

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
January 31, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO ALL, especially visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card. Please know you are invited to share in all activities of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

There will be no 11:00 a.m. worship service today. The Annual Meeting will take place immediately after the 9:30 a.m. worship service and will be followed by an all-church potluck in the Social Hall.

GATHERING

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Little Fugue in G Minor J. S. Bach, arr. Barron

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Please sign the Friendship Book in each pew near the center aisle and pass it along your pew or to others sitting nearby. As it returns, note with whom you worship so that you may greet each other after the service.

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Souper Bowl of Caring" Food Collection

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from the Iona Community

One: The God of heaven has made a home on earth,

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

One: The highest in all creation lives among the least,

All: Christ lives with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

One: Come now all who thirst,

All: And drink the water of life.

One: Come now all who are hungry,

All: And be filled with good things.

One: Come now all who seek,

All: And be warmed by the fire of love.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN 470 O Day of Radiant Gladness**

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of compassion and justice, hear our prayer. Christ calls all to repent, and we protest we are virtuous people. Christ calls us to costly discipleship, and we cling to the status quo, focused on our own security and well being. Christ calls us to love You and one another, and we find excuses to put off faithfulness until tomorrow. Forgive us, O God of love. By your grace, cleanse and renew us, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

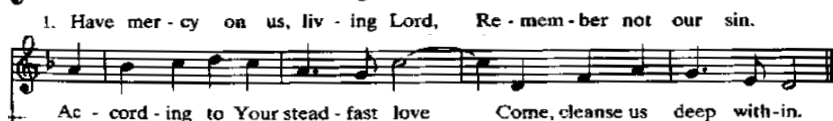
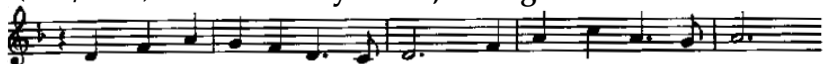
KYRIE

(8:00) #572 in the Hymnal Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(9:30/11:00) Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! God sent Jesus to dispel our darkness.
In the gift of Christ, God gives light and life to all who turn to
God. In mercy, God restores us to the Light that we may love
God and one another. Friends, believe the good news of the
gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience
as forgiven people. As we are in flu season, we encourage you to participate
in "touch free" passing of the peace. As you greet one another, rather than
shaking hands, place your hands together in an attitude of prayer.*

One to another: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

*GLORIA (#579 in the Hymnal)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end.
Amen. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:43-46 (N.T., p. 5)

ANTHEM I Sat Down Under His Shadow *Edward Bairstow*
*I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to
my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was
love.* Song of Solomon 2: 3,4

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 (N.T., p. 174-75)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*The children through grade five may be seated at the foot of the chancel steps to
meet with one of the pastors.*

*HYMN 335 **Though I May Speak** *O Waly Waly*

SERMON The Most Difficult Commandment

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM Of the Father's Love Begotten

David Wilcox

*DOXOLOGY (#592 in the Hymnal)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

SENDING

*HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE God Be in My Head

Donald Bryant

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at mine end and at my departing.

(9:30) VOLUNTARY

Shimmering Under the Sunlight from *Great Lakes Octet*

Eric Ewazen

The Prayer Team is available, for those desiring prayer, in the Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, following the 9:30 worship service.

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris. The leader at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Julie Marks.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Jenny McDevitt, Matthew Nickel, and Sarah Wiles at 9:30 a.m., and the Reverend Jim Monnett at 5:45 p.m.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Ilya Blinov.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE ORGANIST is Carol Muehlig.

WE WELCOME TO OUR MUSICAL LEADERSHIP this morning the Ann Arbor Trombone Choir, directed by Jonathan M. Holtfreter. Members include Chris Haddlesey, David Shapiro, Adam Clover, Chris Hass, Andrea Manoppo, Devin Webster, and two of our own members, Cory Froning and Jakob Hildebrandt. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us.

THE READERS are Ruth Barnard at 8:00 a.m. and Stephen McKenny at 9:30 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Tom and Jean Dickinson and Linda Lampman.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Meg Brown and Henry Johnson.

Today's Events

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church is called to its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. today to hear reports of its ministry and mission and approve the terms of call for its installed pastors.

An all-church potluck follows the annual meeting.

WORSHIP is at 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets today at 9:30 a.m. for crib-12th grade. Youth "Munch and Mingle" for sixth through twelfth graders meets in Monteith Hall. Today, high schoolers do not have Sunday School, so they may attend the Annual Meeting and all-church potluck. Confirmation class meets for Munch and Mingle in Monteith Hall, then has class in the Youth Room.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Waldemar Schmeichel will continue his presentation about Islam and the Koran.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Laura Berg will play an introductory DVD on the Old Testament entitled *In the Beginning*, published by the Teaching Company.

AMAZING STUFF: GOD'S PLAN FOR GROWING UP classes meet at 11:00 a.m. Fourth and fifth graders will meet in the Youth Room, and parents will meet in Room 104.

FOOD DRIVE FOR PRESBYTERY HUNGER PROGRAM collection boxes are out for donated canned and dry food now through February 14. Especially needed are protein rich foods, such as tuna, beans, and peanut butter. Your donations will help the Presbytery Hunger Program meet the increased needs this year. Thank you for donating!

RADIO WORSHIP service is at 11:00 a.m. on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, waamannarbor.com.

THE CHURCH ORCHESTRA rehearses today at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

YOUTH NEWS: Today, Keystones will go to 5:45 worship followed by youth group until 8:00 p.m.

THE PINK ROSEBUD WELCOMES Jaslene Elizabeth-Marie Bowring, born January 17, 2010, daughter of Molly Fox and Jerrod Bowring, and granddaughter of Francis and Nancy Fox.

THE WHITE ROSEBUD is given in memory of Max Kanagy, who died January 26, and in celebration of his life and resurrection.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Phil Pierson, by his wife Lisa, their children, Alex and Nora, and her parents, Lee and Millie Danielson.

Announcements

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT OF 2010 will be presented on February 7 at 12:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Musicians ages 8 through 18 are invited to perform. Registration forms are available in the Church Office and at www.firstpresbyterian.org. Questions? Contact Susan Boggs, Music Director, at 662-4466, ext. 21, or sboggs@firstpresbyterian.org.

"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" FOOD COLLECTION: Are you watching the Superbowl next Sunday? Let's celebrate the game by providing food for the hungry! Bring a bag of dry food goods (soups, cereals, peanut butter) to any of the four worship services next week and put it below the Youth Bulletin board outside the Social Hall. The food will be donated to the food pantry at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth. The

Souper Bowl of Caring is sponsored by the MIDS youth group (middle school students).

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE: Midweek worship is held every Tuesday on campus at the Student Union in the Anderson Room at 9:00 p.m. Be sure to order your sub sandwiches for Superbowl Sunday! **There is a mission trip meeting** February 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Lewis Room for students traveling to Costa Rica or New Orleans. We will be **commissioning** those students going on a mission trip Sunday, February 21, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

THE SUPER BOWL SUB SALE is going on now! Order your sub sandwiches today and pick them up on February 7! Look for the order form on the insert in this bulletin. All of the proceeds go toward Campus Ministry's Spring Break mission trips.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES: The Stephen Ministry would like to invite the congregation to a continuing education class on Monday, February 8, from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. The session topic is "The New Memorial Planning Package," presented by Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers.

OUR CHURCH WEEPS WITH THOSE WHO WEEP. Many of you have lost loved ones in the last few months or experienced other kinds of troubling loss. Grief can be an overwhelming, isolating experience. Most people find it helpful to learn more about grief, and explore and share their personal, emotional, and spiritual response to it. First Presbyterian Church will host a grief group on three consecutive Tuesday nights, February 2, 9, and 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. It is free, and open to members of our church and our community. Please let us know if you are coming by calling the Church Office, 662-4466, ext. 12., or emailing mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

MEMBERS OF QUAD C AND THEIR FAMILIES are invited to the annual Quad C Potluck Brunch on Sunday, February 14, in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Celebrate Valentines Day with fun, fellowship and great food with new and old friends in Quad C! Questions? Contact Rob Bauman, audettebauman@hotmail.com, or 998-0152. Not sure what quad you are in? Check the church directory or call the church office at 662-4466.

A TWO-SESSION BAPTISM WORKSHOP will be held Saturdays, February 13 and 21, at 10:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall, for parents who are considering having a child baptized at First Presbyterian, or those interested in the topic of baptism. **These classes are a requirement for parents before children are baptized.** To register, call Jennifer Sansbury, 662-4466, ext. 16.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE AS A LAY READER at a future 11:00 a.m. service of worship? If so, please send your name to the Church Office, via Melissa Anne Rogers, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. All readers will be asked to attend an upcoming training session. Thanks to those willing to serve in this way. If you currently volunteer to read at the 9:30 a.m. worship, and would be willing to serve at 11:00 a.m., let us know. Thanks!

ALL-CHURCH LENTEN STUDY: Join us as we read and study *Loving Jesus* by Mark Allan Powell. Powell, a New Testament professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, presents a biblical spirituality focused on harboring a steadier flame and deeper commitment to our God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Author Marva Dawn writes, "Powell's book quickens our faith and outreach by teaching us how desperate for true love our world is and how thoroughly our spirituality can be imbued with love as it becomes more deeply formed by the Scriptures, prayer, and worship." Study groups will meet February 28 and March 7, 14, and 21. Sign up in the 300 Level foyer,

the Welcome Center, the narthex, or by using the insert in the bulletin on February 7 and 14. Books are \$15 and available for purchase through the Church Office. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "Lenten Book" on the memo line. If paying with cash, please have correct change. Questions? Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org.

SEVERAL WAYS TO HELP WITH HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF:

Donate Money - Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo line. Donations will be sent directly to our medical and nursing colleagues in Leogane, Haiti, to assist with purchasing supplies for disaster relief. You may also contribute to the relief effort through our online gifts/payment page. Enter the amount in the "other" field and specify "Haiti Earthquake Relief."

Prepare and Donate Disaster Assistance Kits: PCUSA is suggesting that those with a desire to do some stateside "hands on" work assemble Disaster Assistance Kits that can be forwarded through PCUSA to Haiti. Hygiene and baby kits are needed. Kit descriptions can be found outside the Church Office, on line at www.firstpresbyterian.org, and at the Welcome Center. Please place the kits in the box outside the Church Office.

Get Involved - You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Haiti Mission Task Force on Tuesday, February 2, at 5:30 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Everyone is welcome, including those with no medical experience or knowledge, and those who do not want to travel but would like to support our mission in Haiti.

Questions? Contact Deb Hutton, chair of the Haiti Mission Task Force (216-598-5140 or debghutton@aol.com).

DO YOU HAVE GENTLY USED SNEAKERS? The Philippines Task Force is sponsoring a sneaker shoe drive during January and February. Please drop off your gently used shoes (up to men's size 10, as well as women's and children's regular shoes up to size 7), in the box at the Welcome Center. The donated shoes will be cleaned up and mailed to the Dumaguete Community Center in the Philippines, where they will be sold at a very low price as an incentive to families that are current with their house payments.

MEMORIAL NOTIFICATION EMAIL GROUP: With the transition of our local news to a mainly online version, our church office now maintains an email group for those who would like to be informed of memorial services of our members. When one of our members dies, an email goes out and will also note date and time of any services to be held. To join that email group, let Melissa Anne Rogers know, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

TRIANGLE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL is now accepting applications for three- and four-year-olds for the 2010-2011 school year. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted before February 1. There will be an informational Open House on Saturday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, for interested families to tour the school, meet the teacher and Triangle families, and have questions answered. Light refreshments and children's activities will be offered. For an application or more information, please visit our website: www.trianglecoop.org, or contact us at info@trianglecoop.org, or 761-7688.

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 February 1-6

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Mature Ministries Steering Committee, noon, Vance Room
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
WEBS, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room
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
ESL, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104, Youth Room
Campus Ministry, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 5:30 p.m., Curtis Room
Grief Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union,
Anderson Room

WEDNESDAY:

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
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101
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, TnT, Adult Education Class ("I Am")
Executive Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

THURSDAY:

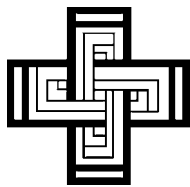
OSHER Class: Big Bang and the History of Nearly Everything, 1:00 p.m.,
Lewis Room
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Ibillin Art Display Tear Down, 4:00 p.m., Social Hall
Vision and Strategy, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Abide, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room
Mens' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Communion Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room
Officers' Retreat, 9:00 a.m., Social Hall
Triangle Nursery Open House, 9:00 a.m., Rooms 200/201
Campus Sub Making, 2:30 p.m., Kitchen



**First Presbyterian
Intergenerational Mission Project 2010
Detroit, Michigan
April 23-25, 2010**

We need to know if you are interested . . .

Be a part of First Presbyterian's intergenerational mission project in Detroit! The planning team, with representatives from Mission, Youth, and Mature Ministries, has met with the Detroit Presbytery's Hands-on-Mission coordinator, Mary Lloyd, to plan a mission weekend offering a variety of work projects suited for all ages and all skill levels—

- from painting to plastering
- from preparing a vacant lot for gardening to preparing sandwiches for the homeless
- from assisting at a medical walk-in clinic to providing programs for children



We will be working with Cass Community Social Services (CCSS), which has a number of facilities located in Midtown Detroit. CCSS provides services to the needy, the homeless and the disadvantaged populations of Detroit.

Lodging: Cass Community Social Services Activity Center
3745 Cass Avenue

The Center is located one block west of Woodward, near the Max Fisher Music Center. It has a large, secure parking lot immediately adjacent to it, as well as bathrooms and a limited number of showers. We will be sleeping on floors. Attendees will be expected to provide their own bedding, (sleeping bag, air mattress, etc.). Meals will be provided from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast. (If you need alternative lodging, please let us know.)

When: Friday, April 23 (5:00 p.m.) to Sunday, April 25
after worship at Cass United Methodist Church

Cost: \$25 (Scholarships are available.)

What do participants need to do?

- Complete and sign application and waiver
 - Pay \$25
 - Attend orientation (1 hour) to be held at First Presbyterian prior to the mission weekend
 - Plan to spend entire weekend at project, if at all possible.
- We strongly encourage all to participate in the full mission project—for your benefit, the benefit of the mission team, and for the benefit of those we will be serving.
- Bring a strong willingness to serve



We need to hear from you!

At this point, we do not need your commitment. But we do need to know if you are definitely interested in being a part of the mission team. If so, please respond to detroitmission@firstpresbyterian.org with your email address and phone number. (Please also let us know if you will need alternative housing.) We'll put you on our email list for further announcements. If you do not have an email address, please call Sue Jeffers, 734-669-6306.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE



Please support the Campus Ministry Spring Break Trip to Costa Rica and New Orleans!

What are the proceeds of the Super Bowl Sub Sale used for?

Twenty-five students will travel to Costa Rica and sixteen to New Orleans to help meet needs in each community. The trips are scheduled for February 26 to March 6.

In New Orleans, students will rebuild homes as part of the ongoing Hurricane Katrina Relief. In Costa Rica, students will be doing a variety of building projects in the San José area. All funds raised through the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help students pay for these trips.

How and when can I place an order for submarine sandwiches?

Order your 8-inch sub sandwich NOW! Fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or in Erin Wilson's mailbox in the Church Office, located on the 300 level.

You can pay for your order in cash or by check. Please make checks payable to: **Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation**. Payment can be given with your order form or can be made at pick up. If pre-paying, make sure to place the order form and payment in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Sub Sandwich Sale" and put your name on it.

You may also mail it to: First Presbyterian Church, Attn. Erin Wilson, 1432 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI, 48104.

How much do the submarine sandwiches cost?

Standard subs - one for \$8 or two for \$15

Hail Mary (Salami)

Audible (Roast Beef)

Flea Flicker (Turkey)

QB Sneak (Ham)

Deluxe Sub - one for \$10 or two for \$18

Blitz (Salami, Turkey and Ham)

When will the sandwiches be ready?

The sub sandwiches will be ready for pick-up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, in the Social Hall, between 9:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Order Form



Please select one cheese and indicate if you want lettuce, onion, and/or peppers in your sandwich. Indicate the number of each kind of sandwich you want in the box to the left of the sandwich name:

One for \$8 or two for \$15:

[] Hail Mary (Salami):

___ Swiss ___ Provolone ___ Cheddar ___ Lettuce ___ Onion ___ Peppers

[] Audible (Roast Beef):

___ Swiss ___ Provolone ___ Cheddar ___ Lettuce ___ Onion ___ Peppers

[] Flea Flicker (Turkey):

___ Swiss ___ Provolone ___ Cheddar ___ Lettuce ___ Onion ___ Peppers

[] QB Sneak (Ham):

___ Swiss ___ Provolone ___ Cheddar ___ Lettuce ___ Onion ___ Peppers

One for \$10 or two for \$18

[] Blitz (Salami, Turkey, and Ham):

___ Swiss ___ Provolone ___ Cheddar ___ Lettuce ___ Onion ___ Peppers



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount of cash/or check enclosed (if you choose to pay now):

**Thank you for supporting
Campus Ministry!**