

Our Vision

Sent with a Prayer

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The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

May 2011 Newsletter



The Twins



Crew Feeding the Hungry



Are you praying for Vision?
Pastor Dave



Stain Glass Cross & Art by Bob & Diane Missler

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Photos by Kate Bruder



Thank You!

Thank you to Diane and Bob Missler for helping with the children’s sermons during Lent. Wow, your talents certainly helped us focus on “Who We Are”.

Thank you to all who helped make the Family Seder Celebration/Tenebrae a wonderful evening: those who helped with preparation, set-up, clean-up, soup and dessert preparations, and the music. Thanks to Mike & Toni Barr, Marshall Dicks, Tim Huth, the Choir, and the Men’s Ensemble.

Thank you to Beckie Dicks and Holly Schantz for the wonderful children’s devotional you created for Lent.

Thank you to Sue Young and Jane Dearth for leading the Sunday morning adult classes during March and April. Thanks for helping people grow in their faith.

Thank you to the staff and the FISH kids for leading worship on Wednesday evenings during Lent. What a blessing you all were!

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Beginning Sunday, May 1st and continuing through June 5th, we will offer 2 classes for adults on Sunday morning. Choose a class and join us for a wonderful study.

Nicene Creed – led by Bob Jones – Creeds are one of the cornerstones of our understanding of, and belief in God. We will look at the issues that brought about the Nicene Creed, and how centuries later, still covers the fundamentals of all Christian Faiths.

How Do You Walk the Talk You Talk – led by Bunny Barr – This class will focus on how Christians can live out God’s priorities of unity, authenticity, holiness, forgiveness, and unconditional love.

FISH

Wednesday, May 11 will be our last FISH for the season. We will finish our Gospel of John study in May. It’s been a great winter and spring.

Game Night

Game Night – Minute to Win It – was a lot of fun. We had 45 participants and a number of audience members. Laughter was certainly the focus of the evening. And we learned that some people are extremely competitive, but I won’t mention any names.

If you are interested in more fun, family friendly evenings at the church, let me know.

VBS

I need help with the decorating aspect of VBS. This can all be done ahead of time. In fact, I’d like to get most of it made during May. If you can paint (staying in the lines or not, doesn’t matter), please let me know. Our theme is Shake It Up Café. We are creating a café scene and also a “Main Street” with a variety of storefronts. Thanks.

Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day, May 8th, will be Children’s Day at the church. Our Sunday School and FISH children and youth will lead the congregation in worship at both services. This is their opportunity to share a little of what they have learned this year. Join us for this special way to celebrate Mother’s Day.

Summer Sunday School

In response to the congregational survey, Session has decided to hold one Worship service on Sundays in July and August at 10:00am. This means that our Adult Sunday School class will meet at 9:00 – 9:50am in Mitchell Hall during those 2 months.

Ann Bleivik
Educational Coordinator



Our sincere condolences to:
the family of Kay Was, who passed away April 14. Her memorial service will be May 12 at 4:00pm.

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 Contemporary / New Harvest Praise Band

11:00 Traditional / Choir and organ

May 1 - Communion / Rev. David Bleivik

May 8 - Mother’s Day / Children

May 15 - Rev. David Bleivik

May 22 - Rev. David Bleivik

May 29 - Special Dramatic Presentation for Memorial Day / Bunny Barr

Great News for Summer!!!

The Worship and Arts committee with the concurrence of Session is planning a single summer service schedule for FirstPresDearborn!!

The single worship service will start at 10AM. Plans for special worship musical offerings and other special Sunday worship events are currently being planned, so contact the Worship and Arts committee if you have an idea that you would like to share. The single summer service schedule will start on Sunday, July 3rd and will run through Sunday, September 4th. Mark your calendars!

Blessings,
Mark Dearth
on behalf of the Worship and Arts Committee

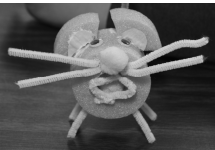
May

BIRTHDAYS

- 05/02: William Hough, Samuel Joachim, Frank T. Jones, David Mantey
- 05/03: Jean Long, Phill Mayer
- 05/04: Lisa Holt
- 05/05: Donald Martin
- 05/07: Janet Leslie
- 05/08: Nancy DeHamer, Lauren Nilsson
- 05/09: Ian Higgins
- 05/11: Emily Carlson
- 05/12: Jeremy Hughes
- 05/15: Edward Mistecki, Wes Pelling
- 05/16: Linda Ashton
- 05/17: Bob Jones
- 05/19: Ted Daykin, Jim Scott
- 05/20: Virginia Cassidy
- 05/21: Alicia Laura
- 05/22: Chris Mayer
- 05/23: Sandra Evans, Bob Szczechura, Vic Todor
- 05/24: Becky Bergren, Nelda Johnson
- 05/26: Diane Mitchell
- 05/27: Gloria Knoop, Kathy White
- 05/28: Paul Bassett Sr.
- 05/29: Amy McCarthy, Clara Smith

Many thanks to all who donated items and/or helped with the Puppet Party on April 2! Your contributions helped to make it a success.

Julia Casey



Website Image Release

As we continue working on a new website, we are beginning to collect images of members participating in the congregational life at First Presbyterian. Inclusion of videos and photographs of our members participating in events and worship at church will convey a friendly and family atmosphere to prospective members.

In an effort to protect the privacy our members we are giving you the opportunity to “opt-out” of any image, video or text mention. **If you do not want your image to be posted online or your name included in print media, please return the following form to the church office.**

If you do not return the following form, you are giving consent that the employees or agents of the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn have the right to take photographs, videotape or digital recordings for the purpose of posting on the website of the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn, Facebook, Flickr, Twitter and any other online or print media. You also further consent that your name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

If you have any questions about the release or upcoming website, please contact a member of the Website Team. Thank you.

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I/we do not consent to my/our image to be used in online or print media to represent the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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I represent that I am the parent or guardian of the below-named minors. I hereby consent to the “opt-out” on his/her behalf.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Student Ministries

The month of April brought many events with service and fun for our students, 6th-12th grade. We helped our brothers & sisters out on the streets of Detroit, spent an afternoon bowling, prepared for our upcoming participation in Mother’s Day services, went to East Lansing for the 2011 Acquire the Fire and various other activities. Thank you to the faithful kitchen team who prepares the food we take downtown for Feeding the Hungry. We couldn't do it without help from Ann Phillips, Nancy DeHamer, Charlene Reid & Tracie Szczechura.

I can’t believe it is May already! In just a few more weeks, our students will be gearing up for summer break and our seniors will be moving on from high school to college! As we look to May, expect fun things for both CREW and Four12, such as CREW: Total Request Live, Feeding the Hungry and many other favorites. As always, for more information about what CREW and Four12 are up to, check us out on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/crewyouthgroup.

Kate Bruder
Interim Student Ministries Director
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The Adult Discipleship Committee needs you. Please consider joining us the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm to help plan our adult educational offerings.

Please submit your announcements for the **Sunday Bulletin** to **Vicki no later than noon the Monday prior to the service to vickid@firstpresdearborn.org**. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. Boxes are also available in the church office for your submissions.

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 **kathywfpd@gmail.com** 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.**

Stephen Ministry

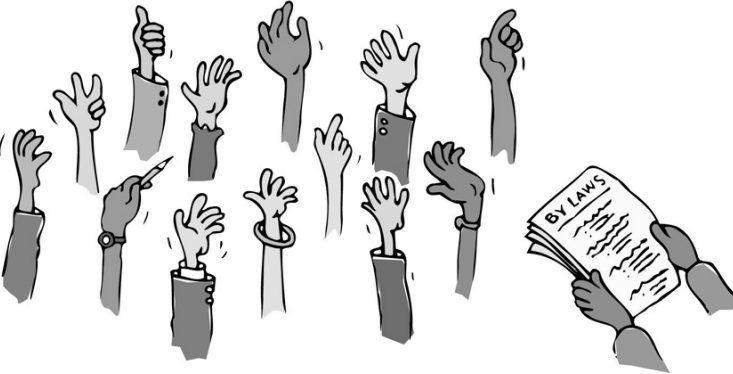
When Life Seems Dreary and Spring Seems Far Away . . . Spring may have arrived, but life can still seem cold and dreary for those who have suffered a loss or experienced a crisis. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to help people through the "winters" of life, providing emotional and spiritual support during tough times. If you or someone you know could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one Christian care of a Stephen Minister, contact one of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn's Stephen Ministry Leaders: Art Hughes (313-383-2589) or Chris Mayer (313-562-1943). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.



Prayer & Healing Service

Want a change in your life? Whether it is a physical illness, debilitating disease, chronic fatigue, emotional heaviness... the Lord says, "Come, spend a special time with Me. Give Me your burdens." There will be a **Healing Service on the 3rd Sunday of every month**; the next one is Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 4pm in the Chapel. Come with expectation... for nothing is impossible with God!

Congregational Meeting



The Congregational Meeting to elect new officers and to approve Pastor Dave's Terms of Call will be held **Sunday, May 15** at noon in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

Puzzle BROOCH

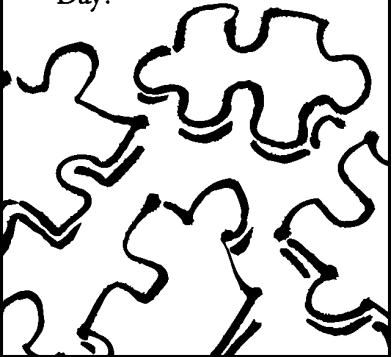
Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!



Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

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walk speak fathers sleep keep always  
guide awake son forsake teaching  
around heart neck mothers fasten watch  
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"My [] [] your [] [] [] [] command
and do not [] [] [] your [] [] [] [] [].
Bind them [] [] [] on your [] [] [];
[] [] [] them [] [] [] your [] [] [].
When you [] [], they will [] [] you;
when you [] [] [], they will [] [] [] over you;
when you [] [] [], they will [] [] [] to you."

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Answers: "My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."



He is not here; He has risen --
Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ, after being crucified to pay for our sins, is the central fact of Christianity. It allows the Father to pardon us by His grace without compromising holiness, and it shows that the Father accepts Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross as the just payment for our sins. Anyone who receives Jesus as Lord and Savior on that basis, becomes a child of God (*John 1:12*). Why should anyone believe that the Resurrection is really true?

1. The disciples changed dramatically after believing reluctantly, and they never recanted despite suffering and martyrdom. People do not willingly suffer and die for a cause unless they are convinced it is true and good.
2. The main sermon theme of the early church was: "God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ," raising Him from the dead (*Acts 2:36; 10:39-43; 13:30-37; 26:23*). Without the Resurrection, that message would have been rejected by those who lived in Palestine where it occurred. But instead, 3,000 in Jerusalem joined the church quickly (*Acts 2:41*).
3. Jesus' tomb was plugged by a huge rock, sealed, and guarded by Rome, to prevent anyone from stealing the body (*Matthew 27:62- 28:10*); yet the tomb was emptied, and the risen Jesus appeared many times over 40 days (*Acts 1:3*) and to more

than 500 of the brothers at one time (*1 Corinthians 15:6*).

4. The four Gospels testifying to the Resurrection were written by different people to different audiences for different purposes with different details; yet when analyzed, they agree on the same key facts. Had they all said the same things, we might suspect collusion, but the complexity of these testimonies makes that impossible.
5. Without the Resurrection, there would be no New Testament - the Epistles would have no salvation to explain.
6. Believers justified through the Resurrection (*Romans 4:25*) became a great force for good world-wide. Those redeemed sinners produced charities, hospitals, schools, churches, missions, and changed lives, despite their sinfulness and severe persecution. Their ministries enhanced human dignity.

The Resurrection proves Jesus' divinity (*Romans 1:4*), another proof that God exists and is as Jesus revealed Him. Therefore, atheism and many religions are false (*Psalms 14:1*).

Such a beneficial truth must be shared. Therefore, proclaim and live by the Gospel so that others may find the new life in Christ that so greatly blesses us.

~ John Holden

The 2011 YOUTH in ARTS FESTIVAL
AN EVENING OF ART, MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE BY STUDENTS FROM DEARBORN SCHOOLS

This event is open to the public at no charge.

Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:30pm
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in the Michael A. Guido Theater
15801 Michigan Avenue – Dearborn

VISUAL ARTS
CHORAL ARTS
INSTRUMENTAL ARTS

DRAMATIC ARTS
POP DESIGN TEAM
SPECIAL GUESTS

May is National Stroke Education Month

- Stroke is the **3rd leading cause of death** in the United States, killing over 176,000 people each year and is a leading cause of serious, long-term adult disability.

- Stroke is a **brain attack and is emergency event**, cutting off vital blood flow and oxygen to the brain..

Stroke can happen to anyone at any time, regardless of race, age or sex. However, African Americans have almost twice the risk of first-ever stroke compared to whites and each year 55,000 more women experience a first-time stroke than men.

Two Types of Stroke:

- **Ischemic Stroke** occurs when arteries are blocked by blood clots or by gradual build-up of plaque and other fatty deposits. About 87 % of all strokes are ischemic.
- **Hemorrhagic Stroke** occurs when a blood vessel in the brain breaks leaking blood into the brain. Hemorrhagic strokes account for thirteen % of all strokes, yet are responsible for 30% all stroke deaths.
- **2,000,000 brain cells die every minute during a stroke**, increasing the risk of permanent brain damage, disability or death. Recognizing symptoms and **acting FAST** to get medical attention can save a life and limit disabilities. The prevalence of **TIAs (transient ischemic attacks)** also known as "mini-strokes", increases with age. Up to 40% of all people who suffer a TIA will go on to experience a stroke.

Stroke is an Emergency! Act FAST and call 911!

Learning the warning signs of stroke, and acting fast when they occur, could save someone's life.

F = FACE Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

A = ARM Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
S = SPEECH Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Does the speech sound slurred or strange?
T = TIME if you observe any of these signs (independently or together), **call 9-1-1**

Reducing Risks; Stroke Prevention Guidelines:

1. **Know Blood Pressure.** High BP is a major risk factor if left untreated.
 2. **Identify Atrial Fibrillation (Afib).** This is an abnormal heartbeat that can increase stroke by **500 %**. Afib can cause blood to pool in the heart and may form a clot and cause stroke.
 3. **Stop Smoking.** Smoking doubles the risk of stroke.
 4. **Know Cholesterol levels.** High levels can clog arteries and cause stroke.
 5. **Control Alcohol Use.** Don't drink, or limit to no more than 2 per day. Remember, alcohol can interact with other drugs you are taking.
 6. **Control Diabetes.** Keep blood sugar levels within normal limits to decrease risk.
 7. **Manage Exercise and Diet.** Excess weight strains the circulatory system.
- Treat Circulation Problems.** Fatty deposits can block arteries carrying blood to the brain and lead to heart attack or stroke.

If you have any stroke symptoms, seek immediate medical attention!

*information taken from the
National Stroke Association's website

Submitted by Chris Mayer
Parish Nurse



May 5



May 8



May 30

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