



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.

March 7, 2010

Words of Welcome

Songs Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
 Here We Are to Worship

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

John 7:53 - 8:11

Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion Music In Christ Alone
 We Fall Down

Offering

Song From the Inside Out

Benediction

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

Scripture: John 7:53 - 8:11

Preaching: Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Assisting: Rev. Sarah Wiles, Lucie Audette, David Bucholtz, Scott Ellis, Daniel Scott Hefferan, and Carol Muehlig

Sermon Notes:

Questions for Further Reflection:

- 1) With whom do you identify in this story, and why?
- 2) How can this story inform your own practice of Christian discipleship and community?
- 3) How would you interpret Jesus' act of writing on the ground?
4. Do you think judgmentalism is a breach of love as serious as any other sin we might commit against one another? Why or why not?

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

JOIN CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP, Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hillegonds Chapel, for support, understanding and advice in caring for loved ones. Questions? Contact Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, 662-4466 ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

IT'S TIME TO SPRING AHEAD! Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!

A LENTEN ACTIVITY GUIDE IS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES to download from First Presbyterian's website. The Lenten Activity Guide contains scripture readings, crafts, an explanation of the days of Holy Week, symbols, and activities. To download the pdf, go to www.firstpresbyterian.org and enter "Lenten Activity Guide" in the search box in the upper left corner of the screen, click on "search," and then click on the blue link "download our new Lenten Activity Guide."

CHILDREN'S LENTEN MISSION PROJECT: Each year, during the season of Lent, the children of our congregation participate in a "giving" project. This year they will join with the entire congregation in contributing to our annual gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. On Sunday, March 14, the children will receive a "fish" bank in their Sunday School classroom and a Sharing Calendar with suggestions for coins they might put in their banks during Lent. The Sunday School classes will also follow the "sheep path" on the 400 level to discover ways that they can take up Jesus' commandment "Do you love me? Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17). On Palm Sunday, March 28, the children should return their coin-filled fish banks to their Sunday School classroom. Their gifts will then be forwarded on to One Great Hour of Sharing. Questions? Contact Deborah MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466, ext. 15.

THE PHILIPPINE TASK FORCE WILL MEET MARCH 14 in the French Room/ Library after the 11:00 a.m. service. Our focus will be planning the 8th Annual First Presbyterian Rummage Sale, Saturday, April 17. Please mark your calendars for the Rummage sale and to attend the planning meeting.

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 lillies to members and friends in our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut-in.

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 chancellowers@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.

SIGN UP FOR COMMUNION TRAINING BY MARCH 9: 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 9. Let Melissa Anne Rogers know if you intend to join the session.

A DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP for women who find themselves at any stage of the divorce process begins Wednesday afternoon, March 10, for 8 sessions. The meetings are being offered by the Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan, at 510 S. Maple. The cost is \$10 per session. Find more information at www.womenscenter SEMI.org or call 973-6779 to sign up.

COME TO THE ANNUAL FAMILY SWIM AND PIZZA PARTY on Saturday, March 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Whitmore Lake High School swimming pool, 7430 Whitmore Lake Road. Pizza will be served at 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person, payable upon arrival. The pool has a wonderful shallow end for younger children, and diving boards in the deep end for the more advanced. The Whitmore Lake High School is a short drive up US 23. Get off at the North Territorial Road exit. We need to know how much pizza to order, so please sign up at the Welcome Center on Sundays, or email Deborah MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

DONATIONS FOR DETROIT INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION PROJECT: Donations are being accepted (and sought) for First Presbyterian's Detroit Mission Project, April 23-25. Donations will be used for two purposes: to assist Cass Com-

munity 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS: The Stephen Ministry would like to invite the congregation to a continuing education class on Monday, March 8, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (**note time change**), in the Youth Room. The session topic is “Understanding and Helping Families Cope with Reproductive Loss,” presented by Irving Leon, MD.

HILLTOPPERS HEARS ABOUT HISTORY AND FUTURE OF DIABETES: On March 11, Dr. Meng Tan, Clinical Professor of Medicine at the UM, will give a presentation to Hilltoppers, our group for seniors 60 and up, on diabetes. The title of his talk is “Too Sweet – Stories of Diabetes, Past, Present, and Future.” Meet at noon in the Social Hall for a hot lunch (\$5) and the program. Please call the church office to reserve your space for lunch by Tuesday, March 9, at 5:00 p.m.

MOTHERS’ MORNING SHARES THEIR FAVORITE THINGS on Tuesday, March 9, in the Youth Room (100 level). Mothers will break into small groups to answer questions about favorite things, and then share with the whole group. No preparation necessary, just show up! Not already a member? Attend on a per-meeting basis for just \$2 per meeting. The day begins with check-in for children and moms and breakfast treats at 9:00 a.m., followed by the program from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Childcare is provided.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE:

The Horizons Circle will meet Tuesday, March 9, at 1:00 p.m., in the Vance Room, for dessert and a program.

The PW Reading Group will meet Wednesday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Meredyth Jones, 4642 Mulberry Woods Circle. Jenny Lombard will lead a discussion of book six of E. M. Bounds’ book on prayer. Need directions? Call Meredyth Jones at 668-2418.

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, a former volunteer at our own congregation. All women of the church are welcome. A registration brochure is being mailed to all women of our church.

SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR PW SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Each year the Presbyterian Women of our church provide scholarship funds to women engaged in seminary training or training for Christian ministry. Applicants are now being sought for this award. Women interested in applying should contact Katie Beery, 997-9678, ebeery@juno.com, or Sue Leong, 662-8277, sleong@comcast.net, for an application form. All applications must be received by the PW Scholarship Committee no later than Friday, April 23. The recipients will be announced in mid-May.

ART OF THE CHURCH IN BOOK FORM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE: Recently there appeared on the church’s website (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 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.



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*

Calendar for March 8-13

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Lenten Study, 11:00 a.m., Founders Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Mission Funding Subcommittee, 2:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Caregiver Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Mothers' Morning, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Common Cup
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Glacier Hills
Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room
POD Pastors in Transition Committee, noon, French Room/Library
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104
Lenten Study, 1:00 p.m., Founders Room
PW Horizons Circle, 1:00 p.m., Vance Room
Campus Ministry, 5:45 p.m., Vance Room
Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., Lewis Room
Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m. French Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union, Anderson Room

WEDNESDAY:

Haiti Hygiene Kit Assembly, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library
PW Reading Group, 1:00 p.m., Jones Home, 4642 Mulberry Woods Circle
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
6:00 p.m. - Keys Dinner and Worship, BTB and Nave
7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade Class, Youth Choir, TnT, Adult Education Class,
New Member Class

Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Lenten Study, 7:45 a.m., Vance Room
Hilltoppers, noon, Social Hall
OSHER Class: Big Bang and the History of Nearly Everything, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room
PW Nominating Committee, 2:00 p.m., Vance Room
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Executive Session, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave
Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Founders Room
OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., away
CPR/AED Class, 1:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Endowment and Special Gifts Committee, 4:00 p.m., Vance Room
Knit Night, 7:30 a.m., Curtis Room

SATURDAY:

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