

*The First Presbyterian Church*  
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November 15, 2009

**PREACHING** today is the Reverend Julie Marks.

**PARTICIPATING** today is Matthew Nickel.

**THE PIANIST, ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR** is Carol Muehlig.

**THE VOCALISTS** are Jonathan Smith, Chantel Jennings, and Allison Herbert.

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING SONG

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

SONGS

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1-11 (O.T., pp. 685-86)

SERMON      Invitation to Life

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SONG / OFFERING

COMMUNION

REFLECTION MUSIC

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

\*CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

**THE 2009 ALL-CHURCH ADVENT STUDY** will use *Songs in Waiting*, by Paul-Gordon Chandler. All are invited and encouraged to join a small study group or read the book individually. **An additional group has been added at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings**, led by Kathy Wirstrom. Sign up on the boards in the narthex, 300 level foyer, or Welcome Center. **Book orders are due TODAY.** Turn in your payment of \$22 (cash or check payable to First Presbyterian Church) to the box in the church office or to Jenny McDevitt.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL:** Students, join us in the Curtis Room after the 5:45 p.m. worship service, for the Sunday evening meal.

## *Announcements*

**PURCHASE A POINSETTIA** in honor or memory of a loved one. Poinsettias will be in worship and delivered by our deacons afterward to those who are sick, shut-in, and grieving. The cost is \$10, checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church with poinsettia on the memo line. Please sign up in the Church Office. **The deadline is December 8.**

**MATURE MINISTRIES** will hold its next meeting Monday, November 16 at noon, in the Vance Room. Remember your brown bag lunch! For more information on this new group, contact co-chairs Lois Jelneck or Victor Stoeffler, or Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, staff liaison, 662-4466.

**YOUTH NEWS: MIDS** will meet Wednesday, November 18, at 5:00 p.m., in the Youth Room. There will be no MIDS on November 25, Thanksgiving week. **High Schoolers** – We will meet at Zap Zone at 5:00 p.m. tonight. Come play two games of laser tag, then have dinner at California Pizza Kitchen. Pick up will be at the Kitchen. The cost is \$20 in cash. Keystones will not meet on Nov. 22, but will meet on November 29 (Thanksgiving weekend).

**WATCH YOUR PURSES!** There have been some recent thefts of purses and other valuables here at church. Please be sure to keep your purses, laptops, and other valuables with you or put safely away at all times.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN VISIT FRIENDS IN DEED**, a local resource for free or low cost food and household items, and a medical loan closet, on Wednesday, November 18. Those interested in attending will meet at First Pres at 8:45 a.m., to carpool to the facility at 1196 Ecorse Road. The morning will begin with Bible study at 9:15 a.m., and the program and tour at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow at the City Club at noon. **Reservations are required. To register, please sign up on the clipboard in the Church Office today.**

**WEDNESDAY 2:42**, our midweek program, based on Acts 2:42, concludes the fall semester Wednesday, November 18. At dinner this week, we will look at Isaiah 9:2-7 and 11:1-9, "The People Who Walked in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light."

After dinner, join us for a Thanksgiving Service of Gratitude, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion, a Bread Exchange (bring a gift of homemade bread, rolls, or whatever you can find). Two lay speakers, Pat Liljestrand and Evonne Plantinga, will give meditations on gratitude. Join us for this time to worship God of the harvest, and to realize the gift of God's generosity in all our lives.

**LET THE RAKING BEGIN!** The annual fall leaf raking and clean-up party will be held on Saturday, November 21, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Cider, coffee, and doughnuts will be served, and a good time will be had by all. Bring friends, fellow congregants and your own rakes. Get pumped up for the Michigan vs. Ohio State game by raking leaves!

**THE ANNUAL BOY SCOUT TROOP 7 WREATH SALE** will be held November 22 and 29, and December 6 between worship services in the Social Hall. Wreaths are 25 inches in diameter and are \$25 each. Stop by and get your greenery!

**LIVE IN THE 48104 ZIPCODE AREA?** Then you are invited to the Annual Quad B Potluck Brunch in the Social Hall Sunday, November 22, following the 11:00 a.m. service. The deacons will provide main dish casseroles. Please bring fruit, a vegetable dish, salad, bread, or dessert to share. Come and meet others who live in your Quadrant!

**BUY GIFT CARDS TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP** to rehab homes in Norfolk, Virginia, this summer. The gift cards are from Lands End (\$25 or \$100), Main Street Ventures which includes Gratz, Palio, etc., (\$25), and Borders (\$25). They will be available for purchase during coffee hour on November 22 and December 6. Cards can also be purchased from Rev. Jim Monnett and Craig Blogin, Chair of the Youth Education and Mission Committee. Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett at 662-4466, ext. 20, or [jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

**THE PHILIPPINES TASK FORCE IS COLLECTING FABRIC** (light-weight) including curtains, spreads, and new fabric remnants, for a livelihood project in the Philippines. A marked donation box will be in the hallway by the Church Office through the end of November.

The Task Force purchased sewing machines for the Community Center in Dumaguete, where sewing instruction is provided and a small rental fee is charged for time on the machine. Residents make products that are sold at the marketplace. Questions? Contact Chris Larson at 769-9587.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** If this is a season of grief for you, we invite you to consider Stephen Ministry as a resource for Christian companionship through a difficult time. Please speak to Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers or contact Stephen Ministry at [sministry@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:sministry@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466 ext. 31.

**THE FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** begins Sunday, November 29. Friends and members of our congregation once again will have the opportunity to “adopt” a local family or individual in need by providing them with Christmas gifts, or may make a contribution by using the special pew envelopes starting November 29. Sign-up to adopt families will be in the Social Hall on November 29, December 6 and December 13. Volunteers are needed to help deliver gifts on December 20 and to help with sign-up and other activities. For information on adopting or volunteering, please contact Julie Morrison at 668-0420, or [morrison@comcast.net](mailto:morrison@comcast.net). Look for more details in your bulletin on Sunday, November 29, and in the *First Press*.

**ALPHA HOUSE LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Save the date! The week of November 30 through December 6 marks First Presbyterian’s third host week of the year at Alpha House, a shelter for Washtenaw County families, located on Ann Arbor’s West Side on Jackson Road. The Alpha House Task Force is seeking volunteers to sign up for evening or weekend babysitting, meal making and overnight stays. Look for the sign-up poster in the Social Hall or Welcome Center, or contact Nancy Vander Kuyl ([nanspan@gmail.com](mailto:nanspan@gmail.com), 741-1814), Barb Ladewski ([bladewski@gmail.com](mailto:bladewski@gmail.com), 994-9189), or talk with other task force members listed here: Lucie Audette, Anne Gere, Amanda Hughes, Catherine Kendall, Wendy Rampson-Gage. We welcome new task force members, so please contact us if you are interested in joining this local mission group.

The new volunteer coordinator at Alpha House indicated that they are in **urgent need of new pillows and new twin size blankets (20-30 sets)** because the families are given the items when they leave the shelter. Donations can be left at the office through December 15.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY MID-WEEK WORSHIP** is held Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m., at the Michigan Union in the Anderson Room. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks at 662-4466, ext. 14.

**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 at any time.

## *Calendar for November 16 - 21*

### **MONDAY:**

- Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
- Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
- Mature Ministries Steering Committee, noon, Vance Room
- Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance 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
- Campus Worship Team Practice, 8:00 p.m., French Room/Library

**TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room  
ESL, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104, Youth Room  
Worship Committee, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Peru Task Force, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
Campus Ministry Mid-week Worship, 9:00 p.m., Anderson Room, Michigan Union

**WEDNESDAY:**

Presbyterian Women Field Trip to Friends In Deed, 8:45 a.m., church parking lot  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center  
Delonis Greeting Card Program, 5:00 p.m., Delonis Center  
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, TnT,  
Session, Deacons, Service of Thanksgiving and Prayer

**THURSDAY:**

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room  
OSHER Class: Photography, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room  
Bible Study, 4:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Campus Core Group (Carol Gottliebsen), 7:30 p.m., Founders Room  
Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library

**FRIDAY:**

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room/Library  
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

**SATURDAY:**

All-Church Leaf Raking, 8:00 a.m., Church Grounds,  
U of M vs. Ohio State Home Game, Visit Booth 38!



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*



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