



# First Press

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## *Farewells*

### **Farewell Reception for Reverend Lawrence W. Farris**



On Sunday, May 1, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, a reception will be held in the Social Hall in honor of interim pastor, Reverend Lawrence W. Farris and his wife, Pat Farris, in thanksgiving for their service to First Presbyterian Church. We hope all members and friends of First Pres will come to share time with Larry and Pat.

This will be Larry's and Pat's last Sunday with us, and we want to send them back to Three Rivers filled with our love, thanks and mementoes of their time with us. Cards and expressions of thanks are welcome.

### **Farewell Reception for Reverend Sarah Wiles**



The Residency and Candidates Committee invites you to a farewell reception for Lilly Resident Rev. Sarah Wiles on May 8 in the Social Hall, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Sarah is leaving First Pres to become pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington. Come and celebrate Sarah's ministry among us and wish her well in her next position. Please be sure to sign the guest book, which will be available during reception, and express your appreciation for the work that Sarah has done during her residency here.

## *Dear Friends,*

What a joy it was to meet you in March! I appreciate the warm welcome you already have shown me, and look forward to our ministry together in the years ahead. I am grateful to you for your prayers as I say good-bye to dear friends in Louisville and make preparations for moving to Ann Arbor. I also am touched by your sharing my family's joy over the arrival of my granddaughter. God's goodness is so clear in the miracle of new birth. The gift of good health for Baby Girl Sadie and the joy of my son, Walker, and daughter-in-law, Jessie are blessings indeed!

I eagerly anticipate our first Sunday to worship together, June 5th. This summer I will want to sit down and get acquainted with as many members and friends of FPC as possible, as well as touring "The Big House," visiting the Farmer's Market, and exploring the many parks in and around A2.

May God bless us as we go forward, trusting God.

Grace and peace,  
Fairfax. F. Fair, pastor-elect

## Rev. Jim Monnett becomes Dr. Monnett



Rev. Jim Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry, will graduate on May 22 with a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Theology from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Jim began working on the degree in January 2008 while still an Interim Associate Pastor overseeing the entire educational ministry at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. In the fall of 2008, he became the new Director of Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian.

For Jim's thesis, he wrote a six hour Microsoft PowerPoint curriculum entitled *2 by 2 – Training Adult Leaders for Youth Mission Trips*. In July 2010, Jim presented this curriculum at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church to nine youth leaders both volunteers and pastors who regularly do youth mission trips. This group represented five Presbyterian churches from the Presbytery of Detroit. These leaders did pre- and post- evaluations of what they knew and learned about leading youth mission trips. The curriculum and the evaluations were the basis for the 104 page thesis. For his additional class work beyond the core curriculum, Jim focused on the latest in youth ministry, secular business leadership and its applications for church leadership, and the theology of Christian community. The international religious community of the Bruderhof and their collective writings became Jim's theological dialogue partner for his thesis.

Jim is married to Karin Monnett and they have a seventh grade daughter, Kate, who is active in Sunday School, MIDS (youth group) and the Youth Choir. At First Pres, Jim has led three weekend mission trips to The Pittsburgh Project, multi-church trips to Costa Rica; Norfolk, VA, and Immokalee, FL. In June he will lead the high school mission trip the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Congratulations, Dr. Monnett!

## Worship & Music

### Candidating Sunday available to watch on DVD



DVD's of the March 20, 2011 9:30 service of worship, the Candidating Sunday for our new Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, can be borrowed from

Berether Hill in the church office. If you missed that day, please join in the celebration by watching the worship service that day.

### Graduates will be honored in worship May 15

Graduates will be honored on May 15 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. If you have a graduate in your family (high school, college, or grad school), let us know by Monday, May 9, so we can list the name in the bulletin. Fill out a pew card with the information, contact the Church Office (662-4466), or email [mjones@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mjones@firstpresbyterian.org). High school grads will be listed by name only. For college and advanced degrees, please also tell us the school and degree earned. Graduating high school students will be recognized during worship. Those graduating with college or advanced degrees will be listed in the bulletin.



### Summer Worship Schedule

The 5:45 p.m. worship service will go on hiatus after May 22.

The summer worship schedule will begin on June 12, with worship services at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. (there is no 11 am service until Sept. 11)

On four Sundays, July 10 through 31, the 9:30 a.m. service will move outdoors in front of the sanctuary.

The fall worship schedule will resume with all four services on September 11.

# Adult Education Opportunities

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## Adult Education Sunday Morning Opportunities:

### 9:30 a.m. – Classes in the French Room/Library

#### *The Bible at 9:30 through May 22*

This class looks at the Bible as history, as literature, as the source of our faith, as revelation, as the basic authority for the church. This is an open class which can be joined at any time for as long as a member desires. The class is continuing an in-depth discussion of the book of Jeremiah.

Presenter: The Reverend Ed Koster



### 11:00 a.m. Classes in the Lewis Room — May Health and Wellness Series:



#### *May 1: Your Family's Dental Health*

Trends and current treatments in dentistry for adults and children.

Presenter: Craig Blogin, DDS

#### *May 8 — Learning about Prostate Diseases and Urology Conditions*

Presenters: Kathleen Cooney, MD, Professor, Department of Urology and Department of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School; Gary Faerber, MD, Department of Urology, University of Michigan Medical School

#### *May 15 — Insights into Nursing Home/Retirement Community Living*

As the Chaplain at Glacier Hills, Rev. Ruthanne Bourlier has a unique perspective on living in a retirement community and aging. She will offer suggestions for family members and friends.

Presenter: The Rev. Ruthanne Bourlier, Chaplain, Glacier Hills Retirement Community



#### *May 22 — Grownups Need Vaccines Too!*

Learn about current immunization recommendations for adults.

Presenter: Donna Nussdorfer, RN-C, recently retired Communicable Disease Program Coordinator, Washtenaw County Public Health Department and church member

## First Couples in May

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in Monteith Hall for fellowship and a program. Their program offerings for this month include a discussion on hoarding; speaker Bill Feiser; a Labyrinth Meditation Discussion; a Labyrinth Walk at Siena Heights University in Adrian; and further discussion on the book *Passages in Caregiving* by Gail Sheehy. See [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org) for specific dates and times.

New members are always welcome!

## Mature Singles

Mature Singles meets Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for fellowship and discussion. In May, however, they will join the adult education Health and Wellness series classes in the Lewis Room.



# Church, Community and World

## Jeane Seeley Mission Fund

In 2009, longtime member of FPC Jeane Seeley left the church approximately \$315,000 in her will to be used by the Mission Committee. The Session and Mission Committee developed guidelines for the use of these funds and invited applications from FPC members. In 2010, six awards were granted. They included:

**Grace Lindvall** to help support her in Kenya as a Young Adult Volunteer for PCUSA.

**HOPE Medical Center** for the chapel within the new medical facility.

**Haiti Nursing Foundation** for a van to transport students of FSIL School of Nursing.

**Ruben Dario School** in Nicaragua for installation of water collection system.

The Jeane Seeley Mission Fund is accepting applications. If you or a group with which you are involved at FPC have an idea that is creative, innovative and/or intergenerational, please consider applying for a grant. More information and the grant application are available on the church's website. You may also contact the members of the Jeane Seeley Mission fund. The current members are Ruth Barnard, Sue Jeffers, John Kinzinger, Carol Smith (chair) and Tim Wendler. If you have an idea and wonder if it might be considered please send email inquiries to Carol Smith at [psmith6641@aol.com](mailto:psmith6641@aol.com).

## May Mini-mission afternoon

Mature Ministries invites all of you (even those less mature!) to May's Mini-Mission. Join us on Thursday, May 19, as we travel to Friends In Deed to help with a variety of tasks. Meet at the church at 1 p.m. Please sign up in the church office. For more information, contact Dana Underwood, [DRUnderwood@comcast.net](mailto:DRUnderwood@comcast.net), or Ginny Rezmierski, [ver@umich.edu](mailto:ver@umich.edu).

## Spring Cleaning? Remember the Rummage Sale!



It's time to think about donations to the church-wide Annual Rummage, Book and Bake Sale sponsored by the Philippines Task Force. All proceeds from the sale go to support middle, high school and college student scholarships, micro loans for start-up livelihood projects, and medical and dental clinics in Dumaguette.

Please drop your donated items off at the church Thursday, May 12, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., or Friday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Items can also be picked up at your home. Schedule a pick up by calling John Kinzinger, 994-0444, Ginny Rezmierski, 971-6221 or Joe Schmidt, 434-2964.

We need books, toys, luggage, used technology equipment, tools, pots and pans and all other kitchen utensils, lawn furniture, jewelry, sports equipment and much, much more. We cannot accept couches and large furniture, appliances, heavy exercise equipment and adult clothing.

Most importantly, come to the Sale on May 14! Support our ongoing mission, enjoy a cup of coffee and a fresh homemade pastry!



## John Kinzinger

Congratulations to member John Kinzinger, who has been awarded the "National VA Male Volunteer of the Year" for his volunteer work at the VA Hospital and with the Veterans Honor Guard.

We're so proud of you, John!



## Church, Community and World (continued)

### **Russian Mission: Ellen Smith Visits May 21-22**

Thanks to a grant from the Jeane Seeley Fund, a small group from our congregation is working on the possibility of joining with the PC(USA)'s Congregational Twinning Project in Moscow. Our Mission Committee has approved exploring it. As we move into a phase of discernment regarding this partnership, we will hear from Ellen Smith, a coordinator for the Congregational Twinning Project in Russia and Belarus.

Here are upcoming events.

#### ***Russia 101: Friday, May 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Curtis Room***

In preparation for Ellen's visit, we will hear from Gary Payton, the PC(USA)'s Regional Liaison for Russia. The presentation will be shown in the Curtis Room and we will have a connection via Skype with Gary, who will narrate the slides.

#### ***Partnership Potential: Saturday, May 21, 1:00 p.m., Curtis Room***

Ellen will speak about the partnership with those interested in active participation, such as travel to visit our new friends in Moscow; hosting visitors from our potential partner there; fund-raising; intercessory prayer, and anything else of interest. Anyone is welcome, whether or not in a position to be actively involved or not.

#### ***Fourth Sunday Potluck: Sunday, May 22, 12:00 p.m., Social Hall***

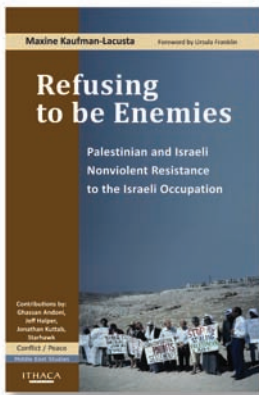
After the 11:00 service, at the Fourth Sunday Potluck in the Social Hall, Ellen will speak about the role of the congregation at large in the Twinning Project. We will receive general information about the Christian churches in Russia and hear more regarding a possible partnership. There will be time for questions and discussion.

Questions? Contact Linda Speck at aa3013@wayne.edu, (734) 677-0620 (home) or (313) 802-3004 (cell).

### **Detroit Spring Mission Project**

Cass Community Social Service wants our help again in planting a garden and sprucing up the "campus" on Saturday, May 14 (one day only). Also, teams of two to three people are needed to help remove unusable materials from the recently purchased Brady Building. These teams can go anytime (not restricted to May 14). Contact Sue Jeffers as soon as possible if you can help at sjeffers1@me.com.

### **Israel/Palestine Mission Task Force Events**



The Israel/Palestine Mission Task Force invites you to a lecture by Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta on May 1, at 7:00 pm in Monteith Hall. Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta is a Canadian Jewish Quaker author who has written a recently published book *Refusing to be Enemies: Palestinian and Israeli Nonviolent Resistance to the Israeli Occupation*.

#### ***Study Retreat planned for Saturday, June 4***

The Israel/Palestine Mission Task Force plans to host a study retreat on Saturday, June 4, 2011. This study retreat, including discussion and a Middle Eastern lunch, will continue efforts to inform ourselves about the prospects for peace in Israel and Palestine. It will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bentz home (1830 Stonebridge Drive North). All members of the congregation are welcome to join us. For further information or to indicate an intent to attend, please contact Margaret McClamroch (mmclamroch@hotmail.com or 734 971-3949).



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### Heavenly Hosta Sale

The Haiti Medical Mission Task Force will host the eighth annual Heavenly Hosta Sale on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 5, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Monteith Hall courtyard. Back by popular demand, and thanks to this community's generosity, we will once again feature the number one-selling perennial, hosta, and various other plants. Combine your love for gardening with your desire to help support our continuing work in Haiti. Donations are welcome. You can also help in another way: this spring, as you are dividing your plants, set aside a few for the sale. Please label them with the name of the plant, and plan to drop them off at the church on June 4 (or by other arrangement). Also – whether or not you have a green thumb – you can volunteer to help at the sale by calling Cynthia Calhoun at 429-9145. There will more information about specific plants for the sale in next month's First Press.

### First Pres Mission Budget Assists Local Organizations

For many years, First Presbyterian has given money to local human service and religious organizations. Last year \$69,250 from the annual budget was distributed to 18 organizations in Michigan. Several receive additional financial support from First Pres (e.g. designated gifts and occasionally the Christmas Eve offering). Representatives from these organizations will be at the coffee hour after the 9:30 service on May 22 to talk about volunteer opportunities, provide information and answer questions.

The Mission Funding Subcommittee of the Mission Committee administers the funding process, which is very thorough. Organizations submit detailed applications for review. Criteria include: how the contribution will be used; the general and fiscal credibility and soundness of the organization; whether its goals are compatible with the mission of First Pres; and whether First Pres members are involved in the organization. If you have questions or want more information about the funding process, contact Jim Schaafsma, [jschaafsm@gmail.com](mailto:jschaafsm@gmail.com) or 741-1814.

Here is a brief description of the work of the 18 organizations supported last year and the way First Pres money was used. Quotes are drawn from application materials. Three of the organizations have deeply rooted and special relationships with First Pres and receive the largest gifts: ECIR, Friends in Deed, and Samaritan Counseling.

**Ecumenical Center & International Residence (ECIR)** (<http://www.ecir.org/>) ECIR, an intentional international interreligious residential community, provides programs to foster respect for cultural and religious diversity that promotes equity, justice and peace for all peoples of the world. First Pres was instrumental in the founding of ECIR. First Pres members Karl Kleitsch, Tom McKarns, and Robert Wallin serve on their Board. Last year's gift of \$7500 was used to support educational and service-learning programs.)

**Friends in Deed** (<http://www.friendsindeed.info/>) FID is a network of local congregations that responds to the unmet emergency needs of low-income Washtenaw County residents, including car repair and furniture delivery. It provides valuable information to congregations. Currently, First Pres members Dana Underwood and Virginia Bell are serving on the Board. Last year's gift of \$8250 provided general support.

**Samaritan Counseling Services** (<http://www.samaritan-a2.org/>) Samaritan Counseling is an ecumenical agency of professional counselors and psychotherapists that provides faith sensitive outpatient mental health services to people of all ages. It also runs educational programs for couples and training to clergy and congregations. First Pres member Linda Strodman serves on the Board. Last year's gift of \$8000 was used for fee assistance to subsidize services to persons with no or inadequate insurance.

**Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels** (<http://www.med.umich.edu/chs/services/meal.htm>) Meals on Wheels delivers a nutritiously balanced meal, and interaction with a volunteer meal deliver, to its clients six days a week. Last year's gift of \$2,500 helped to defray meal costs for its under 60 clientele.



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**The Breakfast at St. Andrews** (<http://standrewsaa.org>) For more than 28 years, the Breakfast Program has every day provided a free hot breakfast and the makings for a lunch to anyone (an average of 160 a day) who is hungry, homeless, or lonely. Last year's gift of \$2250 helped to provide food, supplies, and janitorial help.

**Community Action Network (CAN)** (<http://www.hvcn.org/info/can/>) CAN "advocates for and empowers residents [of the Hikone and Green Baxter Court public housing communities and low income families in the Bryant and North-side neighborhoods] to make positive choices and offers the tools to reduce or eliminate the personal, social, and institutional barriers to success." Last year's gift of \$2500 went towards general program operations.

**Corner Health Center** (<http://www.cornerhealth.org/>) The Corner provides high quality primary health care, education, and support for adolescents and their children without regard to their financial situation. Last year's gift of \$1500 supported the Corner Store and the Corner Food Pantry.

**Dawn Farm** (<http://www.dawnfarm.org/>) Dawn Farm provides a continuum of services to assist people with drug and alcohol problems in making long term recovery and joining the recovering community. Last year's gift of \$1275 was used to support a woman living with a child in the Chapin Street Project, its transitional housing program.

**Food Gatherers** (<http://www.foodgatherers.org/>) Food Gatherers rescues nutritious food and gives it to those in need. Last year's gift of \$3750 helped to provide 1500 turkeys and 600 hams during the holiday season.

**Fort Street Open Door** (<http://www.fortstreet.org>) This program provides basic necessities and support groups, case management and counseling to marginalized members of the community surrounding Fort Street Presbyterian in downtown Detroit. Last year's gift of \$5000 went directly to service delivery.

**Housing Bureau for Seniors** (<http://www.med.umich.edu/seniors/>) The Housing Bureau works in our county to assist and help older adults to live in affordable and appropriate housing. Last year's gift of \$2500 supports their Relocation Assistance Project and its fund to assist the needy to pay overdue property taxes.

**Hope Medical Clinic** (<http://www.thehopeclinic.org/>) Hope Clinic is an interdenominational Christian medical organization that provides comprehensive health care to the "medically indigent" and services to give people the tools to become self-sufficient. Last year's gift of \$5000 helped to pay the salary of the administrator of the Medication Access Program.

**Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ)** (<http://www.icpj.net/>) ICPJ brings together people from different faith traditions to work on shared concerns about peace and justice. Last year's gift of \$5000 supported a number of areas of their work, including its Racial and Economic Justice Task Force, and Faith and Food program.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)/Alpha House** (<http://www.alphahouse-ihn.org>) provides homeless families with "temporary shelter, food and support services in a caring atmosphere of dignity and safety", with a goal of supporting families in "securing and maintaining their own home." Last year's gift of \$4500 helped provides a range of supportive services to families who have left Alpha House and moved into permanent housing.

**Interfaith Roundtable of Washtenaw County** (<http://www.irtwc.org/>) The Roundtable helps people of faith to reach across religious lines that separate them, and encourages them to "go beyond tolerance to a deeper respect for and understanding of all faiths", while "deepening their appreciation and understanding of their own faith." It does so through monthly forums and programs like its Sacred Storytelling to high school students. Last year's gift of \$1000 supported the Roundtable's broad interfaith program.

**Peace Neighborhood Center** (<http://www.peaceneighborhoodcenter.org/>) Through a range of programs, Peace "helps people discover options, enhance skills, and make choices that lead to self-sufficiency and positive community involvement." Last year's gift of \$3250 supported its programs that prepare students for success in school and life.



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**Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH)** (<http://sites.google.com/site/raahonline/>) “RAAH is an interfaith group mobilizing human and financial resources in the religious community to increase the supply of affordable housing in Washtenaw County.” Part of last year’s gift of \$1550 went to assist 2 families in a Housing First program.

**Shelter Association of Washtenaw County** (<http://www.annarborshelter.org/>) The Shelter Association seeks “to end homelessness one person at a time...by providing temporary shelter and supportive services in a safe, caring, and encouraging environment.” Last year’s gift of \$3750 supported volunteer recruitment and training.

Again, to find out more about these organizations and their volunteer opportunities, please be at the May 22 coffee hour.



## Congregational Life

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### *Church Life*

#### **All Church Picnic June 5, 2011, 10:45 on the church lawn.**



Join us on Sunday, June 5 at 10:45 a.m. following the 9:30 service, for our annual all church picnic. This is a traditional picnic with all the food and all the fun. Sunshine the Clown will be on hand to create balloon animals. Picnic food and entertainment are provided, for \$3 per person or \$10 for a family of 4 or more. (You can pay in the Social Hall on the day of the picnic.) All you need to bring is a picnic blanket or lawn chairs and your own place settings. As an added bonus, this year our picnic falls on the first Sunday that the Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair will be with us in worship as our new head of staff. Come celebrate with us and join in the fun!

#### **Run, Walk, then Worship and Eat!**

Attention runners and walkers - Join Team First Pres! A reminder that if you are running one of the Dexter-Ann Arbor races on Sunday, June 5, let the church office know so we can remember you and your fellow runners that day in prayer. Join us after the race for the all-church picnic on the grounds of First Pres.

#### **Don't miss the Spring 2010 First Pres Photo Show!**

The Spring First Presbyterian photo show, sponsored by our adult education program, will be on display Sunday, May 8 through Sunday, May 29 in the Social Hall. You are invited to come and meet the exhibitors on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to noon while the exhibit is up.

The photographers are church members or friends. Some are professionals, but most are amateurs. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please contact Marion Powers (761-9859, or [mmpowrs@umich.edu](mailto:mmpowrs@umich.edu)). Space is very limited. If there is no room for your work in this show, we would like to get you on the list for our fall exhibition.



#### **Take Me Out to the Ballgame on June 26!**

Join your First Presbyterian friends and our new Pastor Rev. Fairfax Fair as we spend a day at the ballpark on June 26! Tigers will take on the Arizona Diamondbacks in an exciting interleague matchup. Enjoy fellowship with old friends and make some new ones as we ride a charter bus to Comerica Park with Rev. Fair! The bus leaves after 11am worship from the church to see the first pitch at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join us and you may also meet us at



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Comerica Park to enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Tickets are \$30 and Charter Bus reservations are \$15. Tickets are on sale until May 22 and bus reservations until we run out of room. Tickets and reservations can be made in the church office or during coffee hour following the 9:30 Service on May 8th. Questions? Contact Rev. Matthew Nickel at [mnickel@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mnickel@firstpresbyterian.org).

### Photo Directory

If you've not signed up to be in our church photo directory, there surely is a spot for you! Call Olan Mills at 1-800-845-1157, and mention our contract number, 52620, to get a spot. Pictures are being taken in May. The dates are almost full, and you don't want to miss out! Members and regular attenders welcome!

### Mature Ministries invites you to "Ernie"



Take me out to the theatre, take me out to the play. A twist on a favorite baseball song seems appropriate as Mature Ministries invites you to see Mitch Albom's play, "Ernie" at the City Theatre in Detroit, on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. We will carpool in cars for a 2:00 p.m. performance of this play about legendary Tiger baseball announcer Ernie Harwell. Tickets are \$15, and we have a few left! Contact Melissa Anne Rogers, 662-4466, ext. 390, or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), to request a ticket.

### Hilltoppers' "Senior Moment"



Who among us who hasn't had a "senior moment," misplacing car keys, forgetting a name, or something more? What do we need to know and do about that as we age? Join us on May 12 for Hilltoppers. We welcome Dr. Bruno Giordani, University of Michigan Associate Director and Clinical Core Director Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center who will present, "On Memory." This presentation, previously scheduled for January, was rescheduled due to illness in Dr. Giordani's family. Lunch is \$5. Please do register in the church office by May 9, 662-4466, or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

### Wanted: New Members!

Okay, you've been thinking about it for awhile, haven't you? But now, you know who our next Senior Pastor will be. You've been involved or attending for several months now. Maybe you even have your own First Pres name tag. You are tired of placing a check next to "regular attender" on the church's friendship pad. Why not take a leap of faith? Our next new member class will be held on two Sundays, May 15 and 22, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Monteith Hall. This class will join on Pentecost, June 12, at an 8 a.m. breakfast, followed by the 9:30 worship service. Be a part of this first new member class with our new Senior Pastor, Dr. Fairfax F. Fair. To sign up, contact Rev. Matt Nickel, a [mnickel@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mnickel@firstpresbyterian.org), Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, at 662-4466, ext. 390. What are you waiting for? There are wonderful people to meet, fascinating things to learn about our church and denomination, and an awesome joy that comes with making a commitment to Jesus Christ and our church family.



## Congregational Life (continued)

### Welcome New Members to First Pres

We welcome the following new members who joined First Presbyterian on February 13 and March 27. We're so glad to have you in our church family! Please look for, welcome, and get to know these new church members.



**Dallas Dort and Sharon Peterson:**  
Dallas and Sharon moved to Ann Arbor from Flint a few years ago and have been attending First Pres ever since. Dallas, a former Episcopalian, is retired from PR and advertising. Sharon is also retired. They like golf, reading, music, the Rotary Club, and travel. They live in chapel C-16.



**Bronwyn Haltom:**  
Bronwyn joined by profession of faith and was baptized on March 27 by the Rev. Matthew Nickel. She is an undergraduate student in political science at the University of Michigan. She enjoys volunteering, traveling, riding her horses, and political campaigning. Although her hometown is Kalamazoo, she is in Deacon chapel B-26 while she's here at the University.



**Heidi Hess:**  
Heidi, who has training in art therapy, joined First Pres by transfer of letter from Media Presbyterian Church in Media, Pennsylvania. She's interested in the choir and bell choir, and looking forward to spiritual growth. In previous churches, she's participated in music and caregiving. She lives in chapel D-54.



**Carter and Peggy Hodgson:**  
Carter and Peggy, who live in Brighton, were members of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. Carter is an attorney and served on the Board of Trustees there, and Peggy is a homemaker. Carter enjoys playing golf and reading, and Peggy enjoys gardening, writing, and skiing. They enjoy kids, grandkids, and their chocolate lab, Gracie. They live in chapel A-57.



**Lois Kamoi:**  
Lois has rejoined our church after a number of years away. She first came to our church when she was 10, and her family attended for many years. In her vocational life, she taught elementary school for 33 years, the last 17 at Estabrook Elementary in Ypsilanti. Mom of three adult kids, she says, "My addiction since retiring is genealogy." She is a member of chapel B-31.



**Katie Kleitsch:**  
Katie joined our church by Reaffirmation of Faith. She lives in Chelsea with her husband, Kevin, and son Camden, age 3. Her parents-in-law are Sally and Karl Kleitsch. She is a federal investigator. She lives in chapel D-60.



**Barbara Knoll:**  
Barbara transferred her membership to us from Firelands Presbyterian Church in Port Clinton, Ohio. Married to her husband Roy, she has two grown children. She enjoys traveling with family and tennis. She was a social worker working for a mental health nonprofit. She loves to help with baking and has enjoyed the 8 a.m. service. She lives in chapel B-54.



**Charles Koopmann:**  
Charlie has been attending for several years with his wife, Linda, who is a member and a deacon. He transferred his membership from Knox Presbyterian. Charlie is a husband, father, and physician. He enjoys fishing, walking, and playing golf. He and Linda live in chapel B-30.



**Mackenzie Lebeis:**  
Mackenzie, who is from Northville, is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Northville, but has been attending First Pres while she's a student at University of Michigan. She joined our church as an affiliate member, which means her primary membership remains at the Northville church. She is studying organizational studies, sociology, and applied statistics, and loves bike riding, hiking, and reading. She is in chapel B-26.



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**Lei Li:**

Lei has become a Christian and was baptized on the day of his joining! His parents, back in China, are supportive of his new faith and pursuit of knowing Jesus Christ. He's excited about First Pres as a nice place to begin a journey of faith. He is most interested in studying the Bible and Christian traditions. A student at the Ross School of Business, Lei is concentrating in operations management, and will be here until the end of December. He lives in chapel B-26.



**Kellie and Joe McInchak:**

Kellie and Joe have joined by reaffirmation of faith and love the music program at First Pres. Both Kellie and Joe are band directors - she in Jackson, and

he in Lenawee. Kellie likes to read, run, and travel. Joe enjoys reading and playing the trombone. Their son Andrew, age 2, was excited to welcome new baby brother Leo at the beginning of April. They live in Dexter, chapel A-56.



**Nancy Oliver:**

Nancy transferred her membership to us from the First Presbyterian Church in Jonesville, Michigan. She is excited to join us because First Pres is a loving community seeking to grow in Christ and to serve the world. She is an RN in the UM Cancer Center Infusion Department. She loves to read, walk, and travel. Nancy is married to Gary, who is a retired Presbyterian Pastor. They have three grown children. They live in chapel A-38.

**Katie and Ryan Rezmierski:**

Katie and Ryan joined by confession of faith along with their young daughter, Rya. Katie is an attorney and Ryan is a hockey recruiter. Ryan is son of members Len and Ginny Rezmierski and grew up in our church. Katie is the mother of deacon Shannon Slater. Katie and Ryan enjoy reading, running, watching sports, and Katie likes knitting! They are in chapel B-32.

(no photo available)



**Peter and Dianne Santinga:**

Peter, Dianne, and young son Jack, moved here from Evanston, Illinois. Peter is the son of John and Reda Santinga, and brother of Jane Voorhorst. Peter works in banking technology, and enjoys walks and reading. Dianne is an art historian who went to UM, and also enjoys travel. They were married at First Pres years ago. They are in chapel A-44.



**Kamiron Taymour:**

Kam, the son-in-law of Lois Kamoi, another new member, came here as a Kurdish refugee from Iraq in 1993 after spending three years in a U.N. refugee camp. He works at International Collision in Ypsilanti. Kam and Lois' daughter Caroline are married and have three children. Kam is in chapel B-31.



**Nancy Van Alstine:**

Nancy, who grew up at First Pres, was a member for many years prior to re-joining. The mother of two kids, Jack and Edith Woodyard, she is looking forward to their baptisms in the coming months. Nancy is an active dentist in Ypsilanti who practices with her dad, Wallace. She has fond memories of growing up at First Pres and attending mission trips. She is in chapel A-42.



**Dave Wilmer:**

Dave, the husband of Susan Martin, has been a regular attender for ten years. Now a parent to his young kids, Jackson and Chase, he's excited to officially join First Pres. Raised Catholic, he is an engineer at Ford who works in steering noise and vibration. Dave enjoys community service, downhill skiing, and mountain biking. He and Susan are in chapel B-33.



**Lynly Williams:**

Lynly, an employee of Google, transferred her membership here from Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Married to Brent, they have one baby, Ian, and two dogs. Lynly loves traveling and cooking, and looks forward to sleeping more as Ian grows. She is interested in volunteering at First Pres and getting to know new friends. They live in chapel B-27.



# Congregational Life (continued)

## Congregational Care

### Upcoming Memorial Services — the congregation is invited

A memorial service for **David Czarnecki**, Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 in the Nave. David was the son of Greg Czarnecki, and the step-son of Sue Dempsey. A reception follows.

A memorial service for **Ron Harrison** will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2 p.m., *First Presbyterian Church, Saline*.

A memorial service for former member **Libby Childs** will be held Saturday, May 7, at 11 a.m., Monteith Hall.

A memorial service for First Pres member **Steve Rogers**, Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m. at the chapel of Chelsea Retirement Center, 801 W. Middle Street. A reception follows.

A service of committal for First Pres member **Marie Thalner**, Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 in the Memorial Garden.

A memorial service for First Pres member **Anna Oliva**, Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 in Monteith Hall, with a service of committal immediately following in the church Memorial Garden, and reception following.

A memorial service for **Marajean Brooks** will be held Sunday, May 22, at 2:30 p.m., First Presbyterian, Ann Arbor, Nave. A reception follows.

A memorial service for **Marilyn Baker** will be held Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m., First Pres Ann Arbor, Nave. A reception follows.

A memorial service for **Donna Lowry** will be held in Ann Arbor sometime in the future.

### Welcome to Our New Stephen Ministers

We are excited to invite you to the commissioning of our new Stephen Ministers on May 22, at the 9:30 worship service. Feeling God's call within them to serve in this one-on-one ministry of caregiving, and after completing 50 hours of training, they are ready to be assigned to those in need. This ministry is one of caring, of walking alongside those with special burdens to bear. In Stephen Ministry, we know that Christ is the cure-giver, and we are care-givers. Please join us at their commissioning service and coffee hour (with cake!) following the 9:30 worship service. The new Stephen Ministers are:



Nancy Fox, Carol Gottlieb, Mary McKeever, Mary Beth Murray, Deanne Woodruff-Mitas

If you are struggling, or carrying a burden, are perplexed, sad, or needing a spiritual friend, Stephen Ministers are available. They will listen, share, pray, and care for you. To ask for a Stephen Minister, call the confidential phone line (734) 662-4466, ext. 388, or inquire at [sministry@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:sministry@firstpresbyterian.org).



### Table Grace

This month we share a recipe from our beloved First Pres saint, **Eleanor Hauser**. Eleanor died December 30, 2010. Though we miss her, we remember her faithful service, deep faith, sincere hospitality, generous friendship, devotion to mission, and delicious cooking! Karl shared with us one of her favorite recipes, with credits to another First Pres member, Joan Anderson. Karl writes that this was one of Eleanor's favorite recipe. Enjoy eating these and savoring the grace our Lord provides in good food and warm fellowship. Remember our dear friend Eleanor, as we give thanks for her, and for Karl, too, whose presence we continue to enjoy, and whose sorrow we share. *Please see recipe on the next page.*



## Cottage Cheese Pancakes

1 cup cottage cheese, blend in processor until almost smooth.  
Add 4 eggs, one at a time, and blend in  
Add 6 tablespoons flour and blend in  
Add 6 tablespoons melted butter and blend in  
Add 1/8 teaspoon salt and blend in (more or less to taste, and depending on salted or unsalted butter)  
Fry on hot skillet or griddle.

## Children & Families

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### Mothers' Morning Gets Photo Tips

Mothers' Morning will meet next on Tuesday, May 10, in the Youth Room. Check-in is at 9:00 a.m. Monet Tiedemann, will present "Photographing your Children." Learn how to get the great shots of your kids you have always wanted to take. Please bring your camera to class (point and shoot or DSLR). We will also share with each other our favorite tips for saving, storing, and sharing our photos. See Monet's work at [www.missmonetphotography.com](http://www.missmonetphotography.com)

### Plans set for Summer Vacation Bible School!

This year's theme is "Paul's Travels -49 A.D." Yes, you'll want to be there! For three days we'll experience what life was like when Paul lived and taught the world about Jesus. Relive Biblical events, occupations, the synagogue, family life, and experience being part of a typical Bible time family. Participants will visit the shops of the marketplace, travel to the storyteller's tent, and witness events of Paul's life as he traveled around the Mediterranean re-enacted by our street players. See the bulletin board display on the 400 Level at church of all the great times we have had in years past.



*Join us for a great Bible time experience!*

Who : All the children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade

What: Summer Vacation Bible School -Paul's Travels-- 49 A. D.

When: June 21, 22, 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Where: First Presbyterian Church

Why: To experience life in the cities that Paul visited as he traveled around the Mediterranean Sea.

There are many ways that adults, middle schoolers, and high schoolers can volunteer and be a part of this great activity.

Registrations forms have been mailed to homes. Additional forms are available at church. Also, this year for the first time you will be able to register on-line at our church website, [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org)

For additional information please contact:

Deborah MacVey at 662-4466 ext 342 , e-mail [dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org); or

Mary Jones at 662-4466 ext 349, email [mjones@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mjones@firstpresbyterian.org)

# Children and Families (continued)



## Camp Westminster Beckons

If you haven't yet signed up your kids (grades 2 through 8) for Camp Adventure this summer, there is still time to do so, but do it soon! We have 37 children registered right now and we only have 45 spaces total. Fill out the pre-registration form, and return it to Debbie MacVey at church. The cost is \$435 if paid in full by May 4, and \$455 after that.

Our Adventure week of camp takes place July 31 – August 6 at Camp Westminster on beautiful Higgins Lake in Northern Michigan. For more information, contact Debbie MacVey or Jim Monnett at church, 662-4466.

## Youth Connection

MIDS Believe Youth Conference

Our MIDS youth group road tripped to Holland, Michigan on April 29 to the Believe youth conference for 6th-8th graders at the Devos Fieldhouse at Hope College. The group stayed at the Haworth Center on the Hope College campus. Over a 1,000 students were expected at the conference hosted by the Christ In Youth organization. Rev. Jim Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry, and parent Cindy King led the trip with thirteen MIDS. Hope freshman and First Pres member Nick Blogin gave the group a college tour on Saturday.



The main conference speaker was Chad Monahan, a Jr. High youth pastor from Joplin, Missouri. The event featured illusionist Jared Hall and the Falcon Brothers of the National Tricycle Racing League, which performed many stunts from their modified tricycles. Students attending (as of April 12) were Ben Lindstrom, John Fox, Willie Glover, Sean Tichenor, Jenna King, Kate Monnett, Erin Tichenor, Phoebe Engel and Dallas Colligan. Check the summer newsletter for pictures of this fun event.



# Campus Connection



## Golf Outing for Campus Ministry

The 8th Annual Campus Ministry Golf Outing is Saturday afternoon, May 21 at Stonebridge Golf Club. Participating in this outing is a great way to support Campus Ministry, a ministry that truly changes the lives of young people. Bring your own foursome or we'll gladly pair you up with Presbyterians!

The day begins at noon with hot dogs and soda. Eighteen hole tee off is at 1:00 p.m. and nine hole tee off is at 3:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., a special evening fellowship gathering will be held, with hot hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, awards and prizes. Campus Ministry students will be there to talk with you about how the program has affected their lives.

Register to play online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org/content/golf-outing](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org/content/golf-outing), or pick up a registration brochure at church. The cost to play is \$95 per person for 18 holes, \$60 per person for 9 holes. Can't play golf? Be a hole sponsor for \$95, or a Student Golf Sponsor for \$95. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "golf outing" noted on the memo line.

Help young adults mature in their faith and spirituality, and provide financial support for the Campus Ministry mission, mission trips and work!

Questions? Contact Susan Cares at 663-8342 or [scares734@comcast.net](mailto:scares734@comcast.net), or call the Church Office at 662-4466.



## Opportunities for Women

### PW Monthly Gathering and Lunch Wednesday, May 18

All women (and men) are invited to attend the PW Gathering when we finish studying Revelation. This will be the Annual Meeting (with installation of Officers for 2011-12). Deborah MacVey will talk to us about story telling.



- 9:15 a.m. Study of Revelation 21-22 ; Lewis Room. Barbara Black will lead the Lesson 9 discussion.
- 10:45 a.m. Program: Story Telling, by Deborah MacVey, Director, Children's Education and Family Ministries, FPC
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon in the Social Hall. Please make reservations in the Office by May 15. (\$7.00)

### Other Presbyterian Women Gatherings in May

#### Body and Soul Monday Mornings in May at 9:30 a.m.

Body and Soul helps the body tune up for the warmer weather activities to come and meets every Monday in the Curtis Room from 9:30-11:00. Even if April showers prevail, you can look forward to sunny fellowship, warm-up and balance exercises and soft-aerobics (not strenuous) with Nancy Heers. Nancy leads the group in liturgical dance movements set to familiar sacred music for an hour, followed by a half hour for prayers and concerns of the church. New members are always welcome to come. No experience needed. If you have questions, please call coordinator Lynn Haddan, 665-5105.

#### W.E.B.S. Monday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

The Women's Evening Bible Study gathers in the Curtis Room at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, to study lesson 8 in the Horizons Study, the Book of Revelation, a "Book of Hope." Betty Anderson will lead the discussion of Revelation 17-18. Study books are still available from Jennie Lombard. New members are always welcome to this warm fellowship. Jennie Lombard, 734-663-7244 and Sue Dempsey, 734-769-0566, coordinate the group.

# Opportunities for Women (continued)

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## **PWPD Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Gathering – Wednesday, May 4, 9:45 a.m.**

PWPD will have its monthly meeting at Allen Park Presbyterian Church, 7107 Park Avenue. Elder Dixie Elam will speak on the history of Women in the Presbyterian Church in Livonia, followed by Installation of Officers, Recognition of Honorary Members, and commissioning those attending the 2011 Synod Gathering in Findlay, Ohio. Lunch will be at 12:30. Contact Ruth Barnard, 734-995-0281 (rbarnard@umich.edu) to make arrangements for a ride or carpool. Cost of lunch is \$7. Reservations appreciated (due by April 28).

## **Horizons Circle – Wednesday, May 11, Noon, Michigan League**

The Horizons Circle recently resumed their meetings which focus on ministries of mission and service in the local and wider church. On Wednesday, May 11, they will meet at the Michigan League and go on a guided tour - given by the docent. Regular members will be contacted with more specifics of this offsite tour and lunch. (Questions, contact Eleanor Shaw 734-996-9139).

## **Women's Reading Group – Wednesday, May 11, Noon, Ann Arbor City Club**

The Women's Reading Group will meet at noon on Wednesday, May 11, at the Women's City Club to plan the book selection for next year. This is a perfect time to meet the women of this Circle and help select the book for next year's reading and monthly discussion. Everyone is asked to provide one idea for a book. New members are welcome at any time! Call Barbara Black, 734- 663-6289, for luncheon reservations and information.

# Residency and Candidates

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## **Goodbye to Rev. Sarah Wiles**

Resident Minister Sarah Wiles has accepted a call to be the pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington. Her last Sunday at First Presbyterian will be May 8, and she begins her ministry at Bethany on May 16. She is excited by the challenges and opportunities that ministry as a solo pastor will present and is very thankful for the preparing offer by First Presbyterian's Residency Program.

## **New Resident Ministers arriving August 2011**

On the weekend of March 11-13, the Residency and Candidates Committee interviewed potential members of the 2011-2011 Residency Cohort. The committee has invited and received acceptances from Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers (Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary), Evans McGowan (San Francisco Theological Seminary) and Brennan Pearson (Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary) to be members of the next cohort. Mary Elizabeth, Evans and Brennan will begin serving their residency in August.

## **News on Candidate for Ministry**

Liz Ryder, a candidate for ministry under care of our Session and the Presbytery of Detroit, recently passed her final assessment with the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. This means that Liz is now ready to receive a call. Liz, who served as a Campus Ministry Intern at First Presbyterian several years ago, is a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and presently serving in a hospital chaplaincy residency.

# The Healthy Church

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## The AED at First Presbyterian

The automated external defibrillator (AED) is a machine with a computer inside. It can recognize some heart problems that require a shock and will tell the rescuer when a shock is needed and it will give a shock if needed. AEDs are accurate and easy to use. If you start CPR right away and an AED is used within a few minutes, you will have the best chance of saving the life of someone whose heart has stopped.

The AED at First Presbyterian Church is located on the 300 level, at the choir/organ door. It is in a white metal cabinet hanging on the wall. If an AED is needed in a medical emergency, simply open the cabinet door, remove the AED, and deliver it to the CPR rescuer. Extra pads and batteries are stored in the cabinet. Don't worry, no alarm will sound if the cabinet is opened.

If you would like to take an American Heart Association CPR class to learn how to use an AED, please contact Parish Nurse Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

## Stewardship & Endowment

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### First Presbyterian Celebrates Legacy Partners with Fourth Annual Luncheon Sunday, May 15.

The Endowment and Special Gifts Committee is planning the fourth annual Legacy Partners Luncheon to recognize members and friends who have included First Presbyterian in their wills or estate plans in either a bequest or trust. Through their generosity, these members ensure that future generations will have the much needed resources to meet the needs of our Church and congregation. This year's luncheon, at 12:30 at the Ann Arbor City Club, will feature a special guest speaker, the Reverend Dr. Laura Mendenhall. Dr. Mendenhall is the former President of Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and will be preaching that morning at our 9:30 and 11:00 worship services.



If you did not receive an invitation to the luncheon, but have included First Presbyterian in your will or estate plan, please call the Church Office at 734-662-4466. At that time you too will be declared a Legacy Partner and will be invited to the luncheon. Please call by May 6 if you wish to attend this year's luncheon.

### Your Stewardship Dollars are Doing Amazing Things!

*~ from your Stewardship Committee*

We experienced above average snowfall in January and February this year --56.4 inches, 16 inches above normal, and along with this we had many very cold winter days.

Just like you, First Presbyterian has experienced some high utility bills these past few months. We thought you would like to know what it cost to keep our church building open 7 days a week- 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. most days during these two months.

	January/February 2011 Actual Charge
Natural Gas	\$15,403
Electricity	3,751
Snow Removal	3,359
Cleaning Services	11,925
Water/Sewer	2,032
Telephone	2,045
Total:	\$38,515

# Stewardship & Endowment (continued)

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Your faithful stewardship commitment helped us pay these bills and allowed us to use our church building to:

- Host 14 consecutive nights of the men's rotating shelter in January
- Conduct more than 50 worship services (including the Taiwanese fellowship services)
- Hold almost 500 separate events in January and February from Bible studies, small groups, classes, large and small fellowship activities—from Wednesday 2:42, Quad brunches, to Mother's Morning or Men's Lunch, many mission group projects and much more.



The church has eight boilers hidden in our basement to keep us warm and a new telephone system to keep staff and church members well connected. Furthermore, all these activities require lights on in the building for up to 15 hours a day, snow removal to insure accessible parking and safety for all members, constant clean-up and setting up of meeting rooms and the social hall for the next event as well as kitchen clean-up! See the pictures to help you really experience different aspects of what's happening at First Presbyterian, our church home

*The boiler room — Mike shows one of 8 boilers that heat our large building.*



*Father-daughter bonding*



*The hub of our new telephone system helps Rev. Matthew Nickel stay connected to church members.*



*Adult education and discussion at Wednesday 2:42.*

## Business of the Congregation

### *February Session Notes*

A regular meeting of Session was held on February 16, 2011. The following is a very brief summary of the matters discussed by the elders. A Focus Report was given by Endowment and Special Gifts. Bill Keesor, Chair, presented an outline of the proposed Comprehensive Endowment and Special Gifts (E&SG) Policies and Guidelines. Our current endowment is \$2.2 million dollars. This is one-tenth (1/10) of what other churches our size have. Bill discussed the proposed policies surrounding soliciting gifts, tracking gifts, acknowledging gifts and responsibility for endowment funds. He explained that a distribution of approximately \$50,000 is made annually to the church's operating budget. Later in the meeting, there was a report from the Campus Ministry Committee: Elder Brent reported he will present a draft of the position description for Campus Minister to Session next month. The program will continue their partnership with Young Life College, and plan to develop a program to include graduate students and young adults who worship at First Pres. The idea is to encompass all students (and those of "student" age), not just those who participate in Young Life. Elder Brent also noted it is important to have a separate worship service that would be welcoming to college students. The Committee will be looking for someone who would be able to do this. Campus Ministry is committed to continuing the Ascent model, and desires to keep the momentum started by Rev. Julie Marks. A fuller version of these minutes is available in the church office.