at FPC that you will not want to miss. On November 2 from 4-8 PM we will offer up a variety of workshops on worship, eat dinner together, and then experience an Extravagant Worship experience, all for free! You do need to register ASAP to guarantee dinner, but anyone is welcome to come at 6:30 PM for the worship experience. Teaching 3 classes this fall has been a challenging blast. Wednesday night’s class is a video discussion entitled “Who Do You Think That You Are?” which examines our identity in Christ. Sunday morning’s class is for HS seniors, young adults, and Elders, and examines the Beatitude of the week, an *Essential Christian Truth* by R.C. Sproul, as well as discussion on controversial topics as they are presented in Scripture. Saturday evening’s class for young adults is *Forgotten God*, a video discussion class by Francis Chan focusing on the Holy Spirit. I wrote and presented a message at the Praise Event that took place in October based on Psalm 62 with the theme: “We Won’t be Shaken”. Mentoring two young adults as well as my involvement in a Bible study at Panera Cares rounds out my weekly ministries.

Young Adult Ministries and *Converge*: Lynn and I did the visioning, “three question” visitation with two groups of young adults and will most likely do a third visitation with those who did not make one of the other two. The most often repeated statement was about just how friendly this congregation is/*Converge* participants are. Recently *Converge* participants went to the Cass Corridor to serve a hot meal to those 100-120 individuals who were on the streets that particular day. I am currently looking at ways to get the *Converge-Young Adults* Saturday evening program to be located out in the community to make us more visible as well as put together a mentoring program for middle-aged adults to mentor young adults. Jonathan continues his great program of discipleship and is making weekly efforts at visiting U of M - D’s campus to pray and chat with students who then can be invited to *Converge* as well as Sunday worship.

GrouPeru! ‘14: We are continuing to host monthly fund-raisers to help support this ministry of international relationships. Participants from our church as well as others give up two weeks each June, pay 80-90% of the cost of the trip out of their own pockets, and are touched forever with a heart for missionary work. For that “crazy-good” thing to happen requires that we let the Holy Spirit work in us and through us! For 13 years we have been building relationships with many of the same individuals that we encountered when our church first sent representatives down under the equator. Many of us return each year, and Kate and Billy actually became long-term missionaries for Scripture Union! Thanks to our church for realizing and supporting the importance of this ministry. May God continue to bless you all!

Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study

We continue to meet weekly (Thursday mornings, 10:00-11:30a.m. North Parlor). Our studies are written by women Pastors for women. This year's study is in the Old Testament books - Exodus and Deuteronomy. The focus of the study is to lead us to re-discover what it means to be a people who are called by God and who live within the presence of God, saved by God, and bound to God by faith. ~**Lorraine Lamkin**

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November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Communion/Daylight Saving Time ends Service of Remembrance 9am Education Hour 9am Touch of Angel adoption (Narthex) 9:25am Adult Choir 10am Worship Service- Sanctuary 11am Greek class- Room 12 3:4-30pm 4:12 Youth Group MH 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Sanct. 5-6pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	3 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 7pm Young Adult Bible Study- off site No B. Scout Troop due to ChristNet DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	4 7am-8pm Election Polls- MH 9am Men's Fellowship Work 9am Young Adult Bible Study at Panera Cares 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- MH 7pm Property- Library 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-8:30pm Investment Committee 7:30-9pm AA- YC	5 10am Stephens-Currie- R12 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm ALL Staff- SP 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner) MH (K) 6:45-8pm Classes MH, NP 6:45-8pm Grief Share- SP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turc 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP
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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Set up Communion Set up for ChristNet- YC, YL 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- MH or R12 2-4pm Pray for Dearborn at HFV Retirement Center 4-8pm POD Cong. Life Worship Event- MH, K, N&SP, Sanct., Chapel 6-10pm Converge
6	10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP	7 6:30-9pm Game Night- MH	8 9-10:30am DNA- R16 10am-12pm BEOM Club- NP 6-10pm Converge- MH, K
DOWNSTAIRS KITCHEN			
13	10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite	14 9am-6pm PW Holiday Craft Show setup- MK, K, NP, Bride's Room	15 10am-3pm PW Holiday Craft Show- MH, K, NP, Bride's Room 4:30pm Contemporary Praise Event- Sanctuary 6-10pm Converge- MH, K
KITCHEN			
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27 co	28 Thanksgiving Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	29	30 Set up Communion Chrismen Tree goes up 6-10pm Converge- K.,YL, YC, 2A

Notes from our Parish Nurse

Staying Healthy over 50

A key ingredient in the recipe for healthy aging over 50 is the continuing ability to find meaning and joy in life. As you age, your life will change and you will gradually lose things that previously occupied your time and gave your life purpose. For example, your job may change, you may eventually retire from your career, your children may leave home, or other friends and family may move far away. But this is not a time to stop moving forward. Later life can be a time of exciting new adventures if you let it.

Staying healthy over 50 means finding activities that you enjoy

Everyone has different ways of experiencing meaning and joy, and the activities you enjoy may change over time. If your career slows down or you retire, or if your children leave home, you may find you have more time to enjoy activities outside of work and immediate family. Either way, taking time to nourish your spirit is never wasted.

If you're not sure where to get started, try some of the following suggestions:

Pick up a long-neglected hobby or try a new hobby

Play with your grandkids, nieces, nephews, or a favorite pet

Learn something new (an instrument, a foreign language, a new game)

Get involved in your community (volunteer or attend a local event)

Take a class or join a club

Travel somewhere new or go on a weekend trip to a place you've never visited

Spend time in nature (take a scenic hike, go fishing or camping, enjoy a ski trip)

Enjoy the arts (visit a museum, go to a concert or a play)

Write your memoirs or a play about your life experiences

The possibilities are endless. The important thing is to find activities that are both meaningful and enjoyable for you.

Staying healthy through humor, laughter, and play

Laughter is strong medicine for both the body and the mind. It helps you stay balanced, energetic, joyful, and healthy at any age. A sense of humor helps you get through tough times, look outside yourself, laugh at the absurdities of life, and transcend difficulties.

Staying healthy over 50: Tips for staying connected

One of the greatest challenges of aging is how your support network changes. Staying connected isn't always easy as you grow older—even for those who have always had an active social life. Career changes, retirement, illness, death, and moves out of the local area can take away close friends and family members. And the older you get, the more people you inevitably lose. In later life, getting around may become difficult for either you or members of your social network. It's important to find ways to reach out and connect to others, regardless of whether or not you live with a spouse or partner. Having an array of people you can turn to for company and support as you age is a buffer against loneliness, depression, disability, hardship, and loss.

The good news is that there are lots of ways to be with other people. It doesn't matter what you do, so long as you get out of the house (if possible) and socialize:

Connect regularly with friends and family. Spend time with people you enjoy and who make you feel upbeat. It may be a neighbor who you like to exercise with, a lunch date with an old friend, or shopping with your children. Even if you are not close by, call or email frequently to keep relationships fresh.

Make an effort to make new friends. As you lose people in your circle, it is vital to make new connections so your circle doesn't dwindle. Make it a point to befriend people who are younger than you. Younger friends can reenergize you and help you see life from a fresh perspective.

Spend time with at least one person every day. Whatever your living or work situation, you shouldn't be alone day after day. Phone or email contact is not a replacement for spending time with other people. Regular face-to-face contact helps you ward off depression and stay positive.

Volunteer. Giving back to the community is a wonderful way to strengthen social bonds and meet others, and the meaning and purpose you find in helping others will enrich and expand your life. Volunteering is a natural way to meet others interested in similar activities or who share similar values. Even if your mobility becomes limited, you can get involved by volunteering on the phone.

Find support groups in times of change. If you or a loved one is coping with a serious illness or recent loss, it can be very helpful to participate in a support group with others undergoing the same challenges.

**http://www.helpguide.org/life/healthy_aging_seniors_aging_well.htm



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6, 7

Anxiety resolves nothing! So God gave us this supernatural promise to help us overcome worry, because worry reveals a lack of trust. This promise applies to every difficulty in our lives! Therefore, petition God with an adoring, sincere prayer of thanksgiving. Be thankful that you are blessed, that God is always with you (*Psalm 139:1-12*), and that you are loved by your heavenly Father (*John 3:16 -18, 14:21, 16:27; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 5:2 1 John 4:10, 11, 19*). Go to Him as a child in need goes to a loving Father. You are known, loved, and never alone.

God is disposed to help you (*Matt 7:7-11*), and He will respond wisely in your best interests. His responses are profound and, like His wisdom, beyond our understanding (*Gen. 45:5*). Therefore, we trust even when we do not understand.

All this comes through Christ, who gives us the peace of God (*Isaiah 26:3; Romans 5:1; John 14:27; 16:33; Col. 3:15*) and access to our Holy Father (*John 14:6*). This peace calms and strengthens our hearts and minds.

Some related scripture:

Do not worry... but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well (*Matt. 6:31- 34*).

Be joyful always, pray continually: give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (*1 Thess. 5:16-18*).

Though a good man fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord is the stay of his hand (*Psalm 37:24*). ~God bless, John Holden

Kirkin' o' th' Tartan

On Sunday Nov. 24 we celebrate Kirkin' o' th' Tartan. In the days of the Act of Proscription, wearing of the kilt was banned in the Scottish Highlands. According to legend, Highlanders hid pieces of tartan (a traditional Scottish cloth pattern consisting of stripes of varying widths and colors) and brought them to church to be secretly blessed at a particular point in the service. The Kirkin' o' The Tartan serves as a remembrance of the liberty and religious freedom Scots endeavored to preserve, including their influence on freedoms shared by all Americans.

We invite all to come and bring something Tartan or a symbol of your family (e.g. bible, coat of arms, photo, etc.) to bring to the communion table to be blessed. This is the Sunday to wear your Tartan.



Sunday Bulletin Announcements: Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at vickidfpcd30@gmail.com. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. There is also a bin in the front office of the church for your submissions. ~ Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant.

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

Noteworthy

- ◆ We have plenty of photo directories if anyone wants one. They are \$5 each. (That is what Life-touch charges us). Please see Jim Barber or Ann Bleivik if you would like to purchase one.
- ◆ Ann Bleivik & Jane Mykytenko are interested in building up our costume supply for our upcoming productions. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ann at the church or Jane at 313-657-2776.
- ◆ Jane Lewy-Mykytenko is thinking of starting a music studio. If you are interested in voice or piano lessons for child or adult, please contact Jane @ 313-657-2776.
- ◆ With only two custodians, we do not have custodial support on Fridays. If you require custodial support for a Friday event, you must request it.

ChristNet Returns Sunday November 3rd, 2013



First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn will be hosting guests of the ChristNet program beginning Sunday November 3rd and ending Sunday November 9th 2013. ChristNet provides temporary emergency shelter for men, women, and children from the downriver area.

This is the 11th 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 are available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you feel like you are called to this outreach whether you are a 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, call or email
Jeni Cole at 313-792-8224/jlcole71@att.net or
Sue Sullivan at 313-274-6756/ssullivan5094@wowway.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, life can be filled with painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but full of pain on the inside and the joy you long for seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Art Hughes (313) 383-2589 or Chris Mayer (313) 562-1943. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

2nd Annual Holiday Galleria Saturday, Nov. 16th

The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the 2nd Annual Holiday Galleria Sat., Nov. 16th at 10am in Mitchell Hall. FREE ADMISSION! Vendors, Crafters and Artisans! Tin Can Raffle! Refreshments and Gourmet Bake Shop! Your place for one-stop holiday shopping!



Please take advantage of the offerings of our own people:

Brian Mayer - Laser cut and engraved wood music boxes
Jane Lewy - Religious themed quilted wall hangings and tree skirts
Ann Phillips - Peruvian scarves and blankets, finger puppets
Lynn Hoffman - Knitted scarves, hats and wraps, gift card holders
Nancy DeHamer - Hand sewn wine and gift bags and Christmas stockings
Angie Saylor - Jewelry, scarves, bags and hair ornaments
Holly Schanz - Hand spun yarn, soft sculpture dolls, cloth purses
Tracie Sczcehura and Sue Ingram - Beaded wreaths, Christmas ornaments

Proceeds from this event go to support local charities helping women and children in need.

Chair Massages will also be available!!!



Presbyterian Women's Cookie Walk

The 23rd Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, November 24 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 Nov. 22nd, Saturday the 23rd, or Sunday morning, Nov. 24th -- marked COOKIE WALK. ~Thank you

Make

Bake

Donate

NOËL Festival

WHEN: Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm

WHERE: Mitchell Hall

FOR: Delicious Dinner

PLUS: Christmas Pageant

Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 5-12, Children under 5- FREE

Patron Tickets— \$100

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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

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



Emergency Response Plan Task Force

We held a second training session for the ushers Oct. 27th. The purpose was to review our evacuation procedures after the fire drill feedback; look at additional evacuation plans for emergencies other than fire; and to explain the expanded security role of the ushers on Sunday mornings. The usher teams have increased in number so as to provide better coverage on Sunday mornings and to have enough people on each team to cover in case of illness or absenteeism.

We continue to move forward with securing our facilities with locks, bolts, room evacuation maps, flashlights, glowsticks and signage. Thank you Tues morning men's work team for helping with our building updates.

We are behind schedule on meeting with the user groups but hope to accomplish that task by the end of the year.

And we have not forgotten about CPR training, defibrillator training, etc. They will be scheduled soon. ~Ann Bleivik

Our Church is a Polling Place!

We remind you that our church is a polling place for Dearborn voting precincts 31 & 32, formerly located in the Bryant Library. Please help the voters feel welcome during the Election on Tuesday, November 5th, and please remember to vote.



**Boy Scout Troop 1131
Holiday Treats and Trim**



Boy Scout Troop 1131 is again selling popcorn treats and holiday greens to trim the house for the holidays. Orders will be taken on October 12, 20, 27 and November 3rd. Please stop by our display outside Mitchell Hall to place your order. This is a major fundraiser to support our Boy Scout Troop. If you have any questions, please call Gene Smith at 563-8026. Thanks.

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."*



Winter Addresses

Please notify the church office if you would like your VISION Newsletter and other church mail sent to a different address during the winter months.



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.

November Birthdays

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

Mission Sewing Update

A great big thank you to all who signed up for and brought in articles of clothing for Mission Sewing. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by young and old folks who have no other source of help. It never ceases to amaze me the extent to which our wonderful church family goes to help those in need. May God bless you and yours.

~Olimpia Todor, Mission Sewing Coordinator



Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

November 3 / - Communion, Rev. Dave Bleivik
November 10 / - Mike Hoffman, CLP
November 17 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik
November 24 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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Are you praying for Vision?
Pastor Dave