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Our Vision

**The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
September 2011 Newsletter**



**Congratulations to Abby Mills
National Champion in her class
at the Arabian Youth Nationals!**



Celebrate 9-11 in Sunday worship.



**Welcome, David Scott Milam,
son of Scott and Hillary Milam,
born July 19, 2011!**



RALLY DAY - Begins 9am on 9-11.

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Rally Day

We begin the new programmatic year on Sunday, September 11, 2011. As our thoughts will be on the 10th anniversary of the day our nation was attacked, it is vitally important to remember that true peace comes through Jesus Christ and that He is the answer to dealing with the sin we see in our lives, our nation, and our world. Commit to being a part of First Presbyterian's worship, education, mission, and fellowship this year. You will be blessed and you will be a blessing to others.

Join us at 9am in Mitchell Hall on the 11th for a Kick-Off Breakfast. Meet the teachers and leaders of our education ministry and hear a synopsis of our adult offerings for fall.

Sunday Morning Classes at 9am

Our classes for the fall will be:

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. This Bible Study will focus on the third person of the Trinity, who he is, what is his role, and how he can help the believer in his faith walk.

Five Conversations You Must Have with your Son and/or Daughter.

Our parenting class will explore those vital issues that parents should be discussing with their children at various ages.

Rising to the Call of Leadership. This class will study 4 important leaders of the Old Testament in order to help you learn what God expects of you and how you can rise to the call of effective leadership.

FISH

We will offer 2 adult classes at FISH this fall.

The first will be an **ALPHA** class for new believers, new members, seekers, or anyone wanting good basic information on the Christian faith.

The second class will be an in-depth Biblical study of "**Heaven**": what is it, what does it look like, what will life be like in heaven, etc.

Join us for dinner at 6pm on Wednesday evenings, beginning on Sept. 14th. Dinners will be prepared by Nancy DeHamer and Christie Smith. Classes will begin at 6:45pm and run till 8pm. There will be classes for the children and the youth also.

ALPHA

ALPHA is a practical course on the Christian faith. It asks and answers basic questions about Christianity. If you have never taken the ALPHA class, please join us this fall on Wednesday evenings at FISH for dinner and class, beginning at 6pm. This is a safe, non-threatening class for people to express their questions and their doubts. You will be blessed by the teaching and the class discussion. Bob and Tracie Szczechura will be your hosts.

Women's Retreat

Our fall Women's Retreat will be a one-day, in-church retreat on Saturday, Nov. 12th. By moving it to one day and at the church, we hope more women of the church will be able to join us. We will have a wonderful study, delicious food, and a bit of pampering. We will begin at 9am and finish at 4pm. Please mark your calendars and make whatever arrangements are necessary so you can join us for the retreat. We can even arrange childcare if necessary. See Jane Dearth or Ann Bleivik if you are interested or would like to help plan the retreat.

Step by Step in God's Word

In an effort to help all of us put God's Word in our hearts, we will begin by putting it in our minds. The adult discipleship group is challenging everyone – that's right – everyone – all ages from 3 years on up – to learn a scripture verse each week for the next two years.

Using "100 Verses Every Christian Needs to Know," we will publish a verse a week in the bulletin, the newsletter, on the website, etc. We challenge every group in the church to take a minute or so at each meeting and review the "verse of the week". Can you learn all 100? Some you will already know. Join us as we seek to increase our Bible knowledge in order to learn how to live as Jesus wants us to live.

To help you, we will have small cards with the verse typed on them each week in the narthex. Pick one up as you leave worship, keep it handy during the week, and review the verse often so as to commit it to memory.

~Ann Bleivik, Educational Coordinator



Verses

Sept. 11 - John 3:16

Sept. 18 - I Corinthians 10:31

Sept. 25 - Psalm 119:105

First Pres. Youth Ministry

Welcome to the school year, for September is here! And so is the new student ministry schedule! There will be no youth group on September 4th due to Labor Day weekend, but the Back-to-School Bash is Sunday, September 11 from 4pm to 6pm. This is an excellent opportunity to bring a friend for some fun!

FISH starts on Wednesday the 14th. Come eat with us and let the rubber hit the road with some hands-on activities! It will be a great time of fellowship and putting what we know into action. Dinner starts at 6pm every Wednesday and classes will end at 9pm.

Sunday the 18th will be our first service project. We will hopefully go downtown to feed the homeless for our first time this year! Parents, you are invited to come and serve with us as Christ's hands and feet to those in need. The time we leave will be sent out as soon as logistics are finalized.

Mid-Highs will meet on Saturday the 24th at First Pres. From now on the Mid-High students will have a separate group time two Saturdays a month from 3-5pm. The Sr. High's will meet on the 25th, and stay at the 4-6pm time slot.

This is going to be an awesome year! See you soon!

~In Christ, Jonathan Mallard, Youth Ministries Director



Children's Education

Happy fall everyone!

I trust you've had a fun, restful and exciting summer. **Kick-off Sunday is September 11!** Are you ready?

As you have heard, we are continuing our single-service format during the Fall. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together as a church family. Personally, I'm going to love having all the kids together for chancel chats, children's church and participation in worship!

Sunday School will take place at 9am each Sunday. We have a great line-up of children's teachers, and I'm excited to see what the year holds for us. If your family has not taken part in this program, it's a great time to get started. No registration is needed; just drop in and check it out. There are classes for all ages, from preschool through adult. Nursery care is available as well.

In our Wednesday night **FISH class**, we will once again visit the land of Narnia. This year, we'll read *Prince Caspian*, the second book written in the Narnia series by CS Lewis. All elementary-aged kids are welcome to come for a read-aloud time, crafts, games, cooking, and best of all, Bible study and great discussion. Come for dinner at 6pm; class will begin around 6:45pm, and we finish up at 8pm.

On September 18th, we'll be giving Bibles to all of our third graders during the church service. I have my list of 3rd graders, but I want to make sure I don't miss anyone. So, if you have a 3rd grader or an older student who has never received a Bible at church, please drop me a line at bdicks1220@gmail.com.

~Beckie Dicks, Children's Ministries Director



Music Corner

Welcome to an exciting fall! We look forward with anticipation to the continued single service format, and to restarting our education and FISH programs. We have some new and some revamped musical offerings for you to be involved in. We hope that you will look at these possibilities and prayerfully consider joining us in singing and playing for our Lord in worship!

Adult Choir—7pm Wednesday Evenings in the Choir Loft following FISH Dinner

Our adult choir is open to all who are interested. There is no audition. Just come with a love of singing and a desire to help lead us in worship on Sunday morning!! We'll kick off the year with a pizza party and choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7, at 6pm (there is no FISH dinner on September 7).

Youth Choir—3pm Sunday Afternoons in the Choir Loft

Our Youth Choir is brand new this fall! It's open to all from 6th grade through 12th grade. We'll be doing fun pieces for Christmas and other times throughout the year. Come be a charter member of this choir!

Children's Choir—4pm Sunday Afternoons in Room 14

Our children's choir has been enormously successful over the last few years. Open to all from K through 5th grade, we sing several times per year, especially during holiday seasons, including the NOËL Festival. Come and join us as we learn new music, and learn about music as well!

Children's Handchimes/Handbells—5pm Sunday Afternoons in the Handbell Room

Our Children's Handchimes Choir learns about reading music while playing handchimes and handbells. We will be doing more playing this year in the service and at the NOËL festival. We meet for a half-hour immediately following Children's Choir.

2nd Sunday Instrumentalists—9:15am 2nd Sunday Mornings in the Choir Loft

The 2nd Sunday Instrumentalists are open to anyone who plays an instrument and would like to participate in worship. We meet before the service and play along with the hymns during the service. Music will be available ahead of time for those who would like to look at it in advance. Come join us and have fun using your talents in worship!!

I hope to see you in one of our musical ministries! Rehearsals for all ensembles except for Adult Choir will start on September 11.

See you in church (or choir!!)

~Marshall Dicks, Director of Music

Notes from our Parish Nurse

September is National Cholesterol Education Month

What you need to know about blood cholesterol:

Your blood cholesterol level has a lot to do with your chances of getting heart disease. High blood cholesterol is one of the major risk factors for heart disease. A risk factor is a condition that increases your chance of getting a disease. In fact, the higher your blood cholesterol level, the greater your risk for developing heart disease or having a heart attack. Heart disease is the number one killer of women and men in the United States. Each year, more than a million Americans have heart attacks, and about a half million people die from heart disease.

How Does Cholesterol Cause Heart Disease?

When there is too much cholesterol (a fat-like substance) in your blood, it builds up in the walls of your arteries. Over time, this buildup causes "hardening of the arteries" so that arteries become narrowed and blood flow to the heart is slowed down or blocked. The blood carries oxygen to the heart, and if enough blood and oxygen cannot reach your heart, you may suffer chest pain. If the blood supply to a portion of the heart is completely cut off by a blockage, the result is a heart attack. High blood cholesterol itself does not cause symptoms, so many people are unaware that their cholesterol level is too high. It is important to find out what your cholesterol numbers are because lowering cholesterol levels that are too high lessens the risk for developing heart disease or heart attack.

What Do Your Cholesterol Numbers Mean?

Everyone age 20 and older should have their cholesterol measured at least once every 5 years. It is best to have a blood test called a "lipoprotein profile" to find out your cholesterol numbers. This blood test is done after a 9- to 12-hour fast and gives information about your:

■ Total cholesterol

<200 mg/dL Desirable; 200-239 mg/dL Borderline high; >240 mg/dL High

■ LDL (bad) cholesterol – the main source of cholesterol buildup and blockage in the arteries **Lower is better** : <100 mg/dL Optimal; 100-129 mg/dL Near optimal/above optimal; 130-159 mg/dL Borderline high; 160-189 mg/dL High; >190 mg/dL Very high

■ HDL (good) cholesterol – helps keep cholesterol from building up in the arteries

Higher is better: <40 mg/dL is low and is considered a major risk factor because it increases your risk for developing heart disease. 60 mg/dL or more helps to lower your risk for heart disease.

What can be done to lower cholesterol levels?

1) Diet: Lowering the amount of saturated fat and cholesterol in your diet will lower cholesterol levels in your blood.

2) Weight: Being overweight is a risk factor for heart disease. It also tends to increase your cholesterol. Losing weight can help lower your LDL and total cholesterol levels, as well as raise your HDL and lower your triglyceride levels.

3) Physical Activity: Not being physically active is a risk factor for heart disease. Regular physical activity can help lower LDL (bad) cholesterol and raise HDL (good) cholesterol levels. It also helps you lose weight. You should try to be physically active for 30 minutes almost every day.

**information taken from <http://hp2010.nhlbihin.net/cholemonth> ~Chris Mayer, Paris Nurse

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNE
Communion 9:00am-9:50am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary Picnic following Worship	4 Labor Day CHURCH CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	5 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 7:00pm Property- Library 7:00pm-9:00pm Worship & Arts- SP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH	6 10:00am Stephens-Currie- 10:00am-4:00pm Treasure 10:30am-12:00pm ALL St 7:00pm-9:00pm Outreach 7:00pm-9:00pm Adult Chc
Christian Education Week Begins/Rally Day 11 Remembering 9-11 9:00am Rally Day Breakfast 9:15am Open Choir Loft 10:00am Worship Service- Sanctuary 3:00pm-4:00pm Youth Choir 4:00pm-5:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm-6:00pm CREW Youth- YL 5:00pm-6:00pm Children's Handchimes 7:00pm Sunday Eve. Bible Study- Bert Ebi's	11 11:30am-2:00pm Garden Club- MH 3:00pm-Presbyt. Leadership Mtg.-NP 7:00pm-9:00pm Greeting Card- R14 7:00pm-8:00pm Deacons- R12 7:00pm NAMI- NP 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop- YC	12 DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	13 9:00am Men's Fellowship Work 9:30am-11:30am Prayers & Squares 7:00pm CE Committee- NP 7:30pm-9:00pm AA- MH
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7 Currie- R12 treasure Chest ALL Staff- SP treach & Missions- NP ult Choir	10:00am-11:30am PW Bible Study- NP 11:00am-3:30pm B. B. Seniors- MH, Kit. 11:00am COM (Pastor) 7:30pm-9:00pm Praise Band- Sanctuary	8 6:30pm-9:00pm Game Night- YC (or outside), Parlors SET-UP FOR SCRAPBOOK FNDRSR – M. Hall. Kitchen	9 9:00am-9:00pm Scrapbook Fundraiser for Peru- MH, Kit 10:00am-12:00pm BEOM Club- NP DEADLINE FOR VISION
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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 new study **beginning Thursday, September 8th from 10-11:30am in the North Parlor.** Study guides will be available at the first session.



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 6:30 for pizza, salad, beverage, and dessert, and then enjoy games and fellowship until 9. 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



Mission Sewing is a ministry of Presbyterian Women that provides clothing, linens, school supplies, baby layettes, and many other similar articles for hospitals, charities, overseas charities, nursing homes and shelters, which in turn give them to the needy. When it was first instituted, the articles were mostly sewn by the ladies who made up Presbyterian Women. Today, most of the articles provided are purchased mainly because there simply are not enough sewers with the time needed to complete the needed articles. Also, the needs extend beyond those items that can be sewn at home or at the church. So each year at about this time, we ask our congregation for donations of items which the Presbytery committee tells us are needed by the various charities they will work with that year. This list is available in the church narthex. Please stop by our table and pick up a card with the item(s) which you may wish to donate. **The items may be brought to the church any time until September 24.** You may wish to partner up with another person for the more expensive items. Last March, our church sewers hemmed 27 baby blankets. Some of the women have knitted baby hats, preemie blankets, and booties, but many other items are needed. If you have any questions, contact Olimpia Todor at (313) 336-2772 or at olimpiatodor36@gmail.com.

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.



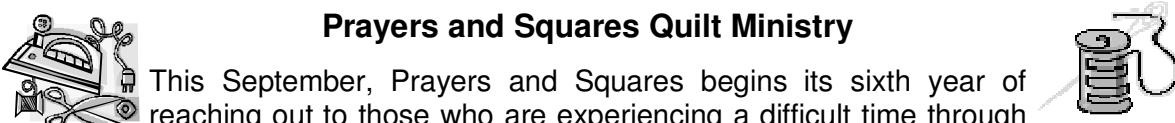
Our Vision is the monthly newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Articles are to be turned in to the office or emailed to Jim Barber at jimb@firstpresdearborn.org no later than the **10th** of the month. Please date your articles & **keep them brief - one page or less**. **Longer articles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



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, September 18, 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 begins its sixth year of reaching out to those who are experiencing a difficult time through prayer. 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



What is Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation & community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. **A Stephen Minister is:** A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting; a congregation member with gifts for caregiving who was carefully selected to serve in this role; a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional & spiritual care; a caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports & encourages; someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour a week, for as long as there's a need. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, talk with Art Hughes (313)383-2589 or Chris Mayer (313)562-1943. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

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

On September 30th in local movie theaters, the movie “Courageous” will premiere. This is a movie about fatherhood and how real men can draw closer to God and to their children. I encourage everyone, but especially all of our men, to go watch this movie. Whether you have children, grandchildren, or none, this movie’s message about families is powerful. We all have a responsibility toward helping each other, especially children, learn that Jesus loves them and has a life for them.



Help send Hollywood a message: That people will go to watch movies with a Christian message. ~ Ann Bleivik

3. *Thank You*

Thank you from Gary Wolter for all the prayers, cards and concerns. All is well!

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!!!



[Paul:] I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3: 10, 11

Christianity is a transforming relationship between our Lord and repentant sinners. In that relationship, we come to know Christ personally and thus become more like Him (*1 John 3:2, 3*). Paul wanted to know Christ so intimately in that relationship that he could live life here as a preview of life in eternity. This means always seeking to live conscious of Christ's presence (*Psalm 139; Acts 17:27*) and to commune (*1 Thess. 5:17*) with Him. Knowing Christ intimately transforms us by:

Resurrection Power. The power that raised Jesus from the dead (*Romans 8:11*) strengthens our spiritual life, overcoming the power of sin and death. God's power helps us live holy lives when we abide in Christ (*John 15:4 – 6*). This sanctifies us into His likeness as we live prayerfully and obediently with Him.

Fellowship in suffering. Suffering is part of discipleship (*John 15:18-25; 16:1-4; Acts 9:16; Col. 1:24; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12, 13*). Knowing Christ personally and suffering are two parts of the same reality -- both come by obedience. Paul wanted to learn to receive suffering as Christ did, and so he was willing to suffer for Him as part of maturing into that intimate relationship.

God gives us the means to be regenerated by Christ so we can live here reflecting His nature. This is to be our main witness and the goal of our discipleship (*Galatians 2:20*). See also: *Matt. 5:16; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Heb. 12:2, 3*. We worship a living person-not principles or laws-who changes us the more we know Him.

~ John Holden

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.



**Happy 7th Anniversary to
Bill and Dottie Kennedy
who were married on August 21, 2004!**

Share your photos!

If you have a photo of a wedding, baptism, milestone anniversary or birthday, please submit it to Vicki in the office no later than noon on Monday, and we will try to show it during the Sunday Announcement slides in the Sanctuary before service.

August Birthdays



- 08/01: Dorothy Riga
- 08/02: David Sherman
- 08/03: Sue Bosze
- 08/05: Thomas McLennan, Marcia Bechtel
- 08/07: Donna Zirbel, Angie Saylor, Lisa Smith
- 08/08: Christine Megregian
- 08/09: Ronald Westby
- 08/10: Olimpia Todor
- 08/13: Prill Daykin, Brian Mayer, Renee Watson, Katelynne Blosser
- 08/14: Diane McKnight, Lola Perkovich
- 08/16: Katherine Patterson, Carl Bergren, Audrey Schmatz, Sara Szczechura
- 08/17: Holly Schanz
- 08/18: Betty Stacy, Chris Masouredis
- 08/19: Adam Hemp
- 08/20: Ina Behrens, Becky Jones
- 08/21: Herma Hergenroeder, Jane Schwyn, Jonathon Husby
- 08/22: Kelly Brushaber
- 08/23: Helen Pelling, Nancy Slanec
- 08/24: Charlene Reid
- 08/25: Thelma DeHaven, Debbie Field
- 08/26: Hilda Hespen
- 08/27: Gary Edson, Charlie Aronson, Kevin Watts
- 08/28: Margaret Westby
- 08/29: Jeni Cole, Eleanor Cole

**Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 am**

September 4 / Communion - Rev. Dave Bleivik
September 11 / Rally Day & 9-11 Memorial - Rev. Dave Bleivik
September 18 / Behold the Glory - Rev. Dave Bleivik
September 25 / The Light on Our Path - Rev. Dave Bleivik

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