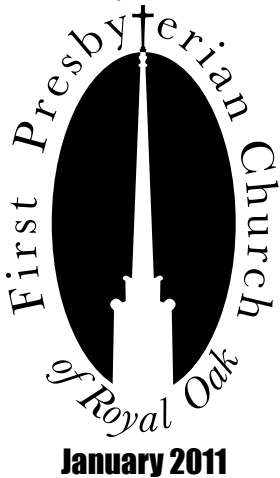


## First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

# Church Bell



A word from our pastor ...

**“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts...”** (Matthew 2:11)

“January” is named after the Roman god, “Janus,” who was always shown in ancient statues with two faces — one looking behind (to the past) and one looking ahead (to the future). In January we look back to Christmas and we look ahead to taking the Spirit of Christ (not just the “Christmas spirit”) into our new year.

On Epiphany (for us on Sunday, January 2) we celebrate the day of the kings — described above in Matthew 2:11. We remember that we, too, have gifts and talents to offer. Presbyterian poet Ann Weems, in her poem, “The Cross in the Manger,” writes about the importance of looking forward and offering our gifts

*“If there is no cross in the manger, there is no Christmas.*

*If the Babe doesn’t become the Adult, there is no Bethlehem star.*

*If there is no commitment in us, there are no Wise Men searching.*

*If we offer no cup of cold water there is no frankincense, no myrrh...*

*If there is no standing up, no speaking out, no risk, there is no Herod, no flight into Egypt...*

*If there is no forgiveness in us, there is no cause for celebration.*

*If we cannot go now even unto Golgotha, there is no Christmas in us.*

*If Christmas is not NOW, if Christ is*

*not born into the everyday present, then what is all the NOISE about?”*

On Epiphany we continue our celebration of “the stewardship of gifts and talents.” I see throughout our congregation so many examples of disciples of Jesus Christ faithfully and generously sharing their gifts and talents. I can’t help but think of our “Operation Paperback.” In 2010 we sent 4,615 paperback books to people overseas!

It’s absolutely amazing! Just when we think our congregation must have run out of paperback books to donate, another flood of them comes in and we set a new annual record! We get back so many inspiring expressions of gratitude, including this one: “Your efforts and support make a difference to us who serve proudly. People like yourselves keep us going.

Keep doing what you do. God bless you and keep you.” I am SO grateful to all of you involved in this fabulous ministry of FPCRO!

This season of Epiphany begins the rest of our lives, in which we get to live out our thanks and praise to the One who loves us and makes us whole.

And then, in this “Year of Stewardship” we celebrate the stewardship of “body, mind and spirit.” An incredibly important theme—perhaps especially for Michiganders—and perhaps in particular after all of our holiday feasting! Join us as we grow in our discipleship and in our stewardship in the months ahead!

Grace and Peace to you, throughout the New Year!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Tom Rice

### The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

*“Called by God’s love in Jesus Christ, we respond by welcoming others into an energizing community of worship, learning and service. Moving forward in faith, making disciples of all ages, we are sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit to make a daily difference in the world.”*

# Congregational Business

## OF NOTE:

### Anniversaries:

January 11, 1956: Judy and Jack Hayward, 55 years!

### Deaths:

November 14, 2010: Marian Grimm

### New Members:

Ronald Coleman	Donald & Patricia Johnson
724 S. Dorchester	33560 Sherman
Royal Oak, MI 48069	Oak Park, MI 48237



*Memorial gifts were given  
in memory of Kay Tupper  
and Marian Grimm.*

**A**s we celebrate the stewardship of gifts and talents I think of our wonderful staff, and all of the gifts and talents and faithful service embodied in them. Did you know that only 4 of our staff members are full time? Your Pastor (Tom Rice), Associate Pastor (Jonathan Evans), Director of Christian Education (Carmel Tinnes) and Facility Manager (Alan Glasel) are serving here full time.

The church administrator (Kari Peruski), the Director of Music Ministries (Don Daniels), the Organist/Music Associate (Joseph Jackson), the Director of Children's and Youth Music Ministries (Carol Lengjel), the Church Administrative Assistant (Pam Kaufmann), the choir soloists (Melissa Maloney, Alona Moon, Curt Peters, and Greg Williams), the Food Consultant/Chef (Randy Jarman), the Childcare Provider (Ivy Debrow), the Evening Receptionist (Jay Kaufmann), the Sunflowers Preschool Director and Teachers (Julie Matthews, Beth Heitchue, Joan Cone, and SueAnn Sirr), the Assistant Custodians (Gary Moultrup and Dillon Warner), and the Parish Associate (Betsy Rice) ARE ALL PART TIME!

Many of them serve far beyond the number of hours for which they are actually paid. I invite you to thank each one, and to remember that they are only at the church a few days a week and are doing all they humanly can with their limited hours. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,  
~Pastor Tom Rice

## First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak Staff

Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Rice — <i>Pastor, Ext. 206</i>	Kari Peruski — <i>Church Administrator, Ext. 203</i>
Rev. Jonathan Evans — <i>Associate Pastor, Ext. 202</i>	Pamela Kaufmann — <i>Church Secretary, Ext. 207</i>
Donald Daniels — <i>Director of Music Ministries, Ext. 218</i>	Alan Glasel — <i>Custodian</i>
Joseph Jackson — <i>Organist/Music Associate, Ext. 218</i>	Gary Moultrup — <i>Assistant Custodian</i>
Carol Lengjel — <i>Director of Youth Music Ministry</i>	Jay Kaufmann — <i>Evening Security/Receptionist, Ext. 200</i>
Dr. Carmel Tinnes — <i>Director of Christian Education, Ext. 204</i>	Randy Jarman — <i>Food Consultant</i>
Ivy Debrow — <i>Child Care Provider</i>	Julie Matthews — <i>Sunflowers Director, Ext. 220</i>
Rev. Betsy Rice — <i>Parish Associate, Ext. 201</i>	Beth Heitchue/Sue Ann Sirr/Joan Cone — <i>Sunflowers Teachers</i>

### Soloists

Melissa Maloney — <i>Soprano</i>	Curt Peters — <i>Tenor</i>
Alona Moon — <i>Mezzo Soprano</i>	Greg Williams — <i>Bass</i>

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## PRESBYS

The Presbys will meet in Kirkman Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 21, 2011 at 6:00 pm, for fellowship, a fine dinner, and an informative program. The speaker will be Jenny Jarvis from the local Area Agency on Aging, 1B. Ms. Jarvis will bring us up to date on the programs and benefits available to seniors in our area. Come join us and bring your questions and concerns. Questions, call Ron Gillham 248.546.8288.



## HOLY DUSTERS / HOLY HANDYMEN

Monday, January 10 at 10 am and Monday, January 24 at 10 am

*Normally, we meet on the first and third Monday of the month, but the church will be closed January 3 for the New Year's holiday so we've moved it to the second and fourth Monday for this month.*



Lunch Bunch will meet at 12 noon Thursday, January 6 in the Fireside Room. Our theme will be “Children of Abraham.” Our speaker will be the Reverend William Gepford, Presbytery consultant for Inter Faith Ministries, speaking about Islam, the religion. Reverend Gepford and his wife have extensive personal experience living in the Middle East and look forward to sharing both their knowledge and experiences with us. For the potluck lunch, those with last names beginning A – F should bring a main dish; G – N should bring a salad or side dish; and O – Z should bring a dessert. Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about Islam, the religion. You will — of course — also enjoy the delicious potluck lunch and great fellowship of the Lunch Bunch participants.

## TRUSTEE NOTES — NOVEMBER 2010

### Grounds Committee:

- The grounds clean-up was a huge success, with a large turnout.
- We discussed snow removal for the coming winter season. Kevin recommended that we go back to the “per push” contract and negotiated a 15% price decrease in the cost of salting.

### House Committee:

- Port Huron Roofing has been out to do the repairs noted on the proposal that was approved at the last Trustees meeting.
- House Committee approved the replacement of a circulating pump motor on one of the boiler units for a cost of \$450.00. There is also a sticky gas valve that may need replacing.

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- Quotes are being requested to reroute the temporarily moved downspout in the courtyard with a more permanent fix.
- Dennis Janney has surveyed the rest rooms and agrees that some upgrades are necessary. He is checking ADA requirements and recommendations so that we can get a better understanding of the needs of our congregation. Some financial support has been offered.

### Memorials and Furnishings:

- Regarding the slate project in the narthex: Alan Glasel feels more runners are needed, particularly during the winter months. He is researching the project.
- The Centennial Committee will make the decisions regarding the historical displays in room 104.
- The blackout curtains in Kirkman Fellowship hall are in need of being replaced. The committee has received three bids. The curtains will be replaced for an amount not to exceed \$1100.
- We reviewed the room reallocation recommendations from the staff of FPCRO. A motion was passed supporting the recommendations.

### From the Production Team:

Do you have something to submit? Please use our email address to contribute to the next issue of the Church Bell: [newsletter@fpcro.org](mailto:newsletter@fpcro.org).

# Congregational Business

## HOSPITALITY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FPCRO has wonderful cooks! Come join us for a Fifth Sunday Potluck on January 30, 2011. Bring a dish to pass before the 10:30 am service to the Kirkman Fellowship Hall kitchen. It can be kept warm or cold. After the service, our Hospitality Committee will have everything ready for a fine lunch and fellowship. Don't miss out on this chance to meet new folks, eat good food, and celebrate the New Year.



This is also a good time to thank our Hospitality volunteers. They are a happy, hard-working group of people.



Sandy Anderson  
Elaine Ewachiw  
Ro Gregory  
Betty Jarvie  
Isabelle Paterson

Kathie Brom-Picano  
Don Gardiner  
Barb Hayes  
Peggy Kleckner  
Lois Ryan

Trish Cook  
Joan Geering  
Gretchen Hirsch  
Nancy Lambert  
Lois Schenk  
John Stindt

Marge Crawford  
Barb Geraldts  
Jackie Janney  
Barb Luttrell  
Gerry Snider

Jackie Davis  
Marlene Gray  
Mel Janney  
Julie Matthews  
Lisette Snider

If you are interested in helping the Hospitality Committee host Fifth Sunday Potlucks, memorial luncheons, etc., please contact Chris Klein at 248.549.5842.

## GREETERS

Thank you to all those who were greeters in 2010. If you would like to be a greeter please contact Sandy Anderson [sanddanderson@gmail.com](mailto:sanddanderson@gmail.com) or 248.399.6391.



## ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

In anticipation of our church's 100th anniversary in 2014, an Archives Committee has been formed. The purpose of this committee is to sort, cull, organize and attractively display significant historical materials that represent the growth and ministry of our church.

If you have church-related items that you believe might be pertinent, they must be given directly to Evada Brown for approval.

The congregation will be kept informed of progress with periodic notices in the newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

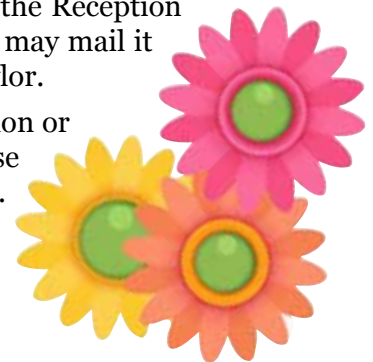
Evada Brown, Chairman, Helen Dusenbury, Roseann Gregory, Mary Livingston, Nancy Marsh, Linda Wade, and Carol Weber

## 2011 FLOWER CHART

The chart for 2011 flower dedications is now posted in the hallway across from the Reception office. This is not only a lovely way to remember or honor the special people or events in our lives, they also add to the beauty of our sanctuary or lobby.

Flower dedications are \$30 for the chancel and \$25 for the CE lobby. Please enter your name and phone number on the chart for the date you select and take a card from the pocket. The card and your check can be submitted at any time but no later than three weeks prior to the dedication date. There is a basket on the Reception office counter or you may mail it directly to Eileen Taylor.

For further information or with questions, please contact Eileen Taylor. Your support of this program is very much appreciated.





## EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE

and other products are on sale in Fellowship Hall between Sunday worship services and after the 10:30 am worship service on the

second and fourth Sundays of the month. In addition to coffee, there are chocolate bars, cocoa mix, and tea. All of these make good stocking stuffers at Christmas. At the same time you will be helping poor farmers in coffee growing countries. Fair Trade eliminates the middleman, and gives a fair price to poor coffee growers, giving them an opportunity to provide health care and education for their children. Try one of these, and you'll find that each one is a quality product. Prices have gone up, and our prices will soon reflect the rising cost to us. For more information call Helen Dusenbury 248.549.5205 or email [helendus@wowway.com](mailto:helendus@wowway.com).

## KNITTING GROUP

Early last fall someone left several sheets of Special Olympics Scarf directions at our reception desk. They laid there a few days until I picked them up and gave them to our knitters. It really took off: not only did the knitters in our knitting group start knitting, but other knitters and crocheters came forth and asked to help. The patterns were copied and given to anyone who wished for them. Scarves have been coming in, and although I have not kept count, I think I can safely say there have been at least twenty-five turned in thus far and more may be on the way. I would like to thank all who took time to participate in this project. These scarves of teal and cherry red will be used in the Michigan Special Olympic Winter games at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City on February 2-4.



Thanks once again for a great job.

~ Evada Brown

## FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP!

Wednesday Night Live dinners are created by our own chef, Randy Jarman. These great meals are a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends, make new friends, and not have to cook one night a week! We are hoping you will enjoy dinner with us from 6:00-7:00 pm each Wednesday, even if the rest of the activities don't fit your schedule.

~Dinner is \$6.00 for adults ~\$5.00 for 9th – 12th graders

~\$3.00 for Kindergarten – 8th graders ~Free for preschoolers

Make your reservations by calling the church office (248.541.0108)

## BIBLE ON BROADWAY: A MUSICAL REVIEW

Tickets are available for this benefit performance on January 30th, 4:00 PM at the 1st United Methodist Church of Royal Oak. All proceeds will benefit the Welcome Inn, run by the South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless. Several members of our congregation will be participating in this trip thru the Bible via songs from several made for Broadway musicals! Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth. Please see Benny Rediers or Jennifer Ward for more information.

## ARE THE 5 FS FOR YOU? FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD AND FUN

The 5 Fs groups would like to invite you to find out more about this dynamic small group ministry. 5 Fs groups typically meet once a month to celebrate and participate in the 5 Fs — faith, fellowship, friendship, food and fun in a variety of ways. Members of 5 Fs groups have the opportunity to build close relationships with fellow members, discuss topics of interest that deepen their faith, and enjoy lots of great food!

If you are curious about the 5 Fs and want to learn more, or you are already a member of a 5 Fs group, please join us for a potluck dinner on Sunday, February 13 at 5 pm in Kirkman Fellowship Hall. Dinner is free and will be provided by current 5 Fs members.

Childcare will be provided by Ms. Ivy and the youth who will gladly accept donations to their summer mission trip fund. Please feed your children dinner before arriving at the church (or send a sack meal).

You can RSVP for this exciting evening of information and fellowship by signing up on the clipboard by the main doors or by contacting Julie Decker at 248.398.5589 or [juliedecker@comcast.net](mailto:juliedecker@comcast.net). Kindly RSVP by Wednesday, February 9.

Adults of all ages and seasons of life are encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you on February 13 at 5 pm for a celebration of the 5 Fs!

# Worship & Music

## VIEW FROM THE PEW

In this Year of Stewardship our theme for January is, “Stewardship of Body, Mind and Spirit.” Have you ever heard the phrases: “Laughter is the Best Medicine”, or “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” or “Happy, Healthy and Wise”? All of these sayings have optimism in their meaning. They relate to the mind- body connection and the secret of good health. Experts say that a positive outlook helps to prevent illness, improves healing, increases longevity and leads to a better quality of life. Stress and emotions affect the mind and the mind affects the body.

We cannot separate our Body, Mind or Spirit. They are totally connected. We exercise and feed our body, so that we can have a clear mind. Our mind then can be exercised through Bible study, meditation, prayer, quiet reflection: these strengthen our spiritual well-being.

Psalm 139 tells us how wonderful God has shaped and woven us into intricate human beings. We should always praise Him for his wonderful works. We can do this by being cognizant of our Body, Mind and Spirit.

In Daniel 1 vs 1-19, Daniel and his three companions presented a lifestyle of vegetables and water instead of royal rations of rich food and wine. They were Jews and wanted to remain faithful to the Jewish laws. Their counterparts were sure that this would weaken their condition, but their good health was not only a result of their vegetarian diet but of their faithfulness to God. God’s commands guide us to make right choices.

I Corinthians Chapter 6:19-20 says “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

Ephesians tells us to be strong in our inner being, that Christ will dwell in our hearts, that we must understand the extent of God’s works and should know the LOVE of Christ. How do we know these things? The Bible tells us. The Bible is our guide to a lasting life.

The Jewish faith has a word “Shalom”. It means peace but is also a very comprehensive word expressing a wholeness or total well-being that includes all areas of our personal life. We need that Shalom in our lives. We need to be free of stress, be positive in our thoughts, and set goals that are attainable, and take time for ourselves. By doing so, we will be better able to manage the consequences of life.

Paul in Philippians tells us to not copy worldly customs, but let God transform us into a new person by changing the way we think. Then we will know God’s will for us, which is good and pleasing and perfect. “A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like a cancer in the bones.” (Proverbs 14:30) The effect of thinking positive thoughts can lead to a heart and mind at peace, which is good for the body.

Our stewardship program this year focuses on the choices we make. We can worry about the past or future or we can count our blessings in the present. We can reduce stress by being optimistic, laughing, and adopting a positive outlook.

Always remember to Live Kindly, Love Others and Serve the Lord. Your inner being will be strengthened by the power of His Spirit and Christ will dwell in your hearts through Faith and abiding Love.

~Shirley Gillham,  
Worship and Music Committee

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## MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE — ONE IN CHRIST: VISIONS OF UNITY

What are you doing June 18-26, 2011? If you don’t know, then I would suggest you check out the Montreat bulletin board in the hallway next to the chapel to see what you could be doing. You could be a part of the 2011 delegation returning to Montreat for the Worship and Music Conference. A number of staff members will be attending and would like as many of our congregation (all ages) to come with us. The Preacher for the conference will be Thomas Troeger. There are many classes and lectures available to take up your time. One highlight is being a part of the daily worship service. Class offerings will be available after December 15. We need to have a count of who will be going by very early January to make certain we can have the rooming facility and the classes that we would like. Please e-mail [clengjel@aol.com](mailto:clengjel@aol.com) or call any staff member if you are interested in going. Please join us.





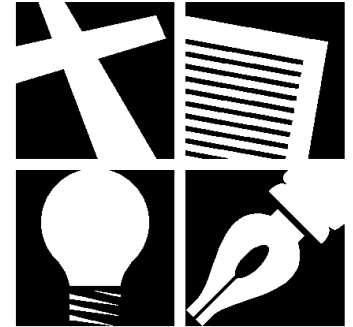
## FRIDAY FILM FESTIVAL

Join in the interesting discussion of the Stewardship for January: Stewardship of our Bodies, Minds and Spirits with a film, discussion,

and light supper on Friday, January 14 at 6:30 pm. Please sign up on the clipboard in the CE Lobby so that enough food can be ordered. Donations will be accepted to cover the costs of the food and popcorn.

## COVENANT GROUP

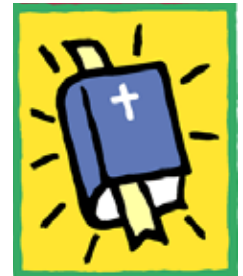
A third group will begin this month to explore traditional spiritual practices of the Christian church. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carmel.



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## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DISCOVER THE BIBLE

Wednesdays 5:00 to 6:00 pm all are welcome to join the Discovering the Bible study as we begin our look at the New Testament this month. Class members have said this time of study and fellowship is a highlight of their week, and you are invited to come and see why. Stop by the Fireside Room next Wednesday or contact Julie Decker at 248.398.5589 or [juliedecker@comcast.net](mailto:juliedecker@comcast.net). We're looking forward to having you join us on this journey!



## NEW MEMBERS INQUIRER'S CLASS

If you are interested in **exploring membership at FPCRO** and learning about our Presbyterian heritage and our congregational life, the next series of Inquirer's Classes begins on Sunday, January 9 at 9:00 am and continues at 9:00 am on January 16, 23 and 30. New members will be received on February 6 at the 10:30 service preceded by a brunch at 9:30 am. Contact either Dr. Rice or call Judy at 248.398.8979, or email Karen at [kkline3628@aol.com](mailto:kkline3628@aol.com) with questions or if you'd like to participate in the classes.



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

It's that time again when our graduating high-school seniors and others enrolled in continuing education are eligible to apply for financial scholarships through the Kirkman Scholarship Fund. Applications can be picked up from Jonathan Evans or Pam Kaufmann (Administrative Assistant). Please turn applications into the Session mailbox; attention Liz Spry, or email them directly to Liz at [espry3@comcast.net](mailto:espry3@comcast.net). Applications are due March 20, 2011.

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*"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle; the other is as though everything is a miracle."*

~Albert Einstein

# Children's Ministry

## JOYFUL JOURNEYS

Children will be in worship on January 2 to celebrate Epiphany and the Stewardship of Gifts and Talents, and on January 23 for Youth Sunday.

The January rotation centers on the calling of the disciples and is titled "Fishing for People." The text draws from Matthew 4:12-23, and the Memory Verse is Matthew 4:19 – "And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'"



## SAVE THE DATE

A Workshop on Communion will be offered for families in the church on **Saturday, February 12** from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. This interactive event includes lunch and a brief worship service including Communion. If you and your children have not attended an education event focusing on Communion, we extend a special invitation to you. This event is designed for families with children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Child care will be available for younger children.



# Youth Ministry

## YOUTH AND GIFTS

Last Month, our entire church experienced Advent while focusing on stewardship of our "Gifts and Talents."

What are our gifts that we offer the entire body of Christ? What part of our individual lives do we offer? How does this build up others? Help others love God and humanity?

Part of answering those questions entails paying attention to our deepest selves and being true to who we are. I often teach youth (and Deacons) the 'awareness examen', a way of praying that helps us discern God's work in our lives. It involves looking at moments in our lives, such as the past week, where we felt love, or being most alive. After looking prayerfully over the week or day, we can begin to discern a little more of who we are and what we are called to be. This then allows us to offer our gifts to others, not some gift that we don't have.

Discerning our gifts and talents can also involve knowing what we are not. Let me explain. My parents always told me that I could be anything that I set my mind to. I believed them. In some ways it blessed me but in other ways it cursed me. Why? Because I too often set my mind on becoming someone that I was not. Stewardship of one's gifts and talents involves knowing yourself. For example, I know that I can't be an opera singer or center for the Lakers. I can however focus my energies on doing what I love and where I feel comfortable, such as working in youth ministry.

Part of adolescence is discovering who we are and forming an identity. (This also extends into adulthood!) This is where the church can nurture its young people. We need to notice our kids, find out what their talents and potentials are, help develop them, and show them their beauty and identity in Christ.

I invite our youth to become what God created them to be. I invite our congregation to help them.

Peace and grace,  
~Rev. Jonathan Evans



## THE YEAR OF STEWARDSHIP

### JANUARY: STEWARDSHIP OF BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

Our Stewardship theme for January is Body, Mind, and Spirit. My body and mind are often in disagreement, leaving me with a rather conflicted spirit. However, January may be the one month where my body and mind are most effectively focused and aligned...in the work of breaking New Year's resolutions.

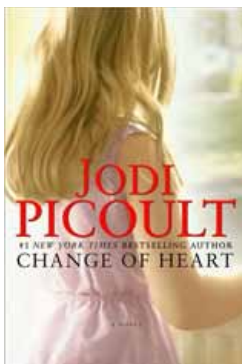
For the rest of the year, my mind is all too ready to cast a critical eye on my body, using as a baseline the "perfect" versions presented by the media, or younger versions of myself formed from questionable and exaggerated memory. My body, on the other hand, is ready to place an order for one more helping, one more glass of wine, or thirty minutes extra on the couch—even if it leaves my mind feeling a bit fuzzier.

I experienced a more harmonious perspective on Body, Mind, and Spirit reading Daniel Gottlieb's book, *Learning from the Heart*. Daniel Gottlieb is a Philadelphia family therapist who became a paraplegic twenty years ago in a highway car crash. At the time, he was a young father and just setting course on his adult life.

Over the following years, Daniel's mind and body have grown closer rather than estranged from one another. Daniel's rational mind expresses pride and gratitude for his body in the way it has adapted to its situation and responded to illness and infection, and ultimately, empathy for the weariness his body feels. His mind is prone to late night anxiety attacks, but has a safe home in a body that strives to ensure that his whole being is engaged with family and friends. This harmony has infused Daniel with the spirit to be an irreplaceable father, grandfather, son, and friend to those around him.

Like me, you may not have associated Stewardship with Body, Mind, and Spirit. But without it, how can we embrace life so that we recognize, receive, and return the generosity offered to us by God?

~Tim Castle,  
Stewardship Committee



### STEWARDSHIP BOOK OF THE MONTH

*Change of Heart, Jodi Picoult*

One moment June Nealon was happy, looking forward to years full of laughter and adventure with her family. Now her life is a waiting game, waiting for time to heal her wounds. Within a matter of minutes, June has lost her husband and her daughter, Elizabeth. They are taken from her by a vicious murderer.

Shay Borne is convicted and sentenced to death row for this unthinkable crime. Now he has one last chance for salvation, and it lies with June's eleven year old daughter, Claire.

Claire has been put on a list for a heart transplant. The person who wants to donate a heart is Shay Borne.

In *Change of Heart*, Jodi Picoult once again mesmerizes and enthralls readers with this captivating story of redemption, justice, and love.

~FPCRO Library Committee



FINANCIAL PEACE  
UNIVERSITY

### WORKING TOWARDS FINANCIAL PEACE IN 2011

FPCRO has successfully hosted four sessions of Financial Peace University and already has our 5th on the calendar. Starting in early February, it's time to start working towards the goals we all want; to consciously take a step forward in the pursuit of easing the financial stresses in life.

We're not going anywhere near alpha's and beta's, p/e ratios and acid tests, or gimmick ways to get rich quick. FPU has something to offer everyone from the financially distressed to the economically savvy. Dozens of families from both within our church and the surrounding community have come to FPCRO to attend and successfully graduate!

This time around our first class is free to everyone, and I encourage you to come see what it's about. The only cost is for the materials which we get at a group discount of \$100 per family (not per person). Class is tentatively scheduled to be held on Wednesday nights, from 6:45 pm-8:45 pm at FPCRO, weekly from Feb. 2 through May 4 (no class during spring break). For information or to register contact Brian Coles at 248.379.0582 or [colesb@gmail.com](mailto:colesb@gmail.com).

# January 2011 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00 a ANNUAL REPORTS DUE! 9:00 a Chapel Service EPIPHANY/Communion 10:00 a NO Sr. Highs Breakfast Club/SS (in worship) 10:30 a NO Mid-Highs Sunday School (in worship) 10:30 a Sanctuary Service EPIPHANY/Communion	New Year's Day (Observed)	9:30 a Library Committee 10:00 a Tuesday AM Bible Study 1:00 p Trustee Counting Group 2:00 p Staff Meeting 6:00 p Cabar Feidh Pipes & Drum 7:00 p Memorials & Furnishings 7:00 p Mission & Benevolence 7:00 p Nominating Committee Meeting 7:15 p Evangelism & Communications Committee Meeting	<b>Typical WNL Schedule</b> 7:00 p Finance & Investment Committee Meeting	9:00 a Quilters 12:00 p Lunch Bunch 6:00 p Bereavement Support Group 7:00 p Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p <b>NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b>	7:30 p TGIF Movie Night (note room change) 9:00 p Youth Sunday Overnight prep (starts)	9:00 a Youth Sunday Overnight prep (ends)
8:30 a Equal Exchange Coffee 9:00 a New Member Class 9:15 a House Committee Meeting 10:30 a Sanctuary Service/Baptism?/Ord/Install New Church Officers 11:45 a Worship & Music Committee (note date change)	10:00 a Holy Dusters & Handymen (note date change)	9:30 a Library Committee 10:00 a Tuesday AM Bible Study 12:00 p ROPA Luncheon 1:00 p Trustee Counting Group 2:00 p Staff Meeting 6:00 p Cabar Feidh Pipes & Drum 6:00 p Stewardship Committee 7:30 p Session	<b>Typical WNL Schedule</b>	9:00 a Quilters 1:00 p Daytime Book Club 6:00 p Bereavement Support Group 7:30 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p Friday Film Festival Overnight prep (starts)	
9:00 a New Member Class 11:45 a Christian Education Committee	12:30 p Daytime Covenant Group	9:30 a Library Committee 10:00 a Tuesday AM Bible Study 1:00 p Trustee Counting Group 2:00 p Staff Meeting 3:30 p Program Staff Lent Planning Meeting 6:00 p Cabar Feidh Pipes & Drum 7:00 p Trustee Meeting	<b>Typical WNL Schedule</b> 1:00 p Naomi Circle 4:00 p Ruth Circle Meeting 5:00 p Discover the Bible Program (note room change)	9:00 a Quilters 9:30 a Lydia Circle 6:00 p Bereavement Support Group 7:30 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a Newsletter Folding Party 6:00 p Mid-Highs serve Presbys then Chase 6:00 p Presbys	
8:30 a Equal Exchange Coffee 9:00 a Chapel Service/ Youth Sunday 9:00 a New Member Class 10:00 a NO Sr. Highs Breakfast Club/Sunday School 10:30 a NO Mid-Highs Sunday School 10:30 a Sanctuary Service/ Youth Sunday 11:30 a Annual Congregational Meeting	9:00 a AGLOW 10:00 a Holy Dusters & Handymen (note date change)	9:30 a Library Committee 10:00 a Tuesday AM Bible Study 1:00 p Trustee Counting Group 2:00 p Staff Meeting 6:00 p Cabar Feidh Pipes & Drum 6:30 p Hearing Loss Association of MI Meeting	<b>Typical WNL Schedule</b> 7:00 p Personnel Committee Meeting	9:00 a Quilters 6:00 p Bereavement Support Group 7:30 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p Evening Book Club		
9:00 a New Member Class 11:30 a Fellowship & 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK 1:00 p Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting				<b>Typical Sunday Schedule</b> 9:00 a Child Care 9:00 a Lectionary Class 9:00 a Chapel Service 10:00 a Family Fellowship 10:00 a Teen Breakfast 10:30 a Mid-High Bible 10:30 a Sanctuary Service 10:30 a Joyful Journeys 11:30 a Family Fellowship 4:00 p Mid-High Group	<b>Typical WNL Schedule</b> 4:00 p LOFT Open Time 4:30 p Knitting Group 4:30 p KIC Club 4:30 p Carol Choir 4:30 p Computer Club 5:00 p Discover the Bible 5:15 p Celebration Choir	<b>Typical WNL Schedule</b> 5:45 p Confirmation Class 6:00 p WNL Dinner 6:45 p Circle of Friends 7:00 p Adult Bible Study 7:45 p Sr. High Youth Group 8:00 p Grace Notes/King's Men

## A New Book!

The Rev. Dr. William Russell (Pastor/Head of Staff here at FPCRO from 1998-2002) has just published If Only I Had Known. It is a collection of soliloquy sermons and monologue meditations in the style that Dr. Russell developed while serving here. The book will be available in our church library, and it can also be purchased through Parson's Porch Books [www.parsonsporch.com](http://www.parsonsporch.com).

### The Help

S Kathryn Stockett  
1962 Mississippi — Twenty-two year old Skeeter just graduated from Ole Miss, and her mother won't be happy until she has a ring on her finger. Skeeter normally would have found solace from Constantine, the black maid who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone.

Abilene is a black maid, raising her seventeenth white child. She is devoted to the white child though she knows their hearts may be broken.

An unforgettable story about the lives we abide by and the ones we don't.

### No Less Than Victory

S Jeff Shara  
After the success of the Normandy Invasion the Allied commanders are confident that the war in Europe will be over in a few weeks. But Hitler will hear no talk of defeat. In 1944 the Germans launch a counteroffensive in the Ardennes Forest, surprising the Americans who stand in the way. Hitler's goal: divide the allied armies and capture the vital port at Antwerp. Thus begins the Battle of The Bulge, the last gasp by Hitler's forces that becomes some of the most brutal fighting of the war. The American commanders respond to the challenge and the German spear is finally blunted.

In May 1945, the German Army collapses and Hitler commits suicide as the Americans sweep through the German countryside and the concentration camps, and young GIs find themselves absorbing the horrors of the Holocaust.

"No Less Than Victory" defines the spirit of the soldier and the horror of a madman's dreams.

### New York

R Edward Rutherford  
The novel begins with a tiny Indian fishing village on the Forest Island, Manna Hata, as Dutch traders arrive from across the ocean seeking to carve out

their fortunes amid the splendor of the wilderness. In a global war for dominance, British settlers and merchants arrived as conquerors, bringing aristocrats and unpopular taxation which led to rebellion, war and the birth of the United States. From the beginning New York has been central to the great events of American History.

From this perspective we see the Revolutionary War, the emergence of the City as a great trading and financial center. The convulsion of the Civil War, the Gilded Age, the explosion of immigration in the 19th and early 20th Century. The trial of WWII, the near demise in the 1970's and its roaring rebirth in the 1990's, and the attacks on the World Trade Center. "New York", the novel, captures the search for freedom and opportunity at the heart of our nation's history.

### The Forgotten Garden

M Kate Morton  
A tiny girl is abandoned on a ship headed for Australia in 1913. She arrives completely alone with nothing but a small suitcase and a single book — a beautiful volume of fairy tales. She is taken in by the dock master and his wife and raised as their own. On her twenty-first birthday they tell her the truth, and with her sense of self shattered and with little to go on, Nell sets out on a journey to England to trace her story and find out her real identity.

"The Forgotten Garden" is filled with unforgettable characters who weave their way through a spell-binding plot to astounding effect.

### Civil War Wives

973.09 B Carol Berkin  
Here are the life stories of three women who connect us to our national past and provide windows onto a social and political landscape that is strangely familiar yet shockingly foreign.

Angelina Grimke Welk renounced the values of her southern family's way of life and embraced the anti-slavery movement, but found her voice silenced by her husband, Theodore Welk. Varina Howell Davis, First Lady of the Confederacy had an independent mind and spirit but incurred the disapproval of her husband, Jefferson Davis. Though ill-prepared, she became an expert political lobbyist for her husband's release from prison. Julia Dent Grant, wife of Ulysses S. Grant, seemed content with genteel domesticity — only late in life did she glimpse the price of dependence.

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Happy New Year! If you were able to attend our Christmas Concert, you already know how the big voices of such little children can truly prepare your hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. We are grateful to all of our parents for helping the children practice their songs, and for contributing all of the wonderful treats to our afterglow.

The long Christmas break ends on January 3rd, when we arrive back at school ready to learn. Winter, snow, and the color white will be our themes for the month, and we're certain the weather will help us celebrate it all. Hopefully, we'll be able to play outside in a big pile of the "white stuff" for at least a week or so, or bring some to the room for play.

Our three year olds will work on independence skills this month (like getting all of that snow gear on by themselves), and starting to write their own name, while our four year olds will start rotating through "learning centers" to help them prepare for the routine of Kindergarten. If you see our children in their bathrobes and fuzzy slippers at the end of the month, you'll know it's pajama day at Sunflowers!

Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year will begin in February for those families who currently have children enrolled in our three's class. Open enrollment for other families will begin later that month for our three year old and four year old classes. If you would like more information, or would like to visit our classroom, please call us at 248.541.0108, ext. 220.