

## First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

# Church Bell



November  
2010

A word from our pastor...

*“Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom’” (Luke 23:42).*

At first it seems like utter foolishness. After all, Jesus is being crucified! And two criminals are being crucified with him, one on Jesus’ right, and one on his left. While one of the criminals taunts and mocks Jesus, the other says to him: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Somehow, this criminal, there on the cross, has a flash of insight. He recognizes that Jesus is the True King. He understands that in some profound way the cross is actually Jesus’ throne. He grasps that Jesus’ mercy and forgiveness have grasped him—the criminal himself—and will never let him go.

It can seem like utter foolishness. In a world where people either deny that there is a God or invoke God’s name to exclude, oppress, or even annihilate others, we come. We come together in a flash of insight. We come because we have recognized who Jesus is, and we know that we, too, have been grasped by him and he will never let us go. We come to celebrate his Kingship, and to invite others to live in the hope that can only be found in our Lord.

This past week a couple came into my study and sat down with me to talk. They wanted to make plans. It may sound morbid, but they wanted to talk about their funeral services. You see, they are not afraid. They have come to know who Jesus is. And they wanted to help their children and grandchildren



know their wishes—for a service of witness to the resurrection—for a service to celebrate the Lord of Life. (In the Christian Education office we have forms available for you to use to express your final wishes.)

To the world it may seem like foolishness. On **Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate **Pledge Dedication Sunday**. You see, we have come to know who Jesus is. For such a time as this we have been called, and we have been blessed. Through God’s grace and through our stewardship there will be remarkable growth, and others, too, will come to recognize and serve the True King.

“A little child shall lead them.” It may sound like foolishness, but we know otherwise. Join us on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, as our children lead us in an inspiring celebration of **Christ the King Sunday**. Mark your calendars because all ages are invited to come with us to Montreat, North Carolina, June 18-25, for the Music and Worship Conference. In a beautiful, peaceful place, we will together learn more about the church year and the power and goodness of Christ our King.

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church is in 2014. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, please let me know. With great hope and expectation we look forward to another century of witnessing—in word and deed—to Christ the King.

Grace and peace to you!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Tom Rice

# Congregational Business

## OF NOTE:

### Baptisms:

September 19, 2010: *Gavin Patrick Anderson*  
Son of David Ryan and Marie Louisa Anderson

### Births:

*Alexandria Catherine Carver* was born on  
September 1st, 2010:  
Daughter to Jennifer and Ken Carver

### Marriages:

September 18, 2010:  
*Christine Elizabeth Anderson*, Daughter of David  
and Sandra Anderson, to  
*Michael John McGrath*, Son of Richard and  
Nancy McGrath

#### 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).



The Stewardship Committee  
is holding a  
"Money Matters" workshop  
on November 20 from  
10 am to 12 pm.  
All are welcome.



**Hanging of the Greens** will be on  
Sun. Nov. 28th at 11:30 am (immediately fol-  
lowing the 10:30 am worship service). It is a  
fun time of many people working together to  
prepare the church for Advent and Christmas!

*Memorial gifts were given in memory of Dorothy Fraser,  
Barbara Kerby and Holly Ruff.*

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*Endowment gifts were received from the  
Trusts of Virginia Borgo Vanek and Jerome Vanek.*

| First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak<br>Budgeted Financial Statement for August 2010 |                     |                    |                       |                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                                        | Actual for<br>Month | Actual<br>YTD      | 2010<br>Budget<br>YTD | 2010<br>Annual<br>Budget |
| <b>Income</b>                                                                          |                     |                    |                       |                          |
| Contribution Income                                                                    |                     |                    |                       |                          |
| Pledge Income                                                                          | 45,163.50           | 390,976.51         | 346,230.15            | 647,686.00               |
| Loose Offerings                                                                        | 1,543.43            | 16,014.08          | 26,666.68             | 40,000.00                |
| Church School                                                                          | 15.00               | 351.33             | 400.00                | 600.00                   |
| Special Gifts                                                                          | 161.00              | 5,536.68           | 3,500.00              | 10,000.00                |
| Previous Year Unpaid Pledge                                                            | -                   | 7,592.00           | 5,000.00              | 5,000.00                 |
| Total Contribution Income                                                              | 46,882.93           | 420,470.60         | 381,796.83            | 703,286.00               |
| Other Income                                                                           | 8,631.08            | 25,339.16          | 28,000.00             | 42,000.00                |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                                                    | <b>55,514.01</b>    | <b>445,809.76</b>  | <b>409,796.83</b>     | <b>745,286.00</b>        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                                                  | <b>53,966.01</b>    | <b>457,570.27</b>  | <b>521,817.40</b>     | <b>776,756.00</b>        |
| <b>Income Under Expense</b>                                                            | <b>1,548.00</b>     | <b>(11,760.51)</b> | <b>(112,020.57)</b>   | <b>(31,470.00)</b>       |
| General Reserves Transfers                                                             | -                   | -                  | -                     | 26,976.63                |
| Endowment Equity Transfer                                                              | -                   | -                  | -                     | 4,493.37                 |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                           | <b>1,548.00</b>     | <b>(11,760.51)</b> | <b>(112,020.57)</b>   | <b>-</b>                 |

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Curt Peters - *Tenor*  
Greg Williams - *Bass*

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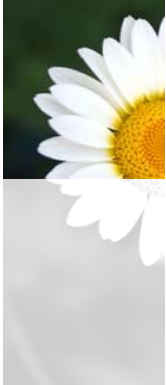
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## PRESBYS

The Presbys will meet at 6:00 pm, November 19, in Kirkman Fellowship Hall for fellowship and a wonderful dinner. We will be entertained and informed in an encore presentation by Sylvia Rubach as she tells us how to keep up in this ever-changing world. Regular members will be called; others can sign up at the church reception window or by calling 248.541.0108.



*A craft show will be held in the Fireside Room on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20. The public show will feature the work of over 20 crafters and will be coordinated and hosted by Toby Cheney. Hours will be from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please bring a can of food for the Salvation Army.*



We will meet on Thursday, November 4, at noon in the Fireside room. Our program will be the "Welcome Inn", led by our guest speaker, a founder of the Welcome Inn program, Norma Regenold. We also will consider bible passages that relate to our calling to help others in need. Come share in our program. We enjoy both great fellowship and a great potluck lunch. Those with last names beginning A - F should bring a dessert; from G - N should bring a main dish; and from O - Z should bring a salad or side dish. Please be sure to sign up on the clip board in the Christian Ed lobby. See you November 4!

Our annual **Fall Grounds Clean Up** will take place on **Saturday, November 6, 2010, from 9 am to 12 pm** (rain date November 13). Bring your rakes, shovels, brooms, and pruners, and enjoy warm fellowship and a continental breakfast as we get our church ready for winter.



## Holy Dusters/Holy Handymen

Please meet in the Christian Education lobby at 10:00 am on **November 8** and **November 22**.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



As is our tradition, we will be taking orders for poinsettia plants to add to the beauty of our sanctuary on Christmas Eve and the following Sundays. This is a wonderful opportunity to remember or honor family and friends. Order forms for the dedication will be available at the reception office counter beginning November 21. Please complete the form and return it with your check by either placing it in the basket on the Reception counter or mailing to Eileen Taylor. All orders must be received **no later than December 5**.

The cost for each plant is \$12.00. If you wish, you may pick up your plant after the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service or allow it to remain in the Church until after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, January 2, 2011.

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### 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

## TRUSTEE NOTES: SEPTEMBER 2010

### Grounds Committee:

- ♦ Fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th, 9 am – 12 noon (rain date – 11/13).
- ♦ The committee is requesting new bids for the 2010 – 2011 snow removal and 2011 lawn service contracts.
- ♦ Tree trimming is needed for the west and north sides of the church. Bids will be obtained.

### House Committee:

- ♦ Handicap friendly toilets and grab bars will be installed in a number of restrooms.
- ♦ A portable sink will be installed in the “Creation Station” and a ceiling air conditioner in room 105.
- ♦ We are awaiting cost estimates from the roofing engineers and contractor for future repairs.

### Memorials and Furnishings Committee:

- ♦ The slate work in the narthex is almost complete. The installer will return to readjust 17 tiles and replace one. The carpenter is still working on refinishing some of the baseboards and is replacing some of the shoe molding. They may still add an enhancing sealer. *Many thanks to Memorials and Furnishings Committee for a job well done!*
- ♦ New draperies sewn by Gretchen Hirsch have been hung in the parlor, and look very nice. *Thank you Gretchen!*
- ♦ There is a problem with the drapes in the Fireside Room. The panels were not re-hung correctly after being cleaned and there is hardware missing. The problem will be corrected.

**TGIF:** Be sure to join us for food, fellowship and fun the first Friday of every month. In November, we are going bowling.



- ♦ November 5th: 7:00 pm: Join us at Hartfield Lanes (3490 12 Mile Rd) for a great time.
- ♦ December 3rd: 7:00 pm: White Elephant Christmas Party and potluck.

If you have questions please call Melissa or Brad at 248.543.3038.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “First Harvest Festival”

**THANK YOU** to all who helped make this event such a great event! See you next year!



## COMMUNICATION & EVANGELISM



## COMMITTEE

## THE LETTER E IS FOR EVANGELISM...

*Little things go a long way:*

- ♦ Plan an outdoor movie night: get a projector and show a family-friendly movie on your garage door. Invite the whole neighborhood.
- ♦ Leave a note of encouragement on a co-worker’s desk or on the windshield of his or her car.
- ♦ Help someone struggling with heavy bags.
- ♦ Stop and talk with a homeless person. Find out his or her story.
- ♦ Speak to please God.

## Have YOU kissed a FLAMINGO today?

It has been reported that Flamingos have been sighted in the Royal Oak area. You can send a festive flock to roost in the front yard of a friend, relative, church member, or neighbor. We are raising funds for the Spring 2011 mission trip to the Yucatan. If you would like to make a donation and protect your yard from being "Flocked", you may purchase 30-day Flock Insurance.

Order forms are available from:

- ◆ Senior High Youth,
- ◆ the front reception desk,
- ◆ on the website under About Us/Forms,
- ◆ or bulletin board across from Rev. Evans office.



## Youth & Money

Ipods, music downloads, ring tones, video games, shopping, movies, pop, slurpees, new clothes...many youth feel compelled by these things, even consumed by them. To be able to follow Jesus, we need to rethink these "things." We need to look at our money and think about what we want to accomplish with our money and what kind of person we want to be. So during the month of November, the youth will be studying stewardship of money.

**Senior Highs** will be led by Brian Coles who will be teaching Financial Peace University, [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com), on Wednesday nights, 7:45-9:00 pm. The dates are October 27, November 3, 10, and 17. Lessons from these classes can alter your life's course and keep our budding adults from going down self-defeating paths as they make critical life decisions.

Our **Mid Highs** will continue with the stewardship curriculum during church school. The mid highs will see how their choices about money affect their relationships with God, with others, and with all of creation.

# Children's Ministries

## Joyful Journeys Rotation for November

Our rotation for November is "Lazy People," and reflects on 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13. Children's memory verse is: 2 Thess. 3:13 "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."



## Children leading worship!

On Christ the King Sunday, children from our Kids in Christ Club will be leading the congregation in worship and helping all ages to celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the liturgical year.



## Church Banks – Stewardship for Children

Once again, children have received Church Banks to bring home and fill with their offerings. They will bring them to Joyful Journeys the fourth week of each month.

# Adult Education



## Friday Film

The first of our Friday Films for this program year will take place on Friday, November 12, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Faith Features Room. The film's theme is

"Money," the stewardship theme for the month. This will be a "great OLD film," so join us for an interesting evening! Sign up on the clipboard in the CE lobby so that enough pizza and salad can be ordered. Donations will be taken to cover the cost of the supper.



## Wednesday Night Live Bible Study

Join a wonderful group of adults from 7-8 pm on Wednesday evenings to study biblical texts that exemplify and clarify the Stewardship theme for the month: Money.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders
  - ~\$3.00 for Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> graders ~Free for preschoolers
- Make your reservations by calling the church office (248.541.0108)



## The Stewardship of Giving

In this year of celebrating stewardship, we have already talked about “The Stewardship of Time” and “The “Stewardship of Choices.” Remaining topics throughout the year include “The Stewardship of Gifts and Talents,” “The Stewardship of Community” and other ways that we can be dutiful stewards.

For the month of November, the focus is on the “Stewardship of Money” or, as I prefer to call it, “The Stewardship of Giving.”

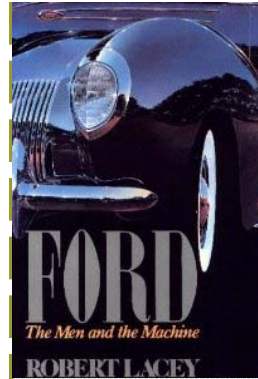
Yes, it’s that time of year, when the congregation is once again asked to make a pledge of financial support to this church and its many ministries. Let’s be honest, for some it’s a time of considerable squirming, fretting, hand wringing, and prayerful consideration.

I know that you’ve heard it all before: that we need pledges in order to properly budget for the next year; that we have bills to pay; that we need to plan for staff salaries and to fund benevolence and the various programs we all enjoy; that we need funding to properly maintain our beautiful church home. Well, it’s true!

Just think of the wonderful gifts we receive as members of this church: The inspiring pastoral and music ministries, adult and youth education, a host of fellowship activities too numerous to mention, and a caring, dedicated staff. But these are simply *practical* matters. One needn’t look much further than 2 Corinthians to find *spiritual* inspiration for giving.

**“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”**  
(2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

For me, inspiration comes from an unlikely source, Winston Churchill, the humanitarian and former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom:



## November Book: Stewardship of Money

Ford: The Men and the Machine

Spanning more than 100 years and 4 generations, the story of Henry Ford, the automobile company he created, and the dynasty he founded is one of the great dramas of our time.

FORD is, above all, the story of a powerful individual whose ambitions helped shape modern American society and created men of tremendous wealth.

It was not until the 2nd and 3rd generations that the realization came that the possessions of money carried with it not only privilege but also great responsibility. At this time, through the efforts of Henry Ford II, the United Way of Michigan was born. His children, Charlotte, Edsel, and Anne committed themselves to the Ford Foundation, which has supported research and philanthropic work throughout the world.

From the first generation, where the power of money ruled all, to the good of money became a realization.

*Author, Robert Lacey*

**“We make a *living* by what we get, but we make a *life* by what we give.”**

If you already make an annual stewardship pledge to this church, would you *please* consider increasing the amount this year if you are able to do so. And, if you have not previously pledged, please consider doing so this year in an amount with which you feel comfortable. Stewardship Sunday is November 7<sup>th</sup>. Your pledge is a commitment to our Church and to the many joys it brings to our lives.

Please pledge prayerfully, faithfully, and generously!  
**“We make a *living* by what we get, but we make a *life* by what we give.”**

~Jeff Leestma, for the Stewardship Committee

# Worship & Music

## A VIEW FROM THE PEW: *The Stewardship of Money*

How many of us just cringe when we hear the phrase, “stewardship of money”? “Here comes the annual guilt trip”, we think. Or, “the church just always wants more money”.

Maybe we need to think about what stewardship of money really means. We have heard recently all kinds of definitions of stewardship and how it entails taking care of and managing God’s gifts to us. Well, taken in this regard, stewardship of money is really no different from stewardship of time, choices, or of our earth. It is about balance and ecology. People in our world are extremely concerned with “going green” and “sustainability” these days. Our earth has become out of kilter because we have overused its resources out of greed and have not given back to the earth. We have not sustained it. Perhaps we should look at stewardship of our money in the same light. God created all things in God’s fashion, and in a balance. If you want to live a balanced life you need to live a Godly life, which involves both earthly and spiritual needs. You need to manage your finances in the proper way, which doesn’t mean just taking, and using for oneself, but about giving back. That’s the only way your money and your life will function properly because it is the way God created you. You can’t do it your own way and be successful. That would be like polluting all of the water on the earth and never cleaning it up, or ruining all of the farmlands with chemicals and never rebuilding the soil. It doesn’t work. It leads to eventual ruin.

We may have to make some sacrifices to replenish and heal the earth. If our attitude towards money has been unhealthy, we may have to change some of those ideas as well. Nothing on earth truly belongs to us – it all belongs to God and God is letting us use it. If we spend all that God has given us on our own needs and desires, isn’t that showing ingratitude to God? Maybe it is shocking to think of going without some luxuries in order to keep giving back to God. Dinners out, cable TV, nice cars, clothes and

vacations are fine, but only if they do not throw our lives out of balance. Isaiah 55: 1-3a tells us that what God gives us can’t be bought with money, and that God’s gifts are the best of all, that which makes our souls live.

I once had a job where I would often see the tax returns of extremely high net worth individuals. For some reason I developed a curiosity to see what kind of charitable contributions these wealthy people were making. (I kept thinking of the story from Luke of the poor widow who gave two coins, which was all she had.) Sadly to say, while there were some notable exceptions, I was not especially surprised to see that by and large, the higher the income of the people, the lower the proportion of their money was donated to charity, and especially to churches and synagogues. Some of these people were making millions of dollars in a year, yet their giving back was miniscule. The bible is full of stories of people who were ruled by their love of money and lost the sense of balance of giving back.

Exodus 35: 20-29 talks about how all of the people whose hearts were moved brought all kinds of valuables as a free will offering to the temple for its service and for the sacred garments. If we are in tune with God, our hearts will be moved to want to give God back a fair portion of what he has given us.

*~Ellen Burns*

*Worship & Music Committee*



# Mission and Benevolence



The **Food Drive**, started in October, will be continued in November with special emphasis on Sunday, November 7, and the following Sunday, November 14. Food must be in non-perishable packaging, i.e. cans and boxes. Please contact Jackie Davis with any questions.

## SECOND MILE CENTER

Over the last few years our church has contributed several thousand dollars worth of goods to Second Mile Center. The Center, a mission of PYPD, is located in Northeast Detroit and serves the community around it. They can use clothing for all ages - the whole family. We like to give them good clean usable clothes. They also like receiving games, books, puzzles, jewelry, SMALL household appliances in good working condition, school supplies, small tools, bedding, draperies, and home decor items. At this time of year they would probably like some nice Christmas decorations. Please have clothing on hangers and place on the rack in collection area across from Cornell Lounge. There are bins and boxes there for your other donations.

Also - you could help Second Mile Center through a Gordon Food Service fundraising program called Fun Funds Program. Several of our Circle members have been doing this. Just apply for your free Fun Funds membership card (Linda Wade 248.548.1584 has applications) and use it when shopping at any GFS Marketplace. There is a new location open now which will make it handier for most of us - on Crooks just north of 14 Mile Rd. Second Mile Center will earn rebates on your purchases.

Contacts - Helen Dusenbury 248.549.5202 and Linda Wade 248.548.1584.

**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 [helendus@wowway.com](mailto:helendus@wowway.com)).



A few years ago Presbyterian Women Ministries here at our church started the Pink Basket Project. It has been an on-going mission project, now overseen by Ruth Circle. We collect feminine products to fill the needs of girls and women in shelters or who meet with natural disasters. Containers for your donations, with details on top and under the lids, are located in two women's restrooms of the church.

Our collections are taken to the Welcome Inn (warming center for SOCH), and also to Common Ground Sanctuary in Royal Oak. The lady guests of SOS here at FPCRO were very appreciative of our offerings of products for their needs.

Please watch the tops of the collection baskets for updates and notices of any special needs requests.

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# Library Reviews

## Emily Post

B P

Laura Claridge

Even today, Americans cite the author of the perennial best seller, "Etiquette" as a touchstone for proper behavior. But who was the woman behind the myth, who has outlasted all others?

Born shortly after the Civil War, Emily Post was a child of high society. Within a few months after her birth the family moved to New York City where they mingled with the Astor's and the Roosevelt's, as well as the new crowd in town--J.P. Morgan and the Vanderbilt's. A timeless advocate for middle class and immigrant Americans, Emily Post became the emblem of a new kind of manners in which etiquette and manners were intertwined.

## Leaving Cold Sassy

B

Olive Ann Burns

This is the unfinished sequel to Cold Sassy Tree. Although we leave Will Tweedy and his bride, just as their life together is beginning, Olive Ann's notes for scenes and chapters are included exactly as she wanted them.

Anyone who is under the spell of Cold Sassy Tree will welcome this final portrait of Will Tweedy and the feisty young school teacher who has captured his heart.

## American Moves Forward

973 J

Gerald W. Johnson

*American is Born* and *America Grows Up*, told the story of our country from its early beginnings to World War I. This final volume from 1919 to the "present, concludes Mr. Johnson's history of America. This book illuminates the underlying causes of events, the reason why men acted as they did, the "circumstances which brought America the power to wreck the world or save it.

It will give young Americans a rich understanding of their country and a glimpse of the wisdom and courage the future demands.

## American Buffalo

Steven Rinella

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At the time of the American Revolution, North America was home to 40 million buffalo, the largest herd of big mammals on the planet. But by the mid 1890's only a few hundred remained. Now that the buffalo is on the verge of a dramatic recovery across the west, Americans are faced with the challenge of how, and if, we can share our land with a beast that is the

embodiment of the American wilderness. An unforgettable book.

## The White Queen

G

Phillipp Gregory

Brother turns on brother to win the ultimate prize, the throne of England, in this enthralling account of the ways of the plantagenet and especially the indomitable women, starting with Elizabeth Woodville, The White Queen.

This is the story of a woman of beauty and ambition who catches the eye of the newly crowned Boy King, who marries him in secret and ascends to royalty. Her two sons become central figures in a mystery that has confounded historians. The missing princes in the Tower of London whose fate is still unknown.

## The Lost Symbol

B

Dan Brown

Harvard symbol gist Robert Langdon is summoned unexpectedly to deliver an evening lecture in the U.S. Capital Building. Within minutes, a disturbing object encoded with five symbols is discovered in the Capital Building.

When Langdon's mentor, Peter Solomon, a prominent Mason and philanthropist is brutally kidnapped, Langdon is instantly plunged into a world of Masonian Secrets, hidden history, and never before seen locations.

## From Midnight To Dawn

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Jacqueline Tobin

The Underground Railroad was the passage to freedom for many slaves but it was rife with dangers, from threatening towns to arduous nights in the mountains. For those who made it to Midnight (Detroit) the Detroit River became a River Jordan. Canada became their land of Canaan, the promised land where they could live freely in black settlements under the protection of British law. One of these settlements was known as Dawn.

Some figures are well known like Harriet Tubman and John Brown. But there are many others like Mary Ann Shadd, the first black female newspaper editor in North America, and Osborne Anderson, the only black survivor of the fighting in Harper's Ferry, and the real life "Uncle Tom" who influenced Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                       | MONDAY               | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                        | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                               | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 1<br><b>Fall Food Drive continues through November 7</b>                                                                                     | 10:00 a Holy Dusters | 9:30 a Library committee<br>10:00 a Tues AM/Bible Study<br>1:00 p Trustee Counting Group<br>2:00 p Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p Financial Peace Uni<br>7:00 p Mission & Benevolence<br>7:00 p Nominating Committee<br>7:00 p Memorials & Furnishings<br>7:15 p Evangelism + Comm. Mtg | WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE<br>7:00 p Finance & Investment<br>8:00 p Kings Men Rehearsal                                                  | 9:00 a Quilters<br>12:00 p Lunch Bunch<br>6:30 p Jubilate Bells<br>7:00 p Deacons Meeting<br>7:30 p Chancel Choir                                               | 6:00 p New Officers Training<br>7:00 p TGIF @ Hartsfield Lanes                                                                                                       | 9:00 a New Officer Training                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7<br>Stewardship Sunday<br>9:00 a New Member Brunch<br>10:30 a New Members Welcome<br>11:40 a 5F's Reps Meeting<br>11:45 a Worship and Music | 8                    | 9:30 a Library committee<br>10:00 a Tues AM/Bible Study<br>12:00 p RO Pastors Assoc<br>1:00 p Trustee Counting Group<br>2:00 p Staff Meeting<br>6:00 p Stewardship Committee<br>6:30 p Financial Peace Uni<br>7:30 p Session                                                     | 10<br>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE<br>8:00 p Grace Notes                                                                                   | 11<br>9:00 a Quilters<br>1:00 p Daytime Book Club<br>6:30 p Jubilate Bells<br>7:30 p Chancel Choir                                                              | 12<br>6:30 p Friday Film Festival                                                                                                                                    | 13                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 14<br>Coffee Sales<br>9:15 a House Committee<br>1:00 p Mission Mexico Mtg @ Birmingham                                                       | 15                   | 9:30 a Library Committee<br>10:00 a Tues AM/Bible Study<br>1:00 p Trustee Counting Group<br>2:00 p Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p Financial Peace Uni<br>7:00 p Trustee Meeting                                                                                                         | 17<br>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE<br>1:00 p Naomi Circle<br>4:00 p Ruth Circle<br>8:00 p Kings Men Rehearsal                              | 18<br>9:00 a Quilters<br>9:30 a Lydia Circle<br>6:30 p Jubilate Bells<br>7:30 p Chancel Choir                                                                   | 19<br>10:00 a Newsletter Folding Party<br>9 am - 5 pm Craft Show                                                                                                     | 20<br>10:00 a Rehearsal for Child-Led Sunday                                                                                                                                                       |
| 21<br>Christ the King Sunday<br><i>No Joyful Journeys</i><br>11:45 a CE Committee                                                            | 22                   | 9:30 a Library Committee<br>10:00 a Tues AM/Bible Study<br>1:00 p Trustee Counting Group<br>2:00 p Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p Financial Peace Uni                                                                                                                                   | 24<br>8:00 p Kings Men Rehearsal                                                                                                   | 25<br><b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>                                                                                                                                | 26<br>6:00 Presbys                                                                                                                                                   | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 28<br>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT<br>Coffee Sales<br>11:30 a Hanging of the Greens                                                                | 29                   | 9:30 a Library Committee<br>10:00 a Tues AM/Bible Study<br>1:00 p Trustee Counting Group<br>2:00 p Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p Financial Peace Uni                                                                                                                                   | 30<br>9:00 a Child Care<br>9:00 a Lectionary Class<br>9:00 a Chapel Service<br>10:00 a Family Fellowship<br>10:00 a Teen Breakfast | Typical Sunday Schedule<br>10:30 a Mid-High Bible<br>10:30 a Sanctuary Service<br>10:30 a Joyful Journeys<br>11:30 a Family Fellowship<br>4:00 p Mid-High Group | Typical WNL Schedule<br>4:00 p LOFT Open Time<br>4:30 p Knitting Group<br>4:30 p KIC Club<br>4:30 p Carol Choir<br>4:30 p Computer Club<br>5:00 p Discover the Bible | 5:15 p Celebration Choir<br>5:45 p Confirmation Class<br>6:00 p WNL Dinner<br>6:45 p Circle of Friends<br>7:00 p Adult Bible Study<br>7:45 p Sr. High Youth Group<br>8:00 p Grace Notes/King's Men |

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CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The arrival of November brings a month of happily giving thanks! Our preschoolers have settled into routines, and are working hard and are developing new friendships. For all of these things, and all of our dear students, we are truly thankful!

Our color of the month is brown. You may see some colorfully feathered brown birds hanging around our room and hallways. Both classes will also be decorating a large turkey with feathers describing what they are thankful for. Our study of Moses and the Ten Commandments reminds us how God wants us to live.

Both classes will celebrate Thanksgiving later this month, followed by no school on November 24th – 26th as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. A very blessed Thanksgiving to all of you, too!

We still have openings in our classes. Interested families should call the preschool at 248-541-0108, ext. 220. We would love for you to visit and see “our kids” in action!

Mrs. Cone, Mrs. Heitchue, Ms. Matthews and Mrs. Sirr