

The

# First Word



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*“Love does  
no wrong to  
a neighbor; therefore,  
love is the fulfilling  
of the law.”* Romans 13:10, NRSV

## INSIDE . . .

*Michael Horlocker is our  
temporary pastor*

*Blood Drive*

*Student Voice Recital*

*Lenten Book Study*

*Order Easter Lilies*

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**MARCH 11**  
Set your clocks  
ahead 1 hour.

## Temporary pastor starts mid-March

The first two Sundays in March will see guest preachers in the pulpit—Linda Anderson and Anne Lyke respectively. Then, beginning March 18, former pastoral assistant Michael Horlocker will step in as our temporary supply pastor until such time as we call a full-time pastor.

Even though he may only be with us for a few months, Michael, is excited to be with us again and has already been thinking of ideas he can implement to enhance the ministries here at First Presbyterian Church. We are happy to have him back. Please greet him warmly.

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## Welcome the new administrative assistant

Laura Goode took over the reins from retiring administrative assistant Kathy Schultz on February 26. Please make her feel welcome, and be patient as she settles in.



Administrative Assistant

## New Committee Assignments set

Now that our new elders have been ordained and installed, committee assignments have been made as follows:

**Worship & Music**—Shirley

Brooks and Joe Schaffer

**Administration**—Norm

Williamson and Kyle Colley

**Congregational Life**—Susan

Wiedmaier, Sally Beckstein,  
and Joyce Johnson

**Property & Facilities**—Tom

Goodman and Dan MacNish

Please thank them for their willingness to serve in this capacity. You can show your support by volunteering to serve on one of the above committees.

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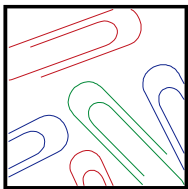
Psalms 37:5, NRSV

**Outgoing officers appreciated**

On February 12 we saw our new officers ordained and installed. We appreciate their willingness and commitment to the task they have been elected to, but we need to take a moment to thank our outgoing officers for all the time, dedication, and hard work they have given to us.



Donna Rae, Mary Lloyd, and Gwyn McClintock have gone off the Board of Deacons. Jeff Gordinier has left the Session. They have all done a great job.



**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL EMAILS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE MUST NOW BE ADDRESSED TO **OFFICE@FPCSOUTHLYN.ORG** THANK YOU.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, March 20  
1—7 PM



**BLOOD DRIVE**

**GIVE LIFE!**

Our offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing will be received and dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 1. Our gifts support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Relief. Please remember to pick up a coin bank and a sharing calendar. Return your fish bank or envelope on that Sunday. And please remember to—



**FEED THE FISH**



## From the Deacons

by Marci Mulligan

We would like to share the thank-you note we received from our adopted family this past Christmas:

*Our family experienced a tough time this holiday season—and the unexpected arrival of my stepdaughters just 2 days before Christmas. You all are very much appreciated for bringing great big smiles to my children’s faces! I feel very fortunate to have received the help I did from your church. I thank God for all of you. Have a wonderful New Year! God Bless.”*

The deacons are sponsoring another opportunity to help those in our community. “Families Building Faith” is collecting gently used and new items for its annual Easter Basket Collection. There was an article in the South Lyon Herald recently and a copy has been posted on the church bulletin board in the breezeway. These Easter baskets will be assembled with the items collected and then distributed through Active Faith to local families. Any extra baskets will be distributed to

other communities in the area. Ages of the children are from infant through teens. Suggested items could be books, puzzles, balls, bubbles, coloring books, crayons or Easter grass. Families Building Faith also puts together Easter baskets for senior citizens



and single adults in need. Items that could be donated are hotel soaps, shampoo or lotion samples, coffee cups, magazines, soft-cover novels or jewelry. **Look for the collection bin in the parlor. We will be collecting now through Sunday, March 25.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the deacons.

*You are cordially invited to . . .*

Rose Randall Warner’s

**STUDENT VOICE  
RECITAL**

Saturday, March 10

11:00 a.m.

in the sanctuary

Free admission

# Circles

## Rebekah Circle

Wednesday, March 14  
9:00 a.m.

Meet at Big Boy for  
breakfast

Book study back at church  
Lesson: #4 "Greatly  
Honored are Those Who  
are Famished and  
Parched for Justice"

## Miriam Circle

Wednesday, March 14  
12:15 p.m.

Bring a sandwich and meet  
in the church parlor  
Lesson: *Can We Be Holy?*  
Hostess: Mary Lloyd  
Word: Life

Each month a group of ladies look forward to our Circle meetings. We share a meal, study our lesson, enjoy the fellowship, and come away feeling good. We invite ladies of our church to come and join us. You will be very welcome.

**SAVE YOUR CAMPBELL  
PRODUCT LABELS FOR  
COOK COLLEGE. PUT  
THEM IN THE "LABELS/  
COUPON" MAILBOX.**



Job's "friends" weren't exactly supportive when he experienced great trials. Which of the following lists his friends' names?

- A. Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi
- B. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar
- C. Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar
- D. Philemon and Onesimus

(Answer: B (See Job 2:11))

REMEMBER, WE COLLECT CLEAN  
EMPTY BOTTLES AND CANS AND THE  
DEPOSIT MONEY  
GOES TO THE  
BUILDING FUND.  
HOWEVER, WE  
CANNOT ACCEPT  
SAM'S CLUB  
BOTTLES. SORRY.



# Prayers & Praises

*Prayer requests received January 29—February 19. Please pray for . . .*

- ◆ Jim Stephen and his family on the death of his wife, Mary Stephen
- ◆ Laronne who is ill
- ◆ Barbara Johanningsmeier's friend Jane with terminal cancer
- ◆ Sally Beckstein's sister Susan in 4th stage renal failure
- ◆ Val and Georgie on the death of a brother
- ◆ the Goodman's friend Larry recovering from surgery
- ◆ Barbara Morgan's brother-in-law Harold recovering from a heart procedure and who has a heart and abdominal aneurysm
- ◆ Kim MacNish's Aunt Leona hospitalized with a serious lung disease
- ◆ Barbara Morgan's coworkers who are ill
- ◆ The Schultz's friend Bob as he recovers from a heart attack
- ◆ Kay Fisher's cousin Don who is losing his battle with brain cancer
- ◆ Barbara Johanningsmeier's friend Alice whose cancer has returned
- ◆ joy for Kay Fisher's new grandniece, Isla Allison Vince
- ◆ the Bailo/Arms family
- ◆ Alisa Panicacci's co-workers; one whose father is hospitalized with heart problems and the other whose friend needs a liver transplant
- ◆ All who are seeking employment in this troubled economy
- ◆ Our PNC

## Our Shut-ins and Homebound

- Hildreth Bakhaus
- Jane Beckstein
- Joan Borsh
- Rita Chenoweth
- Bill & Glenna Clogg
- Eleanor Donley
- Melvin McClintock
- Barbara Ricks
- Betty Ross
- Jim Stephen
- Shirley Westacott

## Our Friends in Ministry & Seminary

- The Rev. Linda Anderson
- Pastor Gordon Seiler
- Michael Horlocker
- Anne Lyke
- Jo Morgan

Request prayer by calling Vonda Boatman at 248-437-5004, or online at [prayerrequest@fpcsouthlyon.org](mailto:prayerrequest@fpcsouthlyon.org). Join the Prayer Chain by calling the church office. Please try to let your Deacon know how your prayer is being answered.

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results." -James 5:1



Mary  
Stephen

12/1/25-2/2/12

Memory

February 2012



## Session Notes

**Present:** Moderator Rev. Dr. Al Timm; Elders Sally Beckstein, Shirley Brooks, Kyle Colley, Tom Goodman, Joyce Johnson, Dan MacNish, Joe Schaffer, Susan Wiedmaier, Deacon Rep. Matt Mueller **Excused:** Clerk Anne Lyke, Treasurer Bob Weinburger, Elder Norm Williamson

- ◇ Approved the handbell concert for May 6 by the Detroit Handbell Ensemble
- ◇ Approved Deacons assisting Families Building Faith by collecting supplies for Easter baskets that will be given to needy children and seniors locally and in nearby communities
- ◇ Approved contract for Temporary Supply Pastor Michael Horlocker
- ◇ Approved looking into hosting a missionary for five weeks in the fall

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for your presence on my last Sunday with you. Your expressions of gratitude, hugs and tears, cards, cross-shaped farewell cake, and well wishes touched me deeply. I am ever so grateful to have served in your midst. Please know that I will miss you and will keep you in my prayers as you embark on the next leg of the journey with and in Christ.*

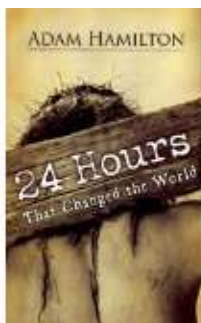
*Grace and peace to you all.*

*Annemarie Kidder  
Interim Pastor*



### DIRECTORY CHANGES . . .

**PANICACCI, Dante**  
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## Lenten Book Study

### **24 Hours That Changed the World**

by Adam Hamilton

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life.

Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Whether readers are long-time Christians or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, they are invited to join the author in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Class discussion will be accompanied by a DVD that contains session video filmed in the Holy Land.

Books are \$10 and will be available in February to start reading before class begins. This 5-week study will be held on March 11, 18, 25 April 1, and 15, 11:30-12:30.

## Pronoun Shift

Society encourages us to focus on ourselves. The pronouns in the parable of the rich man indicate that he fell into this trap, too: “*He* talked to *himself*: ‘What can *I* do? *My* barn isn’t big enough for this harvest. ... *I’ll* tear down *my* barns and build bigger ones. Then *I’ll* gather in all *my* grain and goods, and *I’ll* say to *myself*, Self, *you’ve* done well!’” (Luke 12:16-19, The Message).

What a difference other pronouns would have made. The man could have asked, “What would you have me do, God?” He could have seen things as God’s, on loan to him to share with others: “This barn you’ve blessed me with, God, isn’t big enough for this harvest you’ve provided. I’ll share the extra with others, as you’ve commanded.”

And instead of taking credit himself, he could have offered praise: “God, you’ve cared so well for me. Thank you, Lord!”







by Jeff Burke  
Director of Music

Detroit Handbell Ensemble will be the featured guest artists of our upcoming spring music series, . . . *In Perfect Harmony*, on Sunday afternoon, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to mark your calendars and plan on attending this outstanding event!

Under the artistic direction of Dr. Michael Burkhardt, the Detroit Handbell Ensemble is becoming known for both its creative and innovative programming and artistic expression, ringing five plus octaves of bells and tone chimes in amazing and unique ways.

Organized by Susan Berry in 1991, the DHE is an auditioned concert choir providing both educational and performance opportunities for Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio.

Peace & blessings,  
Jeff



## The significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence.

Some Christians fast during Lent. This denial of bodily comforts can help encourage self-reflection about the need for Jesus' forgiveness.

### TELLERS WANTED:

In accordance with the Book of Order, the Sunday offering will be collected and counted by two people and deposited in the church office. We are hoping that you might consider helping with this task once or twice a month. This is a new ministry opportunity in which to serve. Please see Elder Kyle Colley or Treasurer Bob Weinburger if you are interested in becoming a member of the new teller team.

# Spring HAS Sprung

Make this craft to capture the beauty of God's creation in springtime.

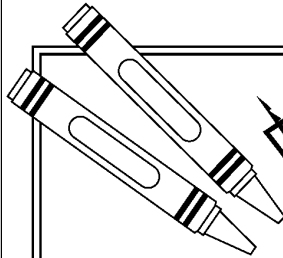
### What you need:

- White glue that dries clear
- White watercolor paper
- Black fine-point permanent marker
- Watercolors
- Paint brush
- Water bowl
- Paper towels



### What you do:

1. With glue, draw a picture on watercolor paper of flowers and other things in God's creation we see in spring. Keep lines fairly big and simple, without many small details.
2. After the glue dries, use a fine-point permanent marker to trace the glue lines.
3. Paint your picture with watercolors for a stained-glass effect.



# PUZZLE

## SIGNS OF *Rebirth*

Isaiah 35 describes the rebirth of a dry land when Jesus returns, as well as the signs of God's beautiful creation at springtime.

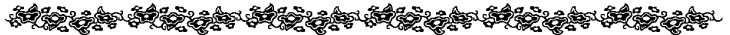
**Directions:** Solve each math problem. Then write the words in order, from smaller numbers to larger numbers, in the spaces below.

bloom  $6+1=$  \_\_\_\_ blossom  $2 \times 2=$  \_\_\_\_ rejoice  $4 \times 2=$  \_\_\_\_

burst  $3+3=$  \_\_\_\_ wilderness  $2+1=$  \_\_\_\_ joy  $5+5=$  \_\_\_\_

crocus  $3+2=$  \_\_\_\_ desert  $1 \times 0=$  \_\_\_\_ parched  $0+1=$  \_\_\_\_

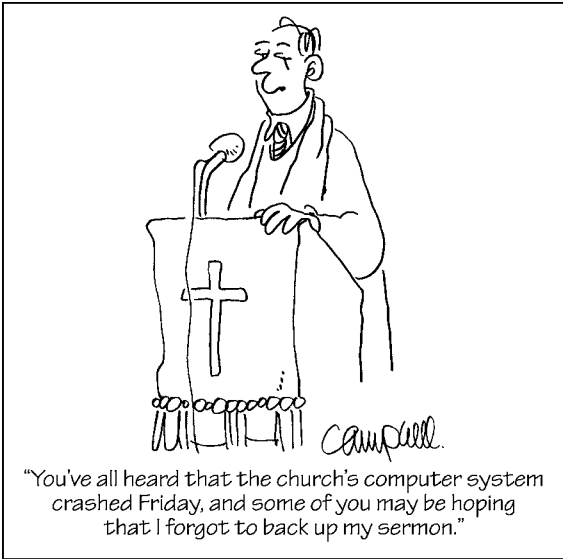
glad  $2 \times 1=$  \_\_\_\_ shout  $10-1=$  \_\_\_\_



“The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ land will  
 be \_\_\_\_\_ ; the \_\_\_\_\_ will rejoice  
 and \_\_\_\_\_. Like the \_\_\_\_\_,  
 it will \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ ; it  
 will \_\_\_\_\_ greatly and \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.”

*Isaiah 35:1-2, NIV*

Answers:  
 “The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.”



**EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**

Help to decorate the sanctuary for Easter by purchasing a beautiful Easter lily. Your plant can be taken home following the Easter service. Just complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office, with your payment, no later than **April 1**.



No. of Plants \_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_

In honor/memory/celebration of  
**(circle one please):**  
 (Number the dedications if more than one plant is purchased.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**WORSHIP 10:00 AM**  
**FELLOWSHIP TIME 11:00 AM**  
**ADULT ED 11:30 AM**

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Peggy Hart, Custodian

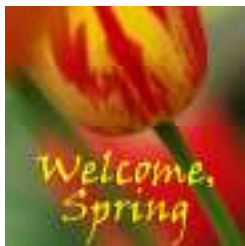
**SESSION**

Anne Lyke (Clerk)  
 Sally Beckstein Shirley Brooks  
 Kyle Colley Tom Goodman  
 Joyce Johnson Dan MacNish  
 Joe Schaffer Susan Wiedmaier  
 Norm Williamson

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

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## Our Mission

**We are called to**

**J**oyfully  
**E**xalt our  
**S**avior by  
**U**sing our talents to  
**S**erve God and others daily.



## Our Vision



We strive to be  
the Image of Christ in the world:  
a place where the Son always shines.