



# Our Vision

## The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

### November 2014 Newsletter



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Thursday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

***3rd Annual Holiday Galleria***  
**Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 10am in Mitchell Hall



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*Angel Tree*

Touch of Hope Christmas Offering  
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***Cookie Walk***  
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**Saturday Night  
Alive!**

***Contemporary  
Praise & Prayer***

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm**

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**ChristNet**



Returns Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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for the Homeless**  
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***How much is enough?***  
***It is enough to be thankful and to share.***

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## **Stewardship ~ 'Using our Gifts'**

Our Stewardship theme for this year is **Living for God** based on 1 Peter 4: <sup>10</sup>*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* This passage 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 9, 2014  
Loyalty Sunday/"Thank Him" (dedication of faith responses for 2013): .....November 16, 2014

~Douglas Stormzand  
Stewardship Committee



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

#### **Sunday Morning**

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

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

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

#### **Sunday Afternoon**

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

#### **Wednesday Evening**

Adults/Teens/Children: *FISH*, hot dinner & cool Fellowship, Mitchell Hall, 6-6:45 PM, \$7 donation.

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

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

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

## Children's Ministry

Our children's programs are in full swing! Sunday school is before Worship at 9:00 AM. We'll be covering a variety of topics with Bible, music, games, art, etc. Bring your kids to Sunday school, and you can attend an adult class as well. No registration is required; just drop in!



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

There is always room for more people in the education program. If you'd like to volunteer in any of our children's offerings, please let me know!

~Beckie Dicks- Children's Ministries Director

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### 4:12 – Youth Group Update: Knowing Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath



The first part of Jesus' ministry was filled with conflict with the Pharisees. One of these confrontations was on the Sabbath when Jesus' disciples were picking heads of grain to eat. Although this was not against the Law of Moses, it did break the manmade restrictions set up by the Pharisees. In Mark 2:23-28, Jesus declares that, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." What does this mean for us today?

"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." God designed us to function properly and joyfully in dependence on Him. Therefore, in his laws for Israel, he included time to stop working and trust God for provision. This helped the people to rely on God instead of striving to be self-sufficient by working seven days a week. This especially took faith during harvest time, when the crops could be lost if they were not harvested quickly. The Sabbath, and for that matter all of God's commands, were not arbitrary rules to follow! They are here for our sake, so we can live full, godly, joyful lives.

Are you reaping the full benefits of resting with God? We don't worship on Saturday (Sabbat) like the Jews did, but we do have a day set aside for worship. In the midst of your career, homework, taxiing the kids to activities, or even church activities... are you pausing to enjoy the Sabbath rest that God has for you? Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, and desires to give you greater joy as you make time for him in your busy schedule each day and week. He loves you. I encourage you to spend some time talking and listening to him this week. And yes, it's ok to stop for a snack along the way.

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

## Musings from Pastor Mike - November 2014

Praise God! There are many favorite parts of my **Young Adult Ministry**. Converge Community in Christ of course is the “core” of the ministry, but did you also know that there are a number of “satellite” Young Adult Ministries that take place on other days of the week?

**Converge Landscaping** – This is one of my “babies”. Many of you know that I ran a landscaping business for 15 years during my teaching career that kept many in my youth group busy. Now that I work with young adults, we have teamed up to do everything from weeding to full-yard make-overs for members of FPC-D. Don Stanfill, Jonathan Mallard, and Justin Grajek have been my crew members and I thank God for their muscles and stamina... and Rite-Aid for Bengay!

**Huddles and Soccer Teams** – Jonathan & I have been blessed by the teaching and organizational skills of Dave Carlson (not our own, David Carlson) from Woodside Church in Troy. Dave has formed a “huddle” with Jonathan, myself, and 2 other guys. Each week we learn, practice, and keep each other accountable, utilizing the nuts and bolts of discipleship. I am a relatively new-comer to the huddle, so Dave is meeting with me on another day each week to help bring me up to speed. The other 3 guys have “multiplied” and have started their own huddles (I plan to do this shortly at FPC-D). Dave and I are also working on sharing the gospel on college campuses in a succinct, lay-back way, utilizing an app on our cell phone. Jonathan is a captain of a soccer team (appropriately called “The Trouble-Makers” J) which utilizes a relational way of inviting key leaders into a huddle. All of these ministries focus on evangelism.

**U of M- D Lunch Meet-ups** – Since Jonathan is pursuing a business degree at the U of M-D, he is utilizing his lunch times twice a week to meet-up individually with members of Converge to chat about anything and everything.

**Friday “English Speaking Only” Outings** – I got this ministry going with the international students who want extra practice using their English while visiting nearby landmarks. We have visited the Henry Ford, had a cook-out in our back-yard, parked for Homecoming, visited a number of coffee shops, ate in Mexican town, had ice cream at Calder’s Dairy, been to Apple Charley’s, walked the River Walk (see below), gone laser tagging, and cleaned-up Detroit.





*Dear Pastor Dave and Staff,*

*When I think of the years I've spent at "First Pres" and stood in the Narthex looking at our sanctuary and the clear windows looking out at God's beautiful landscape. Dick, my late husband, (who some of you remember) said to me, "It's different from the stained glass windows of our church in New Jersey." I agreed to a certain degree, but our church in Dearborn has beautiful patterns of stained glass in every window. I always think of each one being a different color glass piece, making each window a beautiful work of art in our church. Even though I live in Ann Arbor and do not get out much, you are still my Family of Faith. Thank you so much for taking the time to send me blessings. It came on a day most needed and my thoughts shone in many colors!*

*Isabelle Blair*



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

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

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## Music Corner

Thanksgiving. If you're like me, you start thinking about what music goes with the holiday. Unlike Christmas, for which there seems to be unending music, Thanksgiving has a much smaller selection. Two of my favorites are "Now Thank We All Our God" set to the Johann Crüger Chorale NUN DANKET or NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT and harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, and "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" set to Sir George J. Elvey's tune ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR.

I didn't know all that much about "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" so I started doing some digging. The text was written in 1844 by Henry Alford, then Rector of the Aston Stanford church in Buckinghamshire, England. The poem originally had 7 verses, and appeared "Hymns and Psalms" the same year under the title "After Harvest". In 1865 the poem was revised by Alford for publication in his book "Poetical Works." By this time it was being sung to the tune as we know it, ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR by George Elvey.

Henry Alford was born in London in 1810. He was a renowned scholar and preacher. Aside from his pastoral duties at Aston Stanford, he lectured at Trinity College, Cambridge, and later in life was the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral.

George Elvey was born in Canterbury, England, where his family had been involved in the musical life of the cathedral and city for generations. At the age of 14 he was appointed organist at New College, Oxford. He obtained his Bachelor in Music from New College and went on to study at the Royal Academy of Music.

In 1835 was appointed organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. This royal chapel, on the grounds of Windsor Castle, placed him in close contact with the royal family. Elvey was much admired by the royal family, and one of his principal patrons was Albert, Prince Consort to Queen Victoria. Elvey wrote two funeral anthems in memory of the Prince Consort on his passing in 1861. He also was music teacher to some of the younger members of the extended royal family.

The tune ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR was composed in 1856 as a setting for James Montgomery's text "Hark! The Song of Jubilee." In 1861 the tune was associated with "Now Thank We All Our God" in the publication "Hymns Ancient and Modern." Since then, the text and tune have gone together.

An English hymn, many of the hymns in "Hymns Ancient and Modern" (the hymnal for the Church of England for many years) found their way into American Hymnals of various denominations. And so, on Thanksgiving, look for the English "Harvest Home Hymn" in our hymnal, the very American "Celebration Hymnal."

Happy Thanksgiving,

*~Marshall*

## Touch of Hope Christmas Offering



The Christmas season will soon arrive. Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and a time to be grateful for God's blessings. Many of our sixteen Touch of Hope families are having daily challenges. As a congregation we can help brighten their holiday season and show them God's love.

Angel adoption for gift choices for Touch of Hope family members will take place on October 26, November 2, and November 9. Gifts will be collected and dedicated on Sunday December 7. Non-perishable food, personal care items, paper products and cleaning supplies will be collected the week after the gifts on December 14. Sixteen 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 14 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 7 and December 14. 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. Our families need and appreciate the support we give them, especially during the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity and support. ~ Margie Maurer



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

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

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

For more information or to get your "spot" early, call or email  
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# November 2

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>Communion/Service of Remembrance</b> 2 <b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b> <b>T. of Hope Angel Adoption- Narthex</b> 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 4:12 Youth Group ChristNet Prep- MH 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	3 7-9pm Outreach & Missions- SP 7-9pm Greeting Card- R14 <b>No Boy Scout Troop due to ChristNet</b>  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	4 <b>Election Day</b> <b>7am-8pm Election Polls- MH</b> 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- Turco 7pm Property- Library 7-8pm Deacons- NP 7:30pm-8:30pm Investment Committee 7-9pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30-9pm AA- Turco Room (due to ChristNet)	10am Stephens-Currie- NP 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>ALL Staff- SP</b> 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner)- MH, K 6:45-8pm Class-NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
<b>CHRISTNET (November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>)</b>			
9 <b>Stewardship/T. of Hope Angel Adoption</b> 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11:15am Group Meeting- NP</b> 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group MH 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  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>CHRISTNET ENDS</b></div>	10 11:30am-2pm Garden Club- MH 6:30pm NAMI- NP 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b> <b>DEADLINE FOR VISION</b>	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b>  9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 7-9pm CE Committee- NP 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am-4pm Treasure Chest 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner)- MH, K 6:45-8pm Class-NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
16 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>1pm Baby Shower- MH (K)</b> 3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group- YL, YC 3:30-4:30pm Children's Choir- Sanctuary 4:30-5pm Handbell Choir- Bell Room 5-6pm Youth Choir- Sanctuary 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	17 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop- YC  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	18 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 5:30-6:30pm Finance- SP <b>6:30pm SESSION/CC -NP</b> 7:30-9pm AA- MH	10am Stephens-Currie- NP 10am-4pm Treasure Chest 10:30am-12pm <b>PROGRAM Staff- SP</b> 6-6:45pm FISH (dinner)- MH, K 6:45-8pm Class-NP 7-9pm Adult Choir- Sanct., Turco
23 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> <b>11am PW Cookie Walk- MH</b> 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening- Narthex 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 3-4:30pm 4:12 Youth Group- YL, YC <b>No Children's Choir, Handbell Choir, Y. Choir</b> 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	24 <b>No Homeschool Class</b> 6:30pm NAMI- NP <b>No Boy Scout Troop</b>  <b>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</b>	25 9am Men's Fellowship Work 10am Physical & Spiritual Fitness- YC 7:30-9pm AA- MH  <b>4pm Presbytery</b>	11am-1pm Keenagers <b>Treasure Chest closed</b> <b>NO FISH</b> <b>5-7pm Thanksgiving Dinner for UM-D students- MH, K</b> No Adult Choir
30 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Baptism of Isabel Thormann</b> 8:45-9:57am Confirmation Class- YL 9am Education Hour 9:25am Adult Choir <b>10am Worship Service- Sanctuary</b> 1-2:30pm Hoffman Small Group- R16 <b>No 4:12 Youth Group</b> <b>No Children's Choir, Handbell Choir, Y. Choir</b> <b>4pm Hanging of the Greens- Sanctuary</b> 7pm Bible Study- Bert Ebi's			

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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Set up Communion/ChristNet set up 1 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- MH or R12 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
5	6 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 6-8pm PNC- NP 7-8:30pm GriefShare- SP	7	8 Pam PW Board- NP 10am-12pm BEOM Club- NP 10am-2pm Treasure Chest 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
r 9 <sup>th</sup> ) YL, YC, KITCHENS, ROOMS 2A&B			
12	13 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11am C.O.M. (Pastor) offsite 6-8pm PNC- NP 7-8:30pm GriefShare- SP	14 9am Craft Show setup- MH, K, Bride's Room 6:30-9pm Game Night- NP 7pm Praise Event Rehearsal- YL	15 10am-3pm Holiday Galleria Craft Show- MH, K, Bride's Room 4:30-5:30pm Saturday Night Alive-YL 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
19	20 10-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 6-8pm PNC- NP 7-8:30pm GriefShare- SP	21 9am Cookie Walk setup- MH?	22 9am Cookie Walk setup- MH? 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares
26	27 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 6-7:30pm Converge at Panera Cares

## Starting “Conversations” with Older Adults Before the Needs Arise

Seventy percent of us will need long-term care after age 65, yet few of us openly discuss care needs and wishes. Care Conversations™ is bringing people together to change this conversation trend. We're providing information and resources to get people talking with loved ones, health care providers and industry experts. There may be a time when you or your loved one will no longer be able to care for themselves independently. Care Conversations focuses on people and the honest discussions needed to plan and prepare for the future. Finding care may seem difficult or even overwhelming at first. Whether you're seeking care for yourself, or for a loved one such as a spouse, parent or sibling, Care Conversations can help you every step of the way. Worry less about tomorrow. Start a conversation today.

**Care Conversations with your loved ones** - To find the right care solution, you must first know what you're looking for. Keep in mind care *wants* are just as important as care needs. Talking with your loved ones may seem difficult at times, but regular discussions ensure everyone is working toward the same goal. Care Conversations™ help loved ones discover personal preferences and wishes that they might not have otherwise known. These insights help narrow the search criteria and make it easier to find the right care solution.

**5 Tips For Successful Care Conversations** - Many of us avoid Care Conversations because we assume loved ones don't want to discuss sensitive matters. These perceptions may not be reality. Loved ones may want to talk. The process may be easier than we think. We simply won't know until we try, so it's important to push past initial reservations and commit to taking action. Once you've made the decision to act, how do you go about initiating a delicate conversation? Even with the best intentions and strong determination, you may find yourself speechless. To improve your chances of Care Conversation success, follow these five tips:

**1 Address the Who, Where, and When** - The right mix of people, place, and timing will help set the right tone for a pleasant, productive Care Conversation. Because Care Conversations are likely to affect everyone, it's worth trying to involve everyone. While it may seem tough to find a quiet moment, try to find a time when people are relaxed and receptive.

**2 Be flexible** - Unforeseen circumstances can alter even the best-laid plans. However eager we may be to “get it over with”, a Care Conversation should not be forced or rushed. Plan for a few hiccups. If a family member is running late or your loved one seems to be having a bad day, consider rescheduling. When you are able to start a conversation, be flexible about how long the discussion lasts and what, if anything, is accomplished.

**3 Take the “right” approach** - Everyone's situation is different, so there is no one-size-fits-all “right” approach. Consider your loved one's preferences & tailor your tactics. Here are **three techniques** that can help you start a Care Conversation:

**-Start With Small Talk.** - Look for natural conversation starters. For example, if you're helping an aging relative run errands or cook, you might ask, “What's the best part of the day for you?” or “What's the hardest?” Giving loved ones the opportunity to talk on their own terms makes Care Conversations casual and less intimidating.

**-Turn The Tables** -Talk about others in similar situations to avoid putting loved ones on the defensive about their own circumstances. Ask aging relatives if they cared for their parents or grandparents. If so, what was the experience like? What might they have done differently? You can also share your life and care plans. Mention your steps to prepare a will or advance directive, and ask for input and assistance.

**-Express A Worry** - Voicing concern can help loved ones see care discussions in a new light. You might say, “I'm worried that someday I'll be making decisions on your behalf. I want to be sure I make the right ones.” This approach puts Care Conversations in the proper context of cooperative planning.

**4 Ask specific questions** - Be specific in your questions to fully understand the situation and level of need. You might ask: Do you feel comfortable driving to the bank? What about driving at night? How often do you go to the grocery store? Is it hard to bring in groceries? What do you worry about? How does it feel to be 80 (or 90 or 100)? What do you talk about with your friends? What would you like me to know that I don't yet? You don't have to tiptoe around questions; you can also ask what weighs on your heart. For example, if your loved one seems to struggle with a fear of dying, you might simply ask, “Are you afraid?” Honest questions can make difficult situations easier, and offer greater peace of mind.

**5 Remember, it's not about you** - The goal at this point is to simply gather information, listen and observe. While we can certainly help our loved ones make choices, we should be careful not to take over the decision-making process. If Care Conversations don't go as well as you had hoped, don't take it personally. Acknowledging and addressing changing care needs can be very difficult for everyone involved. If loved ones are reluctant to discuss topics such as personal finance, you might ask what bank they use or where they keep important documents. If a question prompts an unfavorable response, simply say, “I didn't mean to upset you. I want to make sure I understand what you need.” Some conversations will turn out better than others. The important thing is to just keep trying and keep talking.

Source: <http://careconversations.org/>

~Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse



**Do not be overcome by evil,  
but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21 (ESV)**

In our fallen world, evil is abundant and confrontational. That challenges us with opportunities to witness for Christ and minister to the lost on His behalf. By so doing, we display a worldview focused on eternity and love. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (*Matt. 5:9*).

In the last seven verses of Romans 12, Paul lists actions that begin with blessing those who persecute us and concludes with feeding hungry enemies (*v. 20*). The intervening points include empathy (*v.15*), humility (*v.16*), never repay evil for evil (*v.17*), seek peace (*v.18*), and avoid vengeance, which is God's work, not ours, because we have neither the right nor the understanding to do vengeance justly (*v.19*). This is offering our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God as true spiritual worship (*Rom. 12:1*). It shows that we are being transformed by renewed minds (*Rom. 12:2*).

Repaying evil with kindness can de-stabilize hostility and improve relationships (*Prov. 15:1*); one way to destroy enemies is to make friends of them. However, this risks suffering more evil on Christ's behalf. Natural man loves darkness rather than the light (*John 3: 19-21*). The Bible teaches that "everyone who wants to live a godly life in Jesus Christ will be persecuted" (*2 Tim. 3:12*). The closer we walk with Jesus, the more likely we will be persecuted because our lifestyle challenges worldliness. But remember, Jesus promised great rewards for those who suffer for Him (*Matt 5:10-12*), and we are to show grace to others as God has showered grace on us. This shows the supernatural power of the Gospel.

With God's help, we can be peacemakers instead of agitators. ~John Holden

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*Dear Pastor Dave,*

*I want to thank you on behalf of myself, and the Wloch and Cummings families for all that you did for us last month in regard to the loss of Tim Wloch, my daughter Aileen's husband.*



*The service was beautiful and touching. You captured Tim as we all recognize him—whether it is as a husband, son, brother, uncle, son-in-law, brother-in-law, cousin, friend, or most important, as Charlie, Ruby and the late Lola's father.*

*You provided our families with comfort during this time of much sorrow and grief.*

*In addition, I want to thank everyone at the church who worked behind the scenes. The bulletin was beautiful as was the sanctuary. And the organist did a wonderful job.*

*Your compassion and kindness will always be remembered.*

*Sincerely,  
Johnston Cummings  
On Behalf of the Cummings and Wloch Families*

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**Sunday Bulletin Announcements:** Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to **Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service at [vickidfpd30@gmail.com](mailto:vickidfpd30@gmail.com)**. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. There is also a bin in the front office of the church for your submissions. ~ Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant.

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

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

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

**Demonstrate your thankfulness this season**

It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving option. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, contact Nancy Setterlun to set up an appointment.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



**New Address!**

Please note Phoebe Hough's new address and phone:



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*Thanksgiving Reflection*

**'Thanksgiving'**


For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*Thank You*

*The family of Eugene P. Smith wishes to express their thanks to everyone who made a donation, sent a plant, sent a card or expressed their condolences and prayers to the family. We truly appreciate all of your thoughtfulness. Eugene was a joyful presence in our lives and we miss him terribly. Your kindness has helped us through this terrible period in our lives.*

*With thanks,  
Clara Smith and family*



**SATURDAY NIGHT  
ALIVE!**

**Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014**

4:30-5:30pm

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

**Contemporary Praise Music & Prayer Event**

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

IHM  
**Chapel**  
Concert Series

2014-2015

**Dr. Timothy Huth, Organ**  
With Rebekka Dicks, Flute



A program of works based on chant to commemorate the Feast of All Souls Day

Sunday, Nov. 2, 3 p.m.  
Free-will offering • Public welcome

610 W. Elm Ave.  
Monroe, Mich.

I would like to invite you all to my concert on Nov 02. The organ is a historic Casavant pipe organ, a rare local example of the symbolic school of organ building (as in Notre Dame Cathedral).

~ Dr. Tim Huth, your organist


### Presbyterian Women's Cookie Walk

Mark your calendars for the annual Presbyterian Women "COOKIE WALK". We will again have our sale after church on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> in Mitchell Hall. We would appreciate donations of home made Cookies, Candy or other special treats... these can be brought to the church on Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> marked "Cookie Walk" for sale.... As always, the proceeds go toward our various Mission projects. **Make- Bake- Donate.. See you there.**

### NOËL Festival

**WHEN:** Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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**





**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF DEARBORN PRESENTS  
SPONSORED BY THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

## *3rd Annual Holiday Galleria*

VENDORS, CRAFTERS AND ARTISANS, TIN CAN RAFFLE  
REFRESHMENTS, GOURMET BAKE SHOP,  
ONE-STOP HOLIDAY SHOPPING

**\$1 admission   Saturday November 15th   10am—3pm**  
PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARTIES  
HELPING WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN NEED

**600 North Brady, Dearborn mi, 48124   313 274 1313**



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

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



### ***Mission Sewing***

The Mission Sewing ministry was a great success this year. Every article on our list was brought in. Thank you to all who participated for your amazing generosity. Our total donation came to more than \$1300.

Yours in Christ, *Olimpia Todor* - Mission Sewing coordinator

### NEED A LIFT? WE'D LIKE TO HELP!

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



### 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 (313)791-0377.

### November Birthdays



11/02: Sandra McLennan, Victoria Davidson  
11/04: JoAnn Cashwell  
11/05: Carolyn Buell, Emma Scott  
11/06: Alexandra Slanec  
11/08: Gregory Martin  
11/09: Donald Wright  
11/11: Walter Pauza  
11/13: Isabelle Blair, Carolee Orcutt  
Annabelle Hyma, Emma Best  
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  
11/23: Robert James  
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

### Meals for the Homebound

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

### Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

November 2 / - Communion, Rev. Dave Bleivik  
November 9 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik  
November 16 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik  
November 23 / - Mike Hoffman, CLP  
November 30 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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## Our Vision

## Sent with a Prayer

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

Pastor  
Rev. Dr. David Bleivik

Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Don Wright

Education & Young Adult Coord.  
Mike Hoffman, CLP

Children's Ministries Director  
Beckie Dicks

Director of Music  
F. Marshall Dicks, M.M.

Youth Ministries Director  
Jonathan Mallard

Parish Nurse  
Chris Mayer, R.N.