

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.*

January 17, 2010

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

Sermon: Cheers!

Scripture: John 2:1-12

Preaching: Rev. Julie Marks

Sermon Notes:

Questions for Further Reflection:

- 1) What do you learn about Jesus and his mother from v. 3-5?
- 2) Imagine yourself as different characters in the story.
How might the servants respond to Jesus' sign? The bridegroom? Jesus' mother?
- 3) How does this sign relate to the "time" Jesus refers to in v. 4?
- 4) How do you enjoy God? What keeps you from enjoying your relationship with God?

Thank you for worshipping with us! The 545 Planning Team welcomes your feedback.
The planning team members are Daniel Scott Hefferan, Dody Blackstone, Rev. Jim Monnett,
Rev. Matthew Nickel, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Thomas Trevethan, Scott Ellis, Rev. Sarah Wiles, Jonathan Smith,
Carol Muehlig, Kaitlin Brenna Terpstra-Sweeney, and Joe Sandman.

**The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan
is called to its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2010, 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.**

Announcements

YOUTH NEWS: Keystones meets tonight from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On January 24, we will attend the revamped 5:45 worship (on the second and fourth Sundays each month) with youth group to follow until 8:00 p.m. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium trip is July 20-24. Cost is \$460. **The MIDS Splash Universe** trip is this Friday, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Come enjoy the waterslides, lazy river and more. Bring your own towel. Sign up with RJ. Please turn in a new signed Consent Release, a water park release, and \$16 by Tuesday, January 19.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE:

The next Presbyterian Women Gathering will be Wednesday, January 20. There will only be the Joshua Bible study at 9:15 a.m. in the French Room/Library. There will be no program or luncheon.

All the women of the church are invited to the **Presbyterian Women Retreat**, "The Spirituality of Loss," on Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. Leading the retreat is Mary Austin. Bring a brown bag lunch, beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate). Please sign up in the Church Office.

H1N1 VACCINES AVAILABLE: This flu season presents additional challenges to staying healthy, as the H1N1 influenza virus continues to circulate in our community. Influenza is unpredictable. We do not know the likelihood of a future wave of H1N1 flu, but we do know that if more people are vaccinated, the disease is less likely to spread in the coming months.

Washtenaw County Public Health is offering free H1N1 flu vaccinations during January. Public Health is located at 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti. Please call 544-6700 and schedule an appointment. Vaccination dates are Wednesday, January 20, Monday, January 25, and Wednesday, January 27. Appointments are available between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. People who walk in without an appointment will be served as time allows.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK IS NEXT WEEK! Everyone is invited to the Fourth Sunday Potluck on January 24, in the Social Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring a simple dish to share.

KITCHEN HELPERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY 2:42: Our next semester of Wednesday 2:42 begins January 27, which means it's time to round up another batch of kitchen helpers to assist our cook, Christine Miller, in preparing those delicious dinners. All are welcome, seasoned 2:42 veterans or "newbies." Come and be part of a great team, just once or several times. To sign up, contact Jennifer Sansbury at jsansbury@firstpresbyterian.org or at 662-4466, ext. 16. The 2:42 dates are: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. The normal shift is 4:00 to 6:15 p.m. We need you ... to be a part of the 2:42 Kitchen Crew!

THE NEXT MATURE MINISTRIES' MOVIE MORNING is January 28, at 11:00 a.m.. Meet at the church to watch and discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the movie *The Aviator*. Hope you can join us! Sign up by January 25. Watch for our February movie morning, which will include going to a theater together. Interested? Contact the "Fellowship and Fun" subcommittee of Mature Ministries: Malcolm Powers (mmpowers@umich.edu, 761-9859) or Melissa Anne Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 12).

JOIN THE RESIDENT MINISTERS ON A PILGRIMAGE TO IONA, Scotland, September 16 - 26. Iona is a tiny island off the west coast of Scotland, where monastic communities have lived since 563. Today the Iona Community welcomes pilgrims from all over the world to worship together. There is space for twenty on the pilgrimage. To learn more, look for posters in the Welcome Center and foyer, and contact Revs. Jenny McDevitt, Matthew Nickel, or Sarah Wiles.

ARCHBISHOP ELIAS CHACOUR WILL VISIT FIRST PRES on January 26. The Archbishop is the founder of the Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Ibillin, North Galilee, Israel, a small impoverished Muslim and Christian village. The schools welcome all religious faiths and ethnic groups as students, staff and teachers, and now serve 3,500 students within a 25 to 30 mile radius.

On Tuesday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m. (**please note corrected time**), in the Sanctuary, Father Chacour and national Pilgrims of Ibillin Executive Director Rev. Dr. Robert Sawyer will give presentations on the schools' recent scholastic achievements, and the outcome of the Pilgrims of Ibillin's recent donations. Father Chacour will discuss some of the

problems facing the schools, the importance of academic studies and of learning how to “love all neighbors as yourself.” After the presentations, all are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, tea, and cookies. Archbishop Chacour will also hold a book signing.

ANNUAL ALL CHURCH MEETING AND POTLUCK BRUNCH will be held **Sunday, January 31 (please note corrected date)**. The annual meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **There will be no 11:00 a.m. worship service that day.** A potluck brunch will be held in the Social Hall, after the annual meeting. Those whose last names begin with A through F are asked to bring a salad; G through R, a main dish; and S through Z, a dessert. Please call the Church Office (662-4466) if you are planning to attend, so that an appropriate number of tables can be set up.

HELP WITH HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: In response to the devastating earthquake experienced by the people of Haiti, a future relief effort trip is being planned and relief supplies will eventually be gathered. If you would like to donate money to the relief effort right now, checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church, with “Haiti Earthquake Relief” written in the memo line, and can be put in the offering plate or left in the Finance Office. Those donations will go directly to disaster relief in Haiti. Those interested in specific relief efforts or in traveling to Haiti can contact Deb Hutton, chair of the Haiti Mission Task Force (216-598-5140 or debghutton@aol.com).

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE NOTIFICATION: 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.

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.

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 January 18-23

MONDAY - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Building Closed

Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall

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

Residency Program Finance Task Force, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room

Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room

Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room

Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library

Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall

Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union, Anderson Room

WEDNESDAY:

PW Study, 9:30 a.m., Lewis Room
 5:45 Planning Meeting, noon, Founders Room
 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
 Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
 MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room
 TnT, 7:00 p.m., Room 104
 Session, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
 Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall

THURSDAY:

OSHER Class: Big Bang to Understanding Humanity, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room
 Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
 Campus Spring Break Mission Trip Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Lewis Room

FRIDAY:

ESL Tutors, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room
 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., Lewis Room
 MIDS Splash Universe Trip, 4:00 p.m., depart from church

SATURDAY:

PW Retreat, 9:00 a.m., Founders/Curtis Rooms
 Personnel Committee, 9:00 a.m., Vance Room



*A Stephen Ministry
 Congregation*

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor can be reached by calling the Church Office at (734) 662-4466.

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