



## The First Presbyterian Church

Ann Arbor, Michigan

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*Our mission is to grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, mission, learning, and prayer. We commit ourselves, in all we say and do, to demonstrate God's grace and love.*

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**March 14, 2010**

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

I Love You Interlude

Songs        "Amazing Grace"  
                  "Mercy Is Falling"

Confession and Pardon

Congregational Greeting

\*Song        "Refiner's Fire"

John 9:1-15

Mud Interlude

Message     "Mud in the Eyes"

Offering

Prayers of the People

Song        "Shout to the Lord"  
The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

## Sermon Series: Close Encounters - Engaging Jesus As He Engages Others

Scripture: John 9:1-15  
Preaching: Rev. Jim Monnett  
Assisting: Rev. Julie Marks  
Instrumentalists: Scott Goodhart, guitar and Mark Goodhart, piano.

Sermon Notes:

### Questions for Further Reflection:

- 1) In this passage, who are you closest to today?
- 2) How are we blind to God's love of people?
- 3) As you follow Jesus, who is on the journey with you?

Thank you for worshipping with us! The 545 Planning Team welcomes your feedback.

The planning team members are Rev. Julie Marks, Daniel Scott Hefferan, Dody Blackstone, Rev. Jim Monnett, Rev. Matthew Nickel, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Lucie Audette, David Bucholtz, Scott Ellis, Rev. Sarah Wiles, Jonathan Smith, Carol Muehlig, Kaitlin Brenna Terpstra-Sweeney, and Joe Sandman.

# Announcements

**QUAD D BRUNCH:** Members of Quad D and their family and friends are invited to attend the annual Quad D potluck brunch on Sunday, March 21. The festivities will begin at noon in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please join us to meet your fellow chapel members, get to know your deacon and share fun, fellowship and a delicious meal! For more information contact Polly Pan at ppan3650@sbcglobal.net, or 997-0338.

**INTERFAITH ROUND TABLE OF WASHTENAW COUNTY** continues its five part winter/spring series on "The Divine Language of Music," with its third theme, "Instrumental Music," on Sunday, March 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 608 E. William Street. Parking is available in the Maynard/William Street parking structure. Three local musicians/groups will perform and explore the meaning of their music; organist Daniel Forger, AAGO, Dr. Stephen Eddins and his percussionists, and Matt Endahl and the Quartex jazz ensemble. The suggested donation is \$10. For more information, call 424-1535, or email gbrides@umich.edu.

**JOIN THE HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS, SATURDAY, MARCH 27:** Join us for our annual indoor Easter Egg Hunt! On Saturday, March 27 (a full week before Easter), from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., we'll have an Easter egg hunt here at church. There will be separate egg hunts for preschoolers and elementary-age kids. We'll start out in the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m. for some pre-egg hunt activities, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m., and then return to the Social Hall for more crafts and activities. It should be a fun morning for all, and a good time to invite a friend. Questions? Contact Deborah MacVey at 662-4466, ext. 15, or dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

**DETROIT MISSION PROJECT SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The Detroit Intergenerational Mission Project will be held April 23 and 24.** In order to accommodate a growing number of people who want to be involved in the Detroit Mission Trip but are unable to spend Saturday night (April 24), **the mission trip will conclude Saturday evening** after an evening service with the gospel group, the Ambassadors, at Cass United Methodist Church. Applications may be picked up in the Social Hall today. Completed applications and waivers (including \$25 check with "Detroit" on the memo line) can be given to Rev. Matthew Nickel.

**Donations are also being accepted** for the Detroit Mission Project. Donations will be used for two purposes: to assist Cass Community Social Services in the purchase of cots for the over 5,000 volunteers who offer their help annually, and to help offset the costs of the trip. The cots are \$40 each. There is an extra benefit with respect to the cots – we get to use them! If you would like to make a donation, please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "Donation – Detroit Mission" on the memo line.

**PW MONTHLY GATHERING:** Join us on Wednesday, March 17, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A Bible study begins the morning at 9:15 a.m., in the Lewis Room. The featured program at 10:45 a.m. in Monteith Hall is "Jeane Seeley, A Life of Service," presented by Martha Krehbiel and Virginia Koster. Lunch follows in the Social Hall (\$7), make your reservation today in the Church Office or with your circle leader. All members and friends are welcome to attend any or all of the morning's events.

**Looking Ahead:** First Pres will host the April 7 meeting of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Detroit. The speaker will be the Rev. Estelle Aaron, a retired pastor in the Presbytery.

**JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** in Monteith Hall on Saturday, March 20, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information, contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, jeanette.kibler@gmail.com).

**SIGN UP FOR COMMUNION TRAINING BY MARCH 28:** For elders and deacons (previously ordained or currently serving) who would like to serve the 9:30 a.m. pew service but have not been trained, a training will be offered on Communion Sunday, April 11 (Sunday morning) at 8:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. This time also works well as a refresher course. Those who are trained at 8:15 a.m. should be able to serve immediately at the 9:30 a.m. service which follows, providing you sign up by March 28. Let Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers know if you intend to join the session.

**DONATE EASTER LILIES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 4** to decorate the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one. Sign up in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center on the clipboard provided. Clearly print the name of the person for whom the flowers are given. Lilies are \$17 each, the deadline for donating is **Monday, March 29 at noon**. After Easter services, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends in our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut-in.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR NEXT WEEK AT ALPHA HOUSE:** The next week for First Presbyterian to provide hosting at Alpha House (a family shelter on Jackson Road) is April 5-11, the week of local area schools' Spring Break. Many volunteers are needed to help serve as evening hosts and make meals. If you would like to participate, watch for the sign-up posters at church or contact Nancy Vander Kuyl at nanspan@gmail.com.

**WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHANCEL FLOWER RECORDS.** If you have requested a Sunday to provide flowers for the chancel in memory or honor of a loved one, or would like to do so in the future, please contact Mary Jones at 662-4466, ext. 19, or email [mjones@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mjones@firstpresbyterian.org). We would like to confirm the date of your requested Sunday and the information about whom you are remembering or honoring. **Please note: We are confirming information about our weekly chancel flower requests, not annual Easter lily or Christmas poinsettia lists.** Thank you for your assistance.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME . . .** Beat those winter blues, make plans now to join us for our annual Tigers game outing on May 16! Come cheer on the Tigers as they take on the Boston Red Sox -- and spend time with your church friends and family, as well. The game begins at 1:00 p.m. Meet us there or extend the fellowship time by traveling with us by chartered bus from the church parking lot, departing immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The bus will return to the church around 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$26 each, with an additional fee for bus transportation. **Tickets are on sale until April 11, and may be purchased during the Sunday coffee hour in the Social Hall or through the church office.** Watch the bulletin and church newsletter for additional information as it is available. Questions? Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt (662-4466, ext. 55, [jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org)).

**THE 2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT: *Turning into the Noise. . . Tuning into God.*** Join us April 17 and 18 for a time of retreat with opportunities for free time, good food, great conversation, spiritual deepening, laughter, singing, and even quiet! We'll spend these 24 hours together at the Weber Center (where we have both single and double rooms reserved) in Adrian, Michigan. The retreat will be led by four clergywomen – Jenny McDevitt, Sarah Wiles, Melissa Anne Rogers, and special guest leader and speaker Susan Systma Bratt. All women of the church are welcome. A registration brochure is being mailed to all women of our church.

**ART OF THE CHURCH IN BOOK FORM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE:** Recently there appeared on the church's website ([www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org)) a section called "Art of the Church." If you wish to take a look, click first on "About First Presbyterian" and then click on "Art of the Church-Windows and Nave" and "Art of the Church-In the Building." This wonderful work exists thanks to the research and writing of Ann Andrews and appears on the website thanks to Tom Brandt. To obtain a copy of this material in book form, send an email to [bhill@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:bhill@firstpresbyterian.org), or call the Church Office (734-662-4466) and ask to sign up for a copy / copies of *Art of the Church* in book form. Cost of each copy, which will be spiral bound, is \$25. The deadline for ordering is Friday, March 12. Only as many copies as are ordered will be printed. Our thanks to Ann for this labor of love.

**PRAYING THE PSALMS** prayer group meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Pew cards with prayer requests may be completed and put in the offering plate. Members and visitors are welcome to join the group at any time.

## *Calendar for March 15-20*

### **MONDAY:**

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Lenten Study, 11:00 a.m., Lewis Room  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
Mature Ministries Steering Committee, noon, Vance Room  
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Room 101  
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall  
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

### **TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room  
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Common Cup  
Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room  
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104  
Lenten Study, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
Abide/Evangelism Ad Hoc Committee, 5:30 p.m., Vance Room  
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room  
Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room  
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union, Anderson Room

**WEDNESDAY:**

PW Gather/Study/Lunch, 9:15 a.m., Lewis Room/Monteith and Social Halls

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center

**Wednesday 2:42:**

5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna Choir, Alleluia Choir

5:45 p.m. - Gathering in the Social Hall

6:00 p.m. - Dinner in the Social Hall

7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Class, Youth Choir, Adult Education Class, Lenten Study, New Member Class

Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101

Session, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary/Curtis Room

TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

**THURSDAY:**

Lenten Study, 7:45 a.m., Vance Room

OSHER Class: Big Bang and the History of Nearly Everything, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room

Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave

**FRIDAY:**

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room/Library

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away

OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., away

Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

**SATURDAY:**

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall

Blue Lake Painting Project, 10:00 a.m., Youth Room



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*