

First News

March/April 2010

Releasing, Renewing, Restoring

A contest was held in January to create a design to visually depict our church's theme for 2010: *"Releasing, Renewing, Restoring God's World."*

The theme was chosen by the congregation and is drawn from the Gospel of Luke, the lectionary gospel for this year. A number of excellent designs were submitted by church members. Criteria used by the Communications

Committee included how the design fit the theme, and also whether it was in a reproducible form. The committee would like to thank everyone who submitted a design.

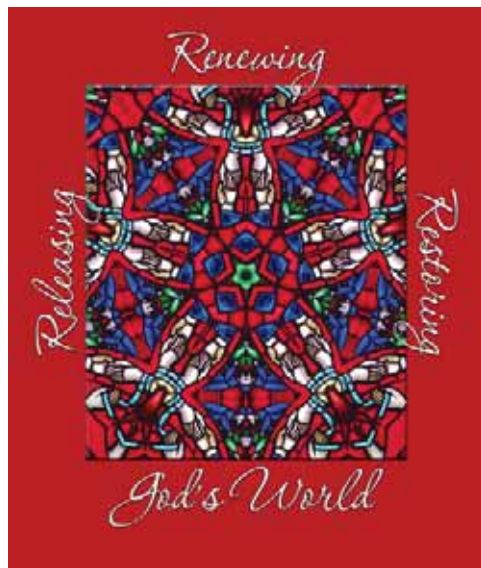
The design chosen is a kaleidoscope created by **Diane Lea** from a photo of the Good Samaritan stained glass window located in our

cloisters' hallway in the front of the church. Diane says the parable of the Good Samaritan, told in the Luke 10:25-37 and illustrated in

that window, immediately came to mind when she thought about releasing, renewing and restoring God's world. She also encourages everyone to take a walk in that hallway and to look carefully at those stained

glass windows, considering the stories these windows tell.

The design won't replace the church's logo, nor will it appear on the church's stationary, but look for it to appear in many different ways throughout the year to remind us of our commitment to release, renew and restore God's world.



Renew: The Green VBS.

Grow In Faith, Have Fun, Change the World

Save the date: June 21-25, 9-12noon

Children ages 3 (who have completed a year of preschool)

through fifth grade are invited to

join us for a week of fun, fellowship and growth

as we take seriously our annual theme of

Releasing, Renewing, Restoring God's World

Reaching

by John Judson

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Weekly Worship

Wednesdays
7pm in the Chapel

Saturdays
5pm in the Sanctuary

Sundays
8:30am Communion
in the Chapel

10am Worship
in the Sanctuary
with Sunday School

Program Staff

Pastor
John Judson

Associate Pastor &
Director of Youth Ministries
Amy Morgan

Director of Christian Education
Cindy Merten

Interim Director of Music
Ministries
Bradley Bloom

Parish Associate
Ernest Krug

Pastoral Associate
Chris Gannon

It was, as **Cindy** put it, a Detroit cultural experience. At the invitation of **Carl and Charlotte Fischer** we accompanied them to our first North American Auto Show. As we walked into Cobo Hall we were overwhelmed by the size and scope of the event. From the shiny new autos, to the larger than life images, to the clear enunciations of the human models describing the cars, it was a fascinating evening.

What struck me most about my time wandering the floor was the focus on the future. Each of the companies appeared to be showing off not only its newest models (as well as its concept cars), but they were each pitching their innovations which were certain to make their cars better than anyone else's. There were the electric cars, hybrid cars, commuter cars, cars that could park themselves (which **Ernest Krug** can tell you I could have used when trying to parallel park my Escape in Princeton when we were there for continuing education) and engines that increased horsepower as well as gas mileage. Even the retro-muscle-cars had a new cutting edge to them. The auto show was a powerful reminder for me of the transforming power of technology; that technology changes us as much or more than we change it.

One of the places where this culturally transforming power of technology is most evident is in the emerging generations (those below the age of 30), especially in the way they communicate and build community. Their world has been irreversibly altered by cell phones, texting, tweeting and Facebooking (I think that's a word). For those

of you not familiar with these new technologies, they are ways of connecting and being in community without actually being physically present with others.

As a church community we are attempting to use these same means to build our own community. Through our website (our largest online presence), Facebook (an on-line community), blogs (online commentaries on life and faith), email and texting we communicate information and ideas. We have even experimented with real-time texting within the worship service (which I know was a bit irritating to some but very exciting to others).

It would be easy to say we don't need to engage with or use these new communication connections, but we do. As my 82-year-old father said to me, "The technology genie is out of the bottle and there is no putting him back in." The challenge for us is to discern how to appropriately use emerging technology to help build a deeper and more faithful community in the 21st century.

Over the months and years ahead you will be hearing more about how we will be using technology to build and connect our church family. In the meantime, however, one assurance I will give you...that even when the means of communication evolve the message will remain the same. We will continue to proclaim the life and world-transforming love and grace of God in Jesus Christ. We will bring men, women and children back to the story of God's call to release, renew and restore God's creation that together we might be Christ's co-workers in the faith.

New Members

Luisa Branstrom joins FPC by Letter of Transfer. She is a stay-at-home mom and has four children: Madeleine, 15, Francesca, 5, Sophia, 3, and Magnus, 2. Luisa has jumped right into the various activities here at FPC. Sophia and Magnus attend our CMO program. Luisa also brings them and herself to our Stay and Play group. Luisa is a welcome addition to our covenant group as well.

Keith & Leslie Butler are joining FPC by Letter of Transfer. Keith and Leslie are both elders and Keith is a deacon. Leslie is an active bell ringer in our Bell Choir. Both Keith and Leslie enjoy winter sports and reading. Keith also enjoys hunting and fishing, while Leslie loves to knit and golf. Keith is employed at Cranbrook Management and Leslie has been affiliated with the FPC nursery school for 25 years.

Ralf & Rose Gendruschke-Ralf is joining FPC by Reaffirmation of Faith while Rose is joining FPC by Profession of Faith. Ralf is a corporate controller and was born and raised in Germany. Rose has her M.B.A. in international business and currently is a stay-at-home mom to two daughters, Kate, soon to be 8, and Josephine, 6. The family enjoys traveling, family activities and German culture.

Stacy Herr joins FPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. Stacy is a new transplant to the Bloomfield Hills area from St. Louis, Missouri. She and her husband, Michael, have a son, Brayden, 6, who sings in our Carol Choir. Stacy has a B.S. in child development and family relations. She enjoys working out and being a stay-at-home mom. Stacy has a creative side – she loves to shop, decorate and do crafts.

Rhonda Kobold joins FPC by Letter of Transfer. Rhonda and her partner, Ivana, have two children-Claire, soon to be 10, and Giancarlo, 5. She enjoys family time, traveling, playing golf and sports in general. Don't call Rhonda Ms. or Mrs., she is a self-employed physician. Welcome Dr. Kobold!

Stephanie Kummer joins FPC by Letter of Transfer. Stephanie and her husband, Randy, have two boys-Michael, 11, and Joey, 10. Stephanie was ordained as an elder in her former Presbyterian Church in Toledo, Ohio. She has her bachelor's degree in business administration from Adrian College. Stephanie enjoys walking, volunteering in her community and gardening. She also has a real passion for knitting and is already an active participant in our Shawl Ministry. She will soon begin using her Montessori background teaching in the three and four- year old Worship Wonders class.

David Overly joins FPC by Letter of Transfer. David is an elder and a deacon, serving two terms at his former Presbyterian Church in Redford. He has served as a member of Committee on Preparation for the Ministry (CPM) (two terms), Committee on Ministry (COM) (three terms), and on the Committee on Representation for the Presbytery for two terms. David has his master's in arts/political science and enjoys history, politics and travel.

Betty Rosenberger joins FPC by Letter of Transfer. Betty comes back to Michigan and FPC after living in Florida. She is a deacon, serving at FPC in the early 1980s. Betty is a retired nurse. Her interests include reading, book clubs and participating in circles. Welcome back to Birmingham, Betty!

*We welcome all our new members
with love and look forward to
Releasing, Renewing, and Restoring
God's World together!*

Celebrating

"Batter Up"

by Carla Lamphere



I've known **Gordon Ward Lamphere, Jr.**, alias Ward or Wardie, for 43 years, and 2010 marks our 40th wedding anniversary. Depending on the situation and time of day, Ward has been an example of someone who listens, points out the pros and cons in decision-making (probably due to 32 years in marketing research at General Motors), finishes "honey-do" jobs, makes a difference on many boards and committees, and follows his passion of music as instrumentalist (trombone) and singer (baritone) and a trombone/baritone music teacher. His love of the arts transfers to all who come in contact with him.

Presently, Ward performs with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, the Motor City Brass Band, the Detroit Choral Artists, the Eagle Brass Quintet and choirs at First Presbyterian Church. He is co-director of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions/Michigan District

and serves on the FPC Music Director Search Committee. He still has his fingers in marketing with an Ohio company on a part-time basis. Amazingly, there are only a few timing conflicts.

He loves baseball. The Detroit Tigers is his favorite team. He went to the Tigers Fantasy Camp and pitched against Al Kaline and Alan Trammell. Starting in the spring, he plays on two softball teams. One is the FPC team which he coached for years and the other is a Men's Senior League team playing two times a week. In 2004, the Senior Team traveled to Utah for the Senior Olympics and won the Silver Medal. His position is on the mound. There are times when the imprints of line-drive balls remain on his legs for weeks. He loves baseball so much, he wants to die from a heart-attack at the age of 90, trying to stretch a double into a triple. Now it's your turn- ask him how many baseball hats are in the closet?

Ward is a good friend, a good Dad and a good husband. He's the first to point out possible outcomes but once a decision is made with a family member or friend, he becomes your advocate. He is a good partner when it comes to a new adventure. "Go for it," he says. "If anything goes wrong, I'll be there." This

past summer, Ward was my partner on a bucket-list adventure of riding bikes from Birmingham to our son's home in Traverse City- 400 miles accomplished in nine sunny days.

Surprise anniversary trips for me or a canoeing trip in northern Canada with freeze-dried food and the out-of-doors for the kids are samples of Ward's spontaneity. The kids-**Ben**, now 32 with his own family, and **Jessica**, 22-even admit the trip had its good moments.

A proud dad he is. Eager to learn and share the kid's day or future plans, Ward treasures extra phone calls. He is a proud grandpa to Ben and Stephanie's kids, Ryan, 3, and Katie, 1. Whether feeding Katie a bottle or setting up the Brio Train for Ryan, Ward takes to the task at hand. Our daughter, Jessica, is taking a step towards her dream of living in California, establishing residency and then getting her master's on the West Coast. Ward has counseled her to be smart and safe while following her dream. Doesn't that remind us of the old saying, "Once a parent, always a parent?"

Ward makes us laugh while encouraging many of us to step up to the plate of life itself. I'm so proud we have shared so much together and am eager to see what lies around the corner.

Connecting

Church Directory Updates Information

The FPC church directory published for use by the congregation each year provides essential information on names and addresses of those who worship here.

Cathedral Directories provides the handy books for our use, but we must provide the information in the directory to them. This is a huge challenge with so many individuals adding and subtracting information regularly. Telephone and cell phone numbers and email addresses are constantly in flux.

You can help with this project, and it is a very simple process. A “master list” is in the church office. Please review the information about you and your family and make any necessary corrections so that what is provided to Cathedral is accurate. If you review and correct your information by March 29, the church information can be updated before it is transmitted to Cathedral in early April. You may also email your changes to **Jan Peters** at janpeters@fpcbirmingham.org. Questions? Please contact **Jan**, ext. 121, or **Ellen**, ext 137.

Dining Groups for 2010 Revealed at “The Great Blind Date”

Dinner for Eight (or seven or nine) kicked off after church on Super Bowl Sunday! All of those who were interested in participating this year turned in a registration blank in January. The groups were sorted so that those who participated in 2009 would be with different people in 2010. At the “Great Blind Date,” the groups met and planned the date and place for their first dinner.

There are no hard and fast rules for Dinner for Eight. While groups are encouraged to meet four times during the year, some groups have been so compatible that they have met five times. Some groups are made up of only seven participants while others are nine. When the groups are devised, the requests of individual participants are taken seriously. Transportation issues or the ability to host an event are not taken as deterrents for participation, but they do take the cooperation of all who are in the group.

Furthermore, the group doesn’t have to meet for dinner! Brunch, lunch, a picnic at Meadowbrook-- your imagination is the only limit. One group went to the DIA.

If a couple or a single in your group finds it necessary to drop out, **Evelyn Strader** or **Diane Falconer** can give you the name of someone who might be available to join in for part of the year.



Assisted Listening

Do you have trouble hearing what is said in our worship services? If so **Rejoice and Renew** has purchased four hearing assistance devices that may be helpful in eliminating that problem. They are available from one of the ushers who will ask that you sign one out and assist you in its use.

Our Focus Statement

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, mission oriented and intellectually vibrant faith community. We believe Christ has called us to reach out to all people, especially those with special needs, by leading in creative ministries of education and music.

Go tell it on the mountain!

Is your group or committee doing something the congregation should hear about? Let **First News** know by sending your article by e-mail to: firstnews@fpcbirmingham.org. Photos are welcome too; please provide a caption. **Deadline for the May/June First News is April 5.**

Serving

Mission

Blanket Sunday

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9, 5pm, in Knox

Each year on Mother's Day, May 9 this year, our church participates in Blanket Sunday. For each \$5 donated, a Church World Service blanket is purchased for use in the time of disaster. In our area, Church Women United, an ecumenical group of women who focus on improving world conditions for all, is the partner agency for Blanket Sunday. **Vera Harkin** represents our church in the work of Church Women United.

Church World Service has been intimately involved in Christian ministry in Haiti since 1954 and has been faithfully working in the aftermath of the earthquake.

"...Church World Service has seen the dire challenges, strife and unremitting, abject poverty that the people of Haiti have experienced for generation after generation," said agency executive director and CEO the **Rev. John L. McCullough** in a news release posted on the CWS web site.

"Although prior to the earthquake the Haitian government had been making positive steps in terms of forwarding a viable economic direction, the burdens of hunger and poverty had not lessened while the rest of the world's interest in Haiti had," he said.

"This month's catastrophic earthquake is not only an unforgettable tragedy but a wake-up

call to rich nations of the world," said McCullough, whose aid workers and their longtime local Haitian partner agencies are now assisting survivors on the island along with other international humanitarian groups.

"We have no choice now but to come together, collaboratively, once and for all, to assist the people of Haiti," he said, "not simply to recover from what was the worst natural disaster in this hemisphere, but to assist them as they build, for the first time in their history, a country and a life that reflects and respects their indomitable spirit."

Your generous gift to Blanket Sunday will work wonders among those whose needs are greatest. (Checks should be made payable to *Church Women United, Birmingham Chapter.*)

2010 Mexico Mission Trips

March: San Cosme

April: Leona Vicario

We have two Mexico mission teams traveling to the Yucatan Peninsula in March and April. The first group, led by **Cindy Merten** departs March 22 for San Cosme where they will work in a medical clinic with 19 others from the First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio. Participants on this trip include **Ernest and Sarah Krug, Peter Miller, Diane Lea, Forrest, Cindy and Sarah Merten.**

The second team, led by **Amy Morgan** will leave on April 5 and will do construction work on a secondary school in Leona Vicario at the YPM base site. Please pray for all those participating as well as for **Pastor William** and his wife, **Erlly** as they make preparations for our arrival and work.



Confirmation students, parents and covenant partners served at Baldwin Center Soup Kitchen in November.

Growing

Adult Ministries

Lunch & Learn

We are delighted about the response to Lunch & Learn. Good numbers are coming for excellent programs, delicious desserts, and the pleasure of being together.

*Tuesday, March 30, noon
Calvin Hall*

FPC Parish Associate **Dr. Ernest Krug**, director of clinical bioethics at Beaumont Hospitals, will speak on Medical Ethics.

*Tuesday, April 27, noon
Calvin Hall*

The speaker will be **Kim Sneden**, curator of education at the Detroit Zoo.

Bring a bag lunch (desert and beverage will be provided). Please R.S.V.P. by signing up in the Main Office. All are welcome. The programs are for men and women. We look forward to seeing you there.



Wednesday Night Connect Wednesday Fellowship

Want to get connected? If so, then come join us for Wednesday Night Connect. You will be able to:

Connect with our Christ in body through **yoga classes** from 4:30 to 5:30pm; Connect with our Christ in **story through a video based study** called *Great Figures in the New Testament*, with **Dr. Judson** from 5 to 5:50pm; Connect with others over a catered **dinner** from 5:55 to 6:45pm; and Connect with God through **worship** led by **Dr. Krug** from 7 to 7:30pm.

Cost for dinner is \$9 per person; \$4 per child under 12; \$24 per family. Reservations required. Please sign up on the pew pads, in the Main Office or send an email to reservations@fpcbirmingham.org. Please make your reservations by Tuesday at noon.

Adults, teens and children are all welcome for any or all of the evening.

First Theater Guild: Open Auditions for *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

*Sunday, March 14, 2-5pm &
Monday, March 15, 7-9pm*

First Theater Guild (FTG) is a family oriented organization.

Auditioners will be asked to read from the script. Audition cuts available.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe includes many great roles for a cast of 16–25 actors of school age. Directed by **Mark Walters**.

Performances dates are set for May 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22.

Parents of children in the play will be asked to head one of the play's committees, and work in some capacity during rehearsals and performances.

For more information, email **Kathleen Sleder**, sledermom@aol.com or **Mary Fry**, maryafry@aol.com.

New Learning in the New Year

Adult education opportunities abound with Bible studies, book groups, video based studies. Get to know our pastor, **Dr. John Judson** on Sundays at 11am for a study of the book of Acts or Wednesdays for a video featuring current theologians and discussion in the Red Sea Cinema. You are welcome to stop in anytime at the Tuesday morning Bible studies at 7am and 8:45am. Come for coffee, conversation and connection.

Family News

Births:

☪ Lorelei Jean Donnelly
daughter of Suzanne
and Alan Donnelly,
January 15, 2010.

Baptisms:

☪ Everett Jeffery Emery, Son
of Cory and Jason Emery,
January 24, 2010.

☪ Rosmarie Lydia
Gendruschke,
January 31, 2010.

Prayers for:

★ Thomas Appledorn, grandson
of Lois Appledorn, stationed
in Bagdad, Iraq. This is his
third deployment in Iraq.
His address is: *Ssg Thomas
Appledorn, C CO 2-14 IN
JSS 799, CO S Hammer, APO
AE 09308*

★ Beth Carter, doing mission
work in Venezuela.

★ Joanne Blair, Kate Davidson
and Heidi Geib, seminary
students.

Online Connections

Church website:

www.fpcbirthingam.org

Facebook:

“FPC Sermon Conversation”

“First Presbymergents”

“FPCBirmingham Youth Groups”

Dr. Judson’s Blog:

firstvisions.blogspot.com

Growing

Children’s Ministry

Children’s Morning Out (CMO)
*Registration for the 2010-2011 year
weekly children’s program at FPC
starts March 15*

The CMO program provides a learning-through-play environment offering an opportunity for children to develop socially, emotionally, cognitively and spiritually in a loving, Christian environment. CMO is a licensed program for children ages 4 months to 4 years of age. The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 9:15-11:45am. CMO also provides extended days running until 1:15pm for participants who are 18 months and older.

Registration will begin Monday, March 15.

Please contact the director, **Heidi Wilkinson**, (248)644-2040, ext. 124, for registration material and more information.

PW Bible Study Circles

Monthly fellowship

Circles meet just once a month for two hours or less – a time for connecting. Join one of the three Circles that follow the Third Wednesday pastor-led study, or come to one of the two Circles that meet at other times for refreshments, conversation, prayer and study; **Esther Circle** meets at 7pm on the Third Tuesday of the month. **Martha Circle** meets at 12noon on the Third Thursday. New friends are always welcome. Questions? Contact **Charlotte Fischer** (248) 646-8078, cfischer50@gmail.com).

On-going Events

Guitar Group Meets Weekly
*Sundays at 11:15am
Youth Room*

Players of all levels are welcome to join in the weekly jam this year.

Guitars are available for those who aren’t ready to commit to their own instrument yet. The guitars came from a **First Foundation** grant to support this ministry.

Jay Solomond and **Chris Gannon** lead this group called *Notes of G-sus*. The group is currently planning for Pentecost/Youth Sunday on May 23.

Tuesday Evening Book Club
*Second Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm
Fireside*

March 9:

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

April 13:

The American Wife
by Curtis Sittenfeld

May 11:

Traveling with Pomegranites
by Sue Monk Kidd

Contact **GINNY AXON** for additional information.

Confirmation Class 2010

Family News

Confirmation: Tradition, Community, Service, Commitment

Confirmation Sunday, May 16

In the Reformed tradition, confirmation provides young adults the opportunity to confirm for themselves the promises made for them in their baptisms. At First Presbyterian, our year-long program explores our faith tradition, engages young people in our faith community, and encourages the practice and application of faith in everyday life. Youth are encouraged to ask thoughtful questions about matters of faith. They learn from teachers, covenant partners, and other active church members about living out our faith. They explore faith practices, including worship and sacraments, and discuss how faith applies to our daily lives. Finally, they create both an art project and a faith statement illustrating their understanding of faith at this point in their lives.

After examination by the session, they make a commitment to live as active adult members of our congregation. Confirmation Sunday (May 16) will be a joyful celebration of the commitment of these young people.

This year, **Forrest Merten**, one of the confirmation teachers, has constructed an additional component to the class called "Confirmation Plus." These classes invite youth, parents, and covenant partners to explore in greater depth the building blocks of our faith using a variety of resources in a small-group discussion format. These classes have been well-attended and well-received. **Dan Reeves** has assisted in teaching these classes

and has also been teaching the other confirmation classes throughout the year. Many thanks to both Forrest and Dan for their commitment to our young people!

We have also continued this year the adult component of the confirmation class, called "Walk With Me." This class is designed for parents and covenant partners of youth, and they explore topics ranging from youth spirituality to how to parent teens in a text-messaging world. **Charlotte and Carl Fischer** have been leading the class this year. Many thanks to them as well!

We ask your prayers, notes of encouragement, and recognition for our confirmands:

Brandon Best, Alexander Breeden, Christopher Breeden, Tom Carlson, Bryce Downing, Andrea Ebling, Amelia Freeman, Morgan Fry, Nick Grandelius, Abby Green, Hutch Held, Elizabeth Quigley, Grant Reuss, Scott Swarthout, and Jack Zohoury.

We'd also like to thank and recognize those serving as covenant partners:

Betty Finkbeiner, Ken Wallace, Tom Kirchofer, Cathy Campbell, David Paterson, Allyson Brosky, Peggy Freeman, Terry Chaney, Lloyd Reuss, Sue DelPup, Dan Reeves, Forrest Merten, Mark Reuss, Don Howe and Jason Morgan.

With Sympathy:

- † Wilma Peabody,
December 2, 2009
- † Jocelyn Watt Glass, wife of
Dick Glass,
December 18, 2009
- † Marian S. Dressler, sister of
Lois Cotton,
December 28, 2009
- † Lowell Sutton, husband of
Mary Alice Sutton,
January 24, 2010
- † Robert Delany, father of
Margaret Sheckell,
January 16, 2010
- † Nancy Peters, mother of
Jim Peters,
January 26, 2010
- † Edward Yatsko,
January 15, 2010
- † Jack T. Steelman, husband of
Fay Steelman,
February 2, 2010
- † Margaret Randall, wife of
Bruce Randall,
February 18, 2010

First News Correction:

In addition to those mentioned in an article about the Serenity Garden in the last issue of *First News*, memorial gifts for the garden have also been received in memory of the following:

**Amy Huberty Hawes
Bill Menzel
Nina "Granny" Price
Bill Regan
Paul and Helen Robertson
Dottie Sharer**

Connecting

Worship Alive! Continues

Out of our experience with the Worship Alive! grant has evolved an ever changing congregational process for worship planning. Our most recent effort included an invitation to the whole congregation to come and plan a series of worship services for Lent. Nearly twenty people gathered, examined the scripture texts and then divided in groups to select hymns, to collaboratively write a prayer of confession, and to incorporate liturgical arts to make worship a multi-sensory experience.

As we move through Lent on a *Journey to Jerusalem*, stop in the narthex and add your written prayers to the prayer wall artistically created by **Elizabeth Ashley, Jack Chandler, and Cathy Dinkeloo.**

Follow the stone pathway and note the signs painted by **Diane Bert** guiding us along the way. On March 7 you will be asked to take a stone and carry it with you until you bring it back on Palm Sunday to build the stone that will be rolled away from the tomb on Easter morning.

Journey to Jerusalem Dinner

Wednesday, March 17, 6-7:30pm
Knox Auditorium

Bring your families for an intergenerational *Journey to Jerusalem* dinner, a participatory drama and worship experience directed by **Cindy Judson.** This will replace the Wednesday evening service in the chapel.

Good Friday Men's Breakfast

Friday, April 2, 7:30am
Knox Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. John Judson
Watch for more information in FPC publications and on our website.

Lenten Prayer Wall

As we journey through Lent, you are invited to add your prayers to the prayer wall located in the narthex. Those written on green paper will be added to the Prayers of the People on Sundays during Lent. If you wish that your prayer remain private, please use the ivory paper.

Many Voices... One Song presents a Music Marathon

Saturday, March 20, 9am-9pm
Sanctuary

The MVOS invites you to enjoy twelve glorious hours of music. Come when you want to. Leave when you want to. You will hear outstanding high school groups, college groups, local professional groups, the Birmingham-First Chamber Choir, the U of M Men's Glee Club.

Vocal-instrumental-orchestral-rock...you name it. A new group will perform every half hour. We'll have some of everything; so you have to love it!

Did You Know?

As a result of our Worship Alive! experiences, and in an ongoing effort to train and encourage lay leadership, we sent **Ellen Shuster, Cathy Dinkeloo, Elizabeth Ashley and Diane Lea** to the Calvin Worship Symposium. They attended various workshops on using the visual arts in worship, Sabbath keeping, and using technology in ministry.

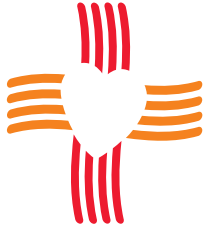


*In the nest there is a bulb...
you are invited to visit the
Lenten Prayer Wall
located in the narthex.*

*Designed and constructed by
the FPC Liturgical Arts Team:
Elizabeth Ashley, Jack Chandler,
and Cathy Dinkeloo*

Calendar EVERY Wednesday *4:30 - 7pm* see first Wednesday of the month for schedule

Monday, March 01	6:00 FOCUS/Youth Rm	Tuesday, March 30	Sunday, April 18
8:00 AM South Oakland Shelter/ 137	Monday, March 15	7:00 AM Bible Study/141/142	8:30 AM Worship/Chapel
10:00 Stay & Play/102	10:00 AM Stay & Play/102	9:00 Bible Study/Library	9:00 Confirmation Class/Youth Rm
10:00 Shawl Ministry/Fireside	10:00 Shawl Ministry/Fireside	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	10:00 Worship/Sanctuary
7:00 PM Adult Education Comm./220	6:30 PM Skyline Board Meeting/137	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Calvin	11:00 Teacher/Shepherd Mtg/Martha's Table
7:00 Worship Committee/ Martha's Table	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Knox	7:00 FPC Ringers New Song Studio	11:15 Family Fun Day/Calvin
7:00 Youth Ministries Comm./Youth Rm	7:00 Wider Church/144	7:30 Emotions Anon./Library	11:15 Acts Class: Dr. Judson/Fireside
8:30 AA Monday Nite Group/215-218	7:00 Stewardship/Financial Plng/220	Thursday, April 01	2:00 PM Narnia Rehearsals/Knox
8:30 Al-anon/216	7:00 Deacons/Calvin	10:00 AM Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	5:00 Big Issue/Knox
Tuesday, March 02	8:30 AA Nite Group/ 215-218	10:00 Women's AA Group/141-142	6:00 FOCUS/Youth Rm
7:00 AM Bible Study/141/142	8:30 Al-anon 216	Friday, April 02	Monday, April 19
8:00 South Oakland Shelter/137	Tuesday, March 16	9:30 AM Church Women United/Calvin	10:00 AM Stay & Play/102
8:45 Bible Study/Library	7:00 AM Bible Study/141-142	Saturday, April 03	10:00 Shawl Ministry/Fireside
10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	9:00 Bible Study/Library	9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	10:00 Rummage Sale Coffee/Calvin
6:30 PM First Foundation/220	10:00 Readers' Circle/Fireside	5:00 PM Worship/Sanctuary	6:30 PM Skyline Board Meeting/137
7:00 FPC Ringers/New Song Studio	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	Sunday, April 04	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Knox
7:30 Emotions Anon./Library	7:00 PM FPC Ringers/New Song Studio	8:30 AM Worship :Easter/Chapel	7:00 Wider Church/144
Wednesday, March 03	7:00 FCC of Foster Care/ 141-142	10:00 Worship: Easter/Family/Sanctuary	7:00 Stewardship/Financial Plng/220
8:00 AM South Oakland Shelter	7:00 Esther Circle/Fireside	11:15 Acts Class: Dr. Judson/Fireside	7:00 Deacons/Calvin
4:30 PM Carol Choir/New Song Studio	7:30 Emotions Anon./Library	6:00 PM FOCUS/Youth Rm	8:30 AA Monday Nite Group/215-218
4:45 Yoga Class/Fireside	Thursday, March 18	7:00 Worship: Easter/Sanctuary	8:30 Al-anon/216
5:00 Famous Char. of NT/ Red Sea Cinema	10:00 AM Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth	Monday, April 05	Tuesday, April 20
5:00 Chapel Choir/ New Song Studio	10:00 Women's AA Group/141-142	8:00 AM Mission Trip Week/Off Site	7:00 AM Bible Study/141-142
5:45 Wednesday Connect/ Knox	12:00 PM Martha Circle/Fireside	8:30 PM AA Monday Nite Group/215-218	9:00 Bible Study/Library
7:00 Worship/ Chapel	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Knox	8:30 Al-anon/216	10:00 Readers' Circle/Fireside
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir Rm	Friday, March 19	Tuesday, April 06	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm
Thursday, March 04	5:00 PM Confirmation Retreat/Skyline	7:00 AM Bible Study/141/142	7:00 PM FPC Ringers/New Song Studio
8:00 AM South Oakland Shelter	Saturday, March 20	9:00 Bible Study/Library	7:00 Esther Circle/Fireside
10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	9:00 AM MVOS: Music Marathon	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	7:30 Emotions Anon./Library
Friday, March 05	5:00 PM Worship/Knox	7:00 PM Adult Education Comm./220	Thursday, April 22
8:00 AM South Oakland Shelter	Sunday, March 21	7:00 Worship Committee/Calvin	10:00 AM Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm
Saturday, March 06	8:30 AM Worship/Chapel	7:00 FPC Ringers/New Song Studio	10:00 Women's AA Group/141/142
8:00 AM South Oakland Shelter	10:00 Worship/Sanctuary	7:00 Youth Ministries Comm./Youth Rm	5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary
9:00 Girl Scout Babysitting/102	11:15 Acts Class: Dr. Judson/Fireside	7:30 Emotions Anon./Library	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Knox
5:00 PM Worship/Sanctuary	2:00 PM Narnia Rehearsals/Knox	Thursday, April 08	Friday, April 23
Sunday, March 07	5:00 Hank Borchardt's Class/141-142	8:00 AM Mission Trip/Off Site	4:30 PM Wedding/Sanctuary
8:00 AM Jonah & the Wale/Knox	5:00 What's a Presbyterian?/Fireside	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	5:00 FOCUS Weekend Retreat/Skyline
8:00 South Oakland Shelter/137	5:00 FreeMe - Lazer Tag/Off Site	10:00 Women's AA Group/141-142	Saturday, April 24
8:30 Worship/Chapel	6:00 Dinner/Calvin	Saturday, April 10	7:00 AM FOCUS Weekend Retreat/Skyline
9:00 Confirmation Class/Youth Rm	6:00 FOCUS/Youth Rm	10:00 AM Trombone Choir Reh./Choir Rm	10:00 Narnia Set Building/Knox
10:00 Worship/Sanctuary	Monday, March 22	10:00 Robert Manby Memorial /Calvin	10:00 Trombone Choir/Sanctuary
11:15 Acts Class: Dr. Judson/Fireside	10:00 AM Stay & Play/102	5:00 PM Worship/Sanctuary	5:00 PM Worship/Sanctuary
5:00 PM Genetics Engineering/141-142	10:00 Shawl Ministry/Fireside	Sunday, April 11	Sunday, April 25
5:00 What's a Presbyterian?/Fireside	6:00 PM Skyline Devel Comm/137	8:30 AM Worship/Chapel	8:30 AM Worship/Chapel
6:00 Potluck - Youth/Off Site	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Knox	10:00 Worship/Sanctuary	9:00 Confirmation Class/Youth Rm
6:00 FOCUS/Youth Rm	7:00 Session Calvin	11:00 Teacher/Shepherd Mtg/Martha's	10:00 Worship/Sanctuary
Monday, March 08	8:30 AA Nite Group/215-218	Table	11:00 Teacher/Shepherd Mtg/Martha's Table
10:00 AM Stay & Play/102	8:30 Al-anon/216	11:15 Acts Class: Dr. Judson/Fireside	11:15 Acts Class: Dr. Judson/Fireside
10:00 Shawl Ministry/Fireside	Tuesday, March 23	2:00 PM Narnia Rehearsals/Knox	11:15 FreeMe! Youth/Youth Rm
7:00 PM Children's Ministries/Library	7:00 AM Bible Study/141-142	6:00 FOCUS/Youth Rm	2:00 PM Narnia Rehearsals/Knox
7:00 Health & Inclusion Comm./141-142	9:00 Bible Study/Library	Monday, April 12	6:00 FreeMe! Mystery Trip/Off Site
7:00 Staff Relations/144	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	10:00 AM Stay & Play/102	6:00 FOCUS/Youth Rm
7:00 Property Care Meeting/Fireside	7:00 PM FPC Ringers/New Song Studio	10:00 Shawl Ministry/Fireside	Monday, April 26
8:30 AA Monday Nite Group/215-218	7:30 Emotions Anon./Library	7:00 PM Children's Ministries/Library	10:00 AM Stay & Play/102
8:30 Al-anon/216	Thursday, March 25	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Calvin	10:00 Shawl Ministry/Fireside
Tuesday, March 09	9:30 AM Covenant /Fireside	7:00 Health & Inclusion Comm./141-142	6:00 PM Skyline Development Committee/137
7:00 AM Bible Study/141-142	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	7:00 Staff Relations/144	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Knox
9:00 Bible Study/Library	10:00 Women's AA Group/141-142	7:00 Property Care Meeting/Fireside	7:00 Session/Calvin
10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	7:00 PM Narnia Rehearsal/Knox	8:30 AA Monday Nite Group/215-218	8:30 AA Monday Nite Group/215-218
7:00 PM Evangelism Committee/Calvin	Saturday, March 27	8:30 Al-anon/216	8:30 Al-anon/216
7:00 Evening Reader's Circle/Fireside	10:00 AM Trombone Choir/ Sanctuary	Tuesday, April 13	Tuesday, April 27
7:00 FPC Ringers/New Song Studio	5:00 Worship/Sanctuary	7:00 AM Bible Study/141-142	7:00 AM Bible Study/141-142
7:30 Emotions Anon./Library	Sunday, March 28	9:00 Bible Study/Library	9:00 Bible Study/Library
Thursday, March 11	8:30 AM Worship/Chapel	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm
9:30 AM Covenant/Fireside	9:30 Pancake Breakfast/Knox	7:00 PM Narnia Rehearsal/Calvin	12:00 PM Lunch & Learn/Calvin
10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	10:00 Worship/Sanctuary	7:00 Evening Reader's Circle/Fireside	7:00 FPC Ringers/New Song Studio
10:00 Women's AA Group/141-142	11:00 Teacher/Shepherd Mtg/Martha's	7:00 FPC Ringers/New Song Studio	7:30 Emotions Anon./Library
11:30 CMO Staff Meeting/Calvin	Table	7:30 Emotions Anon./Library	Thursday, April 29
Saturday, March 13	11:15 Acts Class: Dr. Judson//Fireside	Thursday, April 15	9:30 AM Covenant/Fireside
5:00 PM Worship/Sanctuary	2:00 PM Narnia Rehearsals/Knox	9:30 AM Covenant/137	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm
Sunday, March 14	5:00 What's a Presbyterian?/Fireside	10:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship/Youth Rm	10:00 Women's AA Group/141/142
8:30 AM Worship/Chapel	6:00 Dinner/Calvin	11:30 CMO Staff Meeting/Calvin	12:00 PM News Letter Mailing/Calvin
10:00 Worship/Sanctuary	6:00 FOCUS/Youth Rm	12:00 PM Martha Circle/Fireside	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Knox
11:15 Acts Class: Dr. Judson/Fireside	Monday, March 29	7:00 Narnia Rehearsal/Knox	Friday, April 30, 2010
11:15 Music Committee/137	10:00 AM Stay & Play/102	Saturday, April 17	7:30 PM Concert/Reception/Sanctuary
2:00 PM Narnia Rehearsals/Knox	10:00 Shawl Ministry/Fireside	10:00 AM Trombone Choir /Sanctuary	
5:00 H. Borchardt Class/141-142	7:00 PM Narnia Rehearsal/Knox	5:00 PM Worship/Sanctuary	
5:00 What's a Presbyterian?/Fireside	8:30 AA Monday Nite Group/215-218		
6:00 Dinner/Calvin	8:30 Al-anon/216		



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Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

Wednesday, March 17	"Journey to Jerusalem" Family Dinner Theater (Wednesday Connect)	6pm in Knox Auditorium
Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday "Pancakes and Palms" Pancake Breakfast	After both services, Knox
Thursday, April 1	Maundy Thursday	7pm service in the sanctuary
Friday, April 2	Good Friday Men's Breakfast Good Friday (Ecumenical Service)	7:30am in Knox Auditorium Noon service in the sanctuary
Sunday, April 4	Easter Services	7am, in the chapel 8:30am and 10am in the sanctuary
Sunday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt	After the 10am service, Calvin Hall