



Our Vision

The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
October 2011 Newsletter

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ChristNet Returns Sunday October 30th, 2011

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn will be hosting guests of the ChristNet program beginning Sunday October 30th and ending Sunday November 6th, 2011. ChristNet provides temporary emergency shelter for men, women, and children from the Downriver area.

This is the ninth year FPCD 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 in the Narthex. If you feel 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 or to get your "spot" early, call or email

Jeni Cole at 313-792-8224/ jcole71@att.net or

Sue Sullivan at 313-274-6756/ ssullivan5094@wowway.com.

Touch of Hope Back to School Offering

Thank you to all who made the Touch of Hope Back to School offering a success. Twenty-three school age children went back to school ready and in style. Many people seemed to enjoy the shopping experience and donating to children in the ministry. The offering was coordinated by Margie Johnston-Maurer and many loyal and efficient volunteers. Bob Szczechura and Mailan Reid did computer work. Nancy DeHamer created the display bulletin board and the set up for distribution of needed items. Nancy DeHamer and Charlene Reid volunteered at the table and helped sort and categorize supplies. Sue Ingram created the instruction sheet and the fliers. Charlene Reid and Mailan Reid reviewed and updated school supply needs for each category. Jan Cobb created wonderful identification tags for the completed backpacks. Suzannah Wesley saved the day by purchasing all the supplies not adopted. Backpack assembly was completed by Margie Johnston-Maurer, Tracie Szczechura, Nancy DeHamer, Sue Ingram, and Suzannah Wesley. Joan and Paul Cahow were helpful on distribution Sunday. Wendy Palmer and Vicki Davidson were helpful throughout the offering stages. We thank everyone who donated time, backpacks, supplies and donations to the Back to School Offering. We also thank the loyal sponsors who delivered the donations before the first day of school. The families are all very appreciative of the help they receive through Touch of Hope. Thank you for being such a generous congregation.

~Margie Maurer



CREW

"Praise the LORD! ... He lifts the needy from the ash heap."

Psalms 113: 1,7

Paint Wars was an awesome start to the school year! We also learned to be patient with one another, as paint can sometimes go where it's not expected. As I write this, it's mid-September and not all the events are planned for October. But we do know that Apple Charlie's is an essential tradition that we will do the second or third week. Parents and kids will receive a calendar for October and November the first week of October.

The theme for this year in CREW is Praise the Lord! We will focus on who God is and why He is worthy of praise. Our plan is to do one service project and one combined activity with Mid and Sr. Highs every month. The combined groups will meet at the usual 4-6pm time on Sundays unless otherwise noted. The other two weeks will be small groups, with Mid-Highs meeting on Saturday from 3-5pm and Sr. Highs on Sunday from 4-6pm.

Also, don't forget about Sunday School and FISH! Education hour is 9am on Sundays. I'll be teaching 6th-8th grade on 1 John. Sue Young and Mike Hoffman will teach 9th-12th grade on various aspects of the Bible that the students have questions about. FISH is 6th-12th grade and a great chance to take a break from homework, hang out, and go deeper into what it means to live out our faith. It's Wednesdays from 6-8pm. Have to do homework? Come anyway! We'll give you a special study spot, and you can take a break with us when you need it. We'll also use FISH as a time to prepare for outreach opportunities with CREW.

God bless you, and see you soon! Jonathan Mallard, Youth Ministries

Notes from Peru

My first three months in Peru have just flown by! Upon arrival in early June, I hit the ground running and have been meeting and hosting work teams from the United States and United Kingdom at our home for abandoned boys in the Amazon jungle.

This was my third time spending a considerable amount of time in Puerto Alegria and it was wonderful to rekindle the relationships that were begun in 2009, and meet the newest boys and staff at the house. During the eight weeks I spent at Puerto Alegria, I worked with eight different work teams helping with construction projects, translating skits, coordinating VBS programs, reading stories, celebrating birthdays, and sharing the work of Scripture Union Peru with our visitors. I was also able to spend almost an entire month with my brother Randy working on the new SU website.

Of course, I have a whole collection of **photographs** and **stories** posted on my website. Photographs from my time in Puerto Alegria and Iquitos can be found on Flickr at: www.flickr.com/photos/laviajerkate, while stories are online at: www.katebruder.com/peru.

Over the next few weeks, the International Relations team will be debriefing and wrapping up the busy work team season and begin preparing for the handful of teams that will join us in September and October. Thank you once again for your prayers and support. It is a blessing to be a part of God's work here in Peru. ~With love, Kate Bruder

Children's Education



Welcome to our fall program!

Thank You to all the volunteers who make children's education such a great program! Thank you to Jane Dearth and Ina Behrens for their help with summer children's Sunday school. Thanks to all the teachers who have started the year with such enthusiasm and love for our kids.

Sunday School: We gather upstairs at 9:00am in room 14 for a time of singing and an opening prayer. We'll also review the week's "Step-by-step" Bible verse. At around 9:20am, we head to our separate classes. Preschool and kindergarteners are taught by Julia Casey. Andrew Mayer and Beckie Dicks teach the first through third grade class, and the fourth and fifth graders are led by the Scotts and the Mayers. No registration is needed, and kids can drop in and check us out any time.

Wednesday Night FISH: Join us for a family dinner at 6:00pm. From 6:45pm to 8:00pm, the kids go upstairs for a evening in the magical land of Narnia. This year, we'll be studying Prince Caspian. It's a story about the faithful followers of Aslan, illustrating the importance of faithfulness, the cost of belief, courage and determination. We'll explore these themes with discussion, bible stories, crafts, games, and maybe even cooking!

Bibles Presented: On September 25th we gave Bibles to our third graders, and to those older kids who hadn't received Bibles from the church yet. Congratulations to **Ava, Noah, Stella, David, Geoffrey, Zander, Victoria** and **Dan**. Keep God's Word in your head and your heart. Live it with your thoughts, words, and actions. God bless you!

~Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Director

Help Needed

Since we moved to one service, our nursery is flowing with children. We have an adult caregiver and usually a youth helper in the nursery each week. Occasionally, it would be helpful to have another adult present (especially if we have infants). If you would be willing to help in the nursery on a last minute basis (we will come and get you as the service begins), please contact Beckie Dicks or Ann Bleivik. It is such a blessing to need more help in the nursery! Can you come and snuggle an infant?



Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and fellowship to support ChristNet on **Sunday, October 23rd** following the worship service in Mitchell Hall. All-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon wrapped sausages, bananas and orange juice will also be served. Cost is \$5.00 per person, and \$20.00 per family.



Music Corner

What a great start to the church's program year! We've started a new Youth Choir, and rehearsals for Children's Choir, Children's Handchimes, Adult Choir, and Men's Schola have started! We'd love to see YOU in one of these great ensembles. For more information on any of these ensembles, or special music opportunities, please contact me at any time.

On **October 15**, we will be hosting a concert of the **Vocal Jazz** ensembles of Henry Ford Community College, under the direction of G. Kevin Dewey. This is a great opportunity for us to support arts in the local community. Come listen to these great local jazz artists perform!

NOËL Festival is coming!! Mark your calendars for December 17. This year's festival will include our new Youth Choir, as well as the Children and Adults with lots of great music, good food, and Christmas fellowship. Tickets will go on sale in October! Stay tuned for more information. See you in Church!

~Marshall Dicks, Director of Music

Continuation of One Worship Service

Worship and Arts, with the concurrence of the Pastor and Session, has approved the single, Sunday morning worship service through the end of 2011. The start time of worship will continue to be 10AM, and Christian Education will continue its offerings from 9AM-9:50AM on Sunday mornings as well.

After a review of the feedback from the congregation and our continuing lack of paid staff support to provide leadership and direction of the Praise Team, it was recommended by Worship and Arts to Session, and approved by all present at the joint Coordinating Council/Session meeting, that the single service format for Sunday morning be continued tentatively through the end of 2011. A checkpoint to assess successes and needs is to be conducted in mid-November. Other actions will be taken to address feedback concerns and further integration of our musicians and other volunteers into the single service. Session and Coordinating Council called for the formation of a small team of lay people from the Choir, Praise Team and other active participants in worship to help plan worship services to achieve diversity and inclusion. This group will work with the Pastor, the music staff and the Worship and Arts Committee, and will help recruit, rehearse and coordinate volunteers for presentation of music, drama, dance and other arts in worship.

As we move to one service, we will continue to strengthen all aspects of our worship and music. We will add a part-time Contemporary Worship Leader/Coordinator to enhance this area. Our Praise Team, Choirs, Organist and Music Leaders will continue to count on all of you to exercise your gifts and talents to lift up our Sunday morning worship, as well as special gatherings and praise events.

Worship and Arts, the Coordinating Council, and Session all agreed that this decision provides our entire congregation the opportunity to continue to build unity of purpose and to provide healing for our church family. We encourage all to be tolerant and open to any changes that accommodating the worship styles of our entire church family may require.

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

Great News

- ♦ **Mike Hoffman is returning to First Church as our Commissioned Lay Pastor.**
- ♦ **A dynamic new outreach to young adults will begin in October.**
- ♦ **Your prayers are making a difference! Keep on, keeping on praying.**

~Pastor Dave

Notes from our Parish Nurse

Educational Series on Later Life Decisions/End of Life Decisions Being Offered this Fall by Arbor Hospice

In an effort to educate the community about some of the important issues we and our families will face in our “later years,” we will be hosting a workshop series on the **4th Saturday of the month, beginning October 22nd from 10am-12noon.** The topics chosen thus far:

- 1) Consider the Conversation: A documentary on a taboo subject (death).**
- 2) The Hospice Concept:** A look at the real mission of the Hospice Movement.
- 3) The Sandwich Generation: Making Health Care Decisions for our Parents and “Five Wishes: Advanced Directives.”** We will discuss what kind of care you and your family desire at the “end of life” and provide an opportunity to fill out a legal plan of action before you leave.
- 4) Transition from Grief and Loss:** What kind of support is available after the loss of a loved one.

There will be no charge for this workshop series and it is open to the community. If you have questions, please call Chris Mayer @ (313) 274-1313 ext. 16

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“Love and Respect” Marriage Conference

There will be a **“Love and Respect” Marriage Conference** Fri. & Sat., Oct 15th & 16th at Woodside Bible Church in Troy, MI. The cost is \$35 per person (until Oct. 2nd).

“...Women need love. Men need respect. It's as simple and complicated as that....”

If interested in this event, go the website: loveandrespect.com ~Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>Communion 2</p> <p>Peacemaking Offering/World Communion</p> <p>9:00am Education Hour</p> <p>9:25am Adult Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>1-5pm CROP Walk at Cherry Hill Baptist</p> <p>3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL</p> <p>5:00pm-6:00pm FPC Handbells</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Eve Bible Study- Bert Ebi's</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm-9:00pm Greeting Card- R14</p> <p>7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop- YC</p> <p>8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- YL</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CE Subcommittees meet</p> <p>9:00am Men's Fellowship Work</p> <p>9:00am <i>Silent Auction set up 2a&b</i></p> <p>7:00pm Property- Library</p> <p>7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP</p> <p>7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH</p>	<p>10:00am Stephens-Curr</p> <p>10am-7pm Treasure C</p> <p>YC, YL, 4-7</p> <p>10am-7pm Silent Auction</p> <p>NO ALL STAFF MEETING</p> <p>6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (c)</p> <p>6:45pm-8:00pm Classes</p> <p>7:00pm-9:00pm Outreach</p> <p>7:00pm-9:00pm Adult C</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Education Hour</p> <p>9:25am Adult Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL</p> <p>5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Eve Bible Study- Bert Ebi's</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>11:30am-2:00pm Garden Club- MH</p> <p>3:00pm Presby. Ldrshp. Planning- NP</p> <p>7:00pm-8:00pm Deacons- R12</p> <p>7:00pm NAMI- NP</p> <p>7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop- YC</p> <p>8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- YL</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR VISION</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Men's Fellowship Work</p> <p>9:30am-11:30am Prayers & Squares</p> <p>7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH</p>	<p>10:00am-4:00pm Treas</p> <p>6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (c)</p> <p>6:45pm-8:00pm Classes</p> <p>7:00pm-9:00pm Adult C</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Education Hour</p> <p>9:25am Adult Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>11:30am-2:30pm Explorer's Class- NP</p> <p>3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir</p> <p>4pm Prayer/Wholeness Service- Chapel</p> <p>4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL</p> <p>5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Eve Bible Study- Bert Ebi's</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2:00pm-5:30pm H.S. Art Class- MH</p> <p>3:00pm Presby. Ldrshp. Planning- NP</p> <p>7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop- YC</p> <p>8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- YL</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00am Men's Fellowship Work</p> <p>5:15pm-6:15pm Finance- Bert Ebi's</p> <p>7:00pm SESSION- NP</p> <p>7:30pm-8:30pm Investment Committee- Sf</p> <p>7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH</p>	<p>10:00am Stephens-Curr</p> <p>10:00am-4:00pm Treas</p> <p>10:30am-12:00pm PRO</p> <p>6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (c)</p> <p>6:45pm-8:00pm Classes</p> <p>7:00pm-9:00pm Adult C</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Education Hour</p> <p>9:25am Adult Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00am Pancake Breakfast to benefit Christnet- MH, Kit.</p> <p>3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL</p> <p>5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Eve Bible Study- Bert Ebi's</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2-4pm Homeschool Class- MH, Kit.</p> <p>7:00pm NAMI- NP</p> <p>7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop- YC</p> <p>8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- YL</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00am Men's Fellowship Work</p> <p>9:30am-11:30am Prayers & Squares</p> <p>7:00pm-8:00pm Technology- R12</p> <p>7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH</p> <p>4:00pm Presbytery- Ann Arbor, Westminster</p>	<p>10:00am-1:00pm Keena</p> <p>10:00am-4:00pm Treas</p> <p>6:00pm-6:45pm FISH (c)</p> <p>6:45pm-8:00pm Classes</p> <p>7:00pm-9:00pm Adult C</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Education Hour</p> <p>9:25am Adult Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary</p> <p>3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir</p> <p>4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL</p> <p>5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30-8:00pm Trunk or Treat- Outside, Kitchen</p> <p>8pm-12am Y. Adult Bible Study- R16</p> <p>No Boy Scout Troop due to ChristNet</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN</p>		
<p>CHRISTNET BEGINS (October 30th - November 6th) YL, YC</p>			
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Set up Communion 1 10:00am-11:30am- DNA R16 9am-11am Rebekah Circle- R12 6-9pm Hoff.-Szc. Small grp- MH
15-Currie- R12 Treasure Chest Super Sale YL, 4-7a&b at Auction 2a&b MEETING FISH (dinner) MH Classes- MH, NP Outreach & Missions- SP Adult Choir	10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 10am-2pm Treasure Chest Super Sale- YC, YL, 4-7a&b 10am-2pm Silent Auction 2a&b No B. B. Seniors due to T. Chest Sale 6:00pm-7:00pm Personnel- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	9am- Silent Auction box up and calls- 2a&b	
Treasure Chest FISH (dinner) MH Classes- MH, NP Adult Choir	10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11:00am COM (Pastor) 5:00pm-8:30pm Presbytery Mtg. for Ruling Elders- MH, Kit. (Sanctuary) 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- ??	6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night- MH or outside), YC	9:00am PW Board- NP 10:00am-11:30am- DNA R16 6-9pm Hoff.-Szc. Small grp- MH 6-9pm Fall Special Music Program with HFCC Vocal Jazz Ensemble- Sanctuary, Narthex
15-Currie- R12 Treasure Chest on PROGRAM Staff- SP FISH (dinner) MH Classes- MH, NP Adult Choir	10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 1:00pm-3:00pm Lydia Martha Mary- NP 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary		(Set up for Pancake Breakfast- MH, Kit.)
Keenagers- off site Treasure Chest FISH (dinner) MH Classes- MH, NP Adult Choir	10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 5:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Council- MH, Kit., NP, SP, Lib, YC, YL, R16, R14, R12, 2A&B, Chapel 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	6:30pm-9:00pm Pumpkin Carving & Game Night- Outside, MH, Kitchen Wedding Rehearsal (Smith/Duggan)- Sanctuary	10:00am-11:30am- DNA R16 4:00pm Wedding of Sarah Smith & Jarod Duggan- Sanctuary, Bride's Room, North Parlor ChristNet Setup

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - FALL/WINTER (2011-2012)



Following the more than 100 years of Bible studies written for women by women in the Presbyterian Church, we are offering a new Bible study, "Confessing the Beatitudes." This study written by Margaret Aymer, professor of New Testament studies & an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, will offer important insights into the scripture & guide us in learning what it means to speak the truth about who God is calling us to be.

Join us in this exciting study **on Thursdays from 10-11:30am in the North Parlor**. Study guides are available.



GAME NIGHT... 2nd and 4th Fridays - Come join us for pizza and games the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 6:30pm - 9pm. This is a **FREE** event. No reservations needed. Drop by at 6:30pm for pizza, salad, beverage, and dessert, and then enjoy games and fellowship until 9pm. There will be a separate area for supervised children's activities, and childcare may be provided for only \$5 per family for children age 5 and under. If you need childcare, please call the church ahead of time so we can arrange it for you. Invite your friends.....**Everyone is welcome!**



MISSION SEWING - NOT JUST FOR SEWERS

Thank you to all who donated to this ministry. Thank you for attaching the tags and the amounts. It made the record-keeping much easier. The people receiving these items will truly be blessed. ~Olimpia Todor



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.

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. Please use Microsoft Word format when sending your articles via email. Boxes are also available in the church office for your submissions. ~Thank you, Vicki Davidson—Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

CROP Walk—2011



The 2011 CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 2nd at 2pm** at **Cherry Hill Baptist Church**, 1045 Gulley Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. Registration begins at 1pm. If you would like to walk, make a donation, or learn more about the CROP Walk, please stop by the table in the Narthex or contact Joel DeHamer at (313) 565-0562 or jdehamer@wowway.com. Thank you, Joel DeHamer.

TREASURE CHEST SUPER SALE!

Wednesday, October 5 from 10am-7pm

Thursday, October 6 from 10am-2pm

In place of the Rummage Sale this year, the Treasure Chest will have a **SUPER SALE**. **Come one, come all! There are Baubles, Bangles, Books & Bargains you might enjoy!** We need lots of customers to help us reduce our inventory, so tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives about our sale.

~Thank you, Patsy Knoop



The Silent Auction, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women, will once again be held during the Treasure Chest's Annual Sale on **Wed., October 5 from 10am-7pm and Thurs., October 6th from 10am-2pm**. Donations will be accepted on Sunday, October 2. Earlier donations should be marked "Silent Auction" and be placed in the Bride's Room. Questions? Contact Carolyn Buell at (313)378-6676 or Mary Ann Bassett at (734)697-7938.

The Treasure Chest is again willing to offer a Children's Christmas Shoppe in early December so that our children may purchase gifts for their families. If you have any items that are still in good condition that would work for children to give to their fathers, mothers, and siblings, please bring them in and put them in the Christian Education office. We especially need items for men.



Prayer & Wholeness 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 **Prayer & Wholeness Service on the 3rd Sunday of every month**; the next one is Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 4pm in the Chapel. Come with expectation... for nothing is impossible with God!



Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry



This September, Prayers and Squares began its sixth year of reaching out through prayer to those who are experiencing a difficult time. When we display a quilt in the Narthex on Sunday, both adults and children alike tie a knot, joining the quilt layers together, as they pray for God to bring healing and comfort to the recipient. In addition, we have also expanded our outreach to include small prayer quilts for babies upon their Baptism.

We call ourselves The "Quilt Squad," and we refer to our work as a "labor of love." We enjoy meeting twice a month for two hours, and are often amazed at how fast the time has passed. This ministry involves not only those who sew, but many others who contribute in other ways such as planning, cutting, ironing, preparing the ties, donating supplies and giving financial support.

As we begin this new season, we encourage anyone to join us from 9:30am-11:30am on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Sewing Room. We can guarantee you will have a job to do, and you will know the rewards we experience by contributing to this ministry. We urge the congregation to let us know of anyone we might contact to receive a prayer quilt. ~ Thank you, Caroline Bristol.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministers care for people facing tough times.

We all experience challenges in life... Times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with crisis or difficulty such as: Loss of a loved one; hospitalization; divorce or separation; loneliness or discouragement; spiritual crisis; a terminal illness; incarceration; aging; birth, adoption, miscarriage or infertility; a chronic illness; relocation; recovery after an accident or disaster; and many more. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry– the identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remains private. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, talk with Art Hughes (313)383-2589 or Chris Mayer (313)562-1943.



Make Believe Halloween Extravaganza!



PUMPKIN CARVING & GAME NIGHT

Friday, October 28 - 6:30-9:00pm

Come help us carve pumpkins to decorate for Trunk or Treat, and take one home! Pizza will be provided! Bring a pumpkin-themed dish or desert to share!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Monday, October 31 - 5:30pm-8:00pm

Come pass out candy from the trunk of your car in the FPCD parking lot! Expect roughly 500 people! Extra candy will be available if you run out!

Please email Kim Doverspike if you'd like to pass out candy.

Kim.Doverspike@lions.nfl.net.

Nancy Warlick- Missionary from Africa

Preaching Sunday Oct. 9th

Come hear Nancy's stories of mission & ministry in Southern Africa. She has taken on many battles to provide health, education, and freedom to those in need. Come hear her exciting message. *She's a riot!*

The movie, "Courageous: Honor Begins at Home," is now in theaters. Please take time to go see this. It is about four police officers who struggle with their roles as fathers and learn that it takes courage to raise children in a God-honoring way.

Support this wonderful film and send Hollywood a message that America will pay to see good films with a Christian message. ~ Ann Bleivik





To our church family-

I want to thank you for all your prayers, cards, letters and phone calls during my recent heart surgery. My rapid recovery is proof positive that prayers work.

Thank you again, Dick Fisher

The Men's Fellowship wishes to thank the many volunteers who devoted their time to collect parking fees during the August 6th & 7th Dearborn Homecoming. Without your help, we would be forced to give up this once-a-year opportunity to make money for our church. Again, THANK YOU!!!



**For in Christ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value.
The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.**
Galatians 5:6

How can you and I please God? The verse starts with what won't please God and ends with what will.

We are sinners saved by God's grace, not by our good works, religious ceremonies, or theological pedigrees. In fact, these human efforts can work against us if we trust in them. In the earlier verse 4, Paul writes: "You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen from grace." By relying on our own efforts, we replace faith in grace with faith in our own good works. That condemns us not just due to pride but because our good works are seriously inadequate compared with holiness (see: *Isaiah 64:6 – filthy rags; and Romans 3:10-12 -- no one does good*). The good news is that salvation is a gift from God – not by works, so that no one can boast" (*Ephesians 2:9*), for our righteousness comes only from God through faith in Jesus Christ (*Romans 3:22*), not our good works. Entry into Heaven is not based on merit; we are saved by God's amazing grace (Thank God)!

We are to live by faith (*2 Corinthians 5:7*), and the greatest commandments are to actively love both God and our neighbor. Jesus teaches that all the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments (*Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 13:9, 10*). Faith, working through love, is the only practical means of meeting the demands of the Law. Therefore, the only worthwhile way to express faith is by actively serving God and pursuing the best interests of others. We do that to glorify God who by grace has already given sinners like us eternal life.
~ John Holden

Thank you to those of you who made either a food or monetary donation to the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Food Pantry in the memory of **Rev. G. Richard Danielak**. The church will continue to accept food or monetary donations to the food pantry in memory of Rev. Danielak. Contact Nancy Setterlun with questions.

“Thank You” from the family of Jean Long
The family of Jean Long would like to thank all of the people who helped out in our time of grief. We would like to thank the ministers for their kind words, the deacons, the ushers, the church nurse, and the Presbyterian women who helped serve the luncheon after the funeral service. Jean passed away on August 18. She will be missed by all who knew her.

“Month of Mission” Breakfast

The Detroit Presbytery’s annual “MONTH OF MISSION” breakfast will be held this year on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00AM – NOON at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (17567 Hubbell at W. Outer Dr., Detroit, MI 48235). This is a time for fellowship with our missionaries from around the world and is a great opportunity to hear their stories on mission & ministry. Please contact Fran Anderson at (248)673-7707 or Nancy Barber at (313)565-2741 for information or reservations. There is a \$3.00 charge to cover the cost of the meal.

October Birthdays



10/01: Beth Romeo, Kristen Samuel
 10/03: Bunny Hall
 10/04: Bob Kuhlman, Dorothy Tominac
 Herb Lamkin
 10/08: David Hall, Mary White, Christian Cole
 10/09: Robert Behrens, Anne Dearth
 10/10: Bobbie Loerlein, Nellie LePard
 Trevor Samuel
 10/12: John Holden, Matthew Nyquist
 10/13: Lois Riopelle, Karen Fuller
 Ian Schwartz
 10/14: Marion Zimnicki
 10/17: Alison Drzinski
 10/18: Alaina McQuillan
 10/19: Shirley Painter
 10/20: Addison Johnson, Micah Johnson
 10/21: Randy Samuel, Lisa Sherman
 Emily Milam
 10/22: Glenn Maggard, Katherine McFadden
 10/23: Helen Adams, Lynne Blosser
 Kelly Nyquist
 10/25: David Smith, Leah Setterlun
 10/26: Laurie Gentinne, Tony Saylor
 Anne Witkowski
 10/28: Marshall Dicks, Devin Nagy
 10/29: Marsha Baumgartner
 10/30: Jean Clarkson, Suzanne Smith
 Louis Meyers

**Sunday Morning Worship
 10:00 am**

October 2 / World Wide Communion

October 9 / Nancy Warlick, Missionary from Africa

October 16 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

October 23 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

October 30 / - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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