

## First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

# Church Bell



October  
2010

A word from our pastor...

***“What we believe is that the One who raised up the Master Jesus will just as certainly raise us up with you, alive. Every detail works to your advantage and to God’s glory: more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise!”***  
*(2 Corinthians 4:14-15, The Message)*

I had two VERY different experiences during our vacation.

One was visiting a church in the village where we were staying. I was told that it would be open, so I walked over and found a door slightly ajar. I pushed it open and I was stunned by what I saw: Pews were collapsing! There was dust everywhere! There were huge cobwebs in the pulpit! It was obvious that no one had worshipped there for a long, long time. I could tell that it had been a beautiful, inspiring place. But not anymore. Now it was empty. Now it was lifeless...

A second experience, as I say, was very different. We were driving to our hotel—TRYING to, anyway. It was very late, and dark, and none of the streets had street signs, and we were hopelessly lost. It seemed like the whole town was asleep. But then I saw two motorcyclists pulling into the parking lot of an apartment complex. I walked over to them to ask for directions and they did an amazing thing. They talked about it and figured out where this remote hotel was. And then one of them—as late as it was—got on his motorcycle and said, “Follow me! I’ll lead you there!” It was a long, complicated route, but he did it—he led us right to our door.

Choices. Our theme for this year is “A Year of Stewardship.” We are given so much by God! We have the opportunity to take care of—to manage and share and care for—so much in God’s name. Our focus for the month of October is “the stewardship of choices.”



That motorcyclist made choices. To put his jacket and his helmet back on. To delay when he would be able to get into his warm bed. To show kindness and hospitality to strangers. And his choices made a remarkable difference.

Every day we have choices. In the month ahead we will get to make choices about **the 2nd Annual First Harvest Festival (Sat. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, Noon-4 pm)**. Will you spread the word? Will you bring a friend? Will this be an outreach to our community that—like that motorcyclist—helps lead them to the community they seek? We get to make choices regarding our **photo directory**. Will you participate? Will you help new members of our faith community to connect names with faces? We get to make choices about **World Mission Sunday (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>)**. Will you bring a friend to church to hear from our guest missionary?

This past Sunday we had a visitor come to our church. She called ahead and let me know that she was coming. She is a refugee from Iraq, and she finished medical school there and now is applying for residency programs here. I am so proud of our church! We have two members who are from Iraq and they were waiting to welcome our visitor and sit with her! We have two doctors who finished medical school abroad and who have offered to support our visitor through the upcoming process!

We get to make choices here that keep this place full of light, full of life, full of grace. We are blessed with people like you, ready to welcome others and lead them to the community they long for. The choices you are making help us to rejoice with the Apostle Paul: **“more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise!”**

*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Tom Rice*

# Congregational Business

## OF NOTE:

### Baptisms:

July 18, 2010

**Mackenzie Page Maiuri**

Daughter of Michael Anthony Maiuri and Karen Christine (Raymond) Maiuri

August 15, 2010

**Mallory Ann Coatta**

Daughter of Richard Dean Coatta III and Melissa Ann Coatta

### Marriages:

July 31, 2010 Jessica McLean (daughter of Jean McLean) and Jeffrey Huvaere

August 22, 2010 Cynthia Hay (daughter of Dorothy Hay) and David Graves

September 18, 2010 Christine Anderson (daughter of Sandy and David Anderson) and Michael McGrath

*Memorial gifts were given in memory of James Cline, Barbara Kerby, Beverly McKenzie, Arlene Prokopek, and Holly Ruff.*

| 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  | 42,093.50           | 387,906.51         | 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  | 43,812.93           | 417,400.60         | 381,796.83            | 703,286.00               |
| Other Income   | 8,493.46            | 25,201.54          | 28,000.00             | 42,000.00                |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>52,306.39</b>    | <b>442,602.14</b>  | <b>409,796.83</b>     | <b>745,286.00</b>        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>50,701.54</b>    | <b>453,958.12</b>  | <b>521,817.40</b>     | <b>776,756.00</b>        |
| <b>Income Under Expense</b>  | <b>1,604.85</b>     | <b>(11,355.98)</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>1,604.85</b>     | <b>(11,355.98)</b> | <b>(112,020.57)</b>   | <b>-</b>                 |

### Deaths:

July 22, 2010: Harriet (Holly) Ruff

August 21, 2010: Frances Ellen Munn

#### *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).

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## PRESBYS

Presbys will meet in Kirkman Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010. We will enjoy punch, fellowship, a wonderful meal provided by our favorite Chef, Randy Jarman, and friendly service by our church youth. Following dinner the program will be a reprise appearance of The Adventure Club Cello Quartette. Members will be called, others can reserve a spot by calling the church at 248.541.0108.



**SOMETHING DIFFERENT!**  
The Lunch Bunch will not have its usual potluck lunch program in October. A different experience will be shared as participants visit the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. The group will meet at the church at 12:30 pm on Thursday, October 7, so that people may share rides to the Center. Any member of our church that would like to participate in this special activity is welcome to join us. Please sign up on the clip board in the Christian Education Lobby so that we will know to expect you.

## Holy Dusters/Holy Handymen

Please meet in the Christian Education lobby  
at 10:00 am



- ◆ October 4
- ◆ October 18

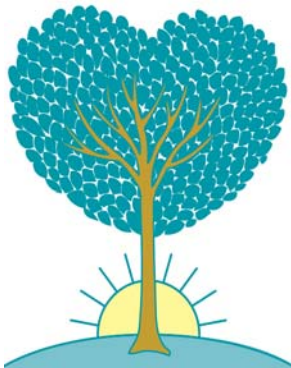


## Become Part of Our Church Family!



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** begin on October 10 and continues on Oct. 17, 24 and 31<sup>st</sup>. at 9:00 am. New members will be received on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am service. Contact either Dr. Rice or call Judy Pugh at 248.398.8979 or email Karen Kline at [kkline3628@aol.com](mailto:kkline3628@aol.com) with questions, or if you would like to join.



## First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak Columbarium and Memorial Garden

Informational packets available

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## GARDEN ANGELS

Apologies for leaving three gardeners off the list: Toby Cheney, Gretchen Hirsch, and Dave Nelson. Your work is appreciated.



## 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."*

# Stewardship

## A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



You have probably heard by now that this is “A Year of Stewardship” here at First Presbyterian Church. Each month will focus on another aspect of Stewardship: Time, Choices, Money, Gifts and Talents, Body/Mind/Spirit, Community, Spiritual Life, and Creation.

Our focus for October, **Choices**, seems central to all the other themes, because everything is a choice. What we do about each of the stewardship themes is a choice.

How many choices do you make every day?

- What time will I get up this morning?
- What will I have for breakfast?
- What will I wear?
- What will I do?
- Where will I go?

And the choices go on day and night, almost every day and night.

How do you make your choices? Do they reflect your values and beliefs? If you examined your choices, would they show that you are a steward of God?

“One’s philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes...” Eleanor Roosevelt

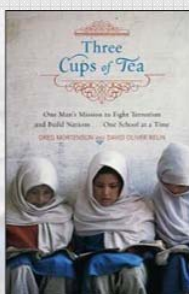
*(To learn more about Stewardship of Choices, see the next article on the October 3<sup>rd</sup> learning event.)*

*~Sue Johnson, Stewardship Committee*

## CHOICES

“CHOICES” is the title of a learning event to be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the 10:30 worship service. The event is for **all ages**, so come with your family, or your friends, or by yourself, but come! Carmel Tinnes and Sue Johnson will lead activities, discussion, and study as we learn more about making choices. Lunch will be included in the event. Sign up on the clip board located in the CE lobby, or make your reservation by calling the church office. Hope to see YOU on October 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## “Stewardship of Time” Book of the Month



As we focus on being stewards of our choices this month, the Library Committee recommends reading THREE CUPS OF TEA (371.82 M), by Greg Mortenson.

In 1993 high up in the Himalayan Mountains, Greg Mortenson wandered lost and alone after a failed attempt to climb K2, the world’s deadliest peak. When the people of an impoverished village in Pakistan took him in and nursed him back to health, he promised the village he would come back one day and build them a school. Although he was a homeless “climbing bum” living out of his car in California, he sold what possessions he had to launch a remarkable humanitarian campaign.

From the Taliban to Al Qaeda, he wages war with the root causes of terrorism, poverty, and ignorance. Today he has built 55 schools serving Pakistan and Afghanistan’s poorest communities. He provides not only hope but living proof that one passionately dedicated person truly can make a choice to change the world.

The book is available in the FPCRO Library, as well as local public libraries and book stores.

## COMMUNICATION & EVANGELISM



## COMMITTEE

## THE LETTER E IS FOR EVANGELISM...

*Little things go a long way:*

- ◆ When a co-worker does something particularly well, acknowledge it.
- ◆ Organize a picnic in the park and invite everyone on your block.
- ◆ Listen attentively.
- ◆ At the drive-through, pay for the meal of the person behind you.
- ◆ Send an e-mail to your boss’s boss, telling that person what a great job he or she is doing.
- ◆ Answer and ask question of others about their faith, particularly if you know their faith is different from your own.



## Time & Choices & Youth

*Pick up kids here, take them there. Don't forget this. Don't forget that. Mark your calendar. Practice Thursday. Parent meeting Wednesday. Overnight there. Wake up the kids that morning at 6:15 am. Find time to go grocery shopping. Oh, what did I volunteer to do at school? School project for my son to do. House needs to be cleaned. I'm making a list. Will we ever get a family meal together? Saturday morning game this weekend and all-weekend long tournament the next. Once the season's over I've got to get ready for Christmas!! And hmmm, church?*

I listen to the parents of our youth and I begin to feel exhausted. I've heard the most sincere desires from parents to get their kids involved with church; then bit by bit pressures to make other commitments for school, soccer, etc, consume all of our time. I can feel the dividing pressures and the sense of being overwhelmed in so many people that I talk to. This is not just here; the same kind of pressures were felt by so many loving parents I came to know when I lived in California.

This year at FPCRO we're looking at stewardship. Stewardship goes way beyond money and extends to every aspect of life. We're beginning this year of stewardship by looking at time and then choices.

Let's think about time... Where do we prioritize our time? Where do we give time for God? Where do we make some elbow room for God to work in our hearts? When do we slow down, or better yet, stop and be with God? Feel free to pause for a minute right now and reflect.

And choices... If we were to watch ourselves as if we were to watch a character in a movie, what would it look like? What do the choices in that person's life look like? Do they reflect an active and abiding love of the One who gives everything? Is this person motivated by all the have-to-do lists or by love? How does this person's faith impact others, such as their children or others with whom she or he is close?

Time and choices – I'm so glad we're talking about this now. I invite us to surrender all of this to God. All choices and all our time are gifts from God for us to use, enjoy, savor, and ultimately give back. These can be some of the best gifts we can ever give to our youth.

*Peace and grace,  
Rev. Jonathan Evans*



**ALERT!** 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-days 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.

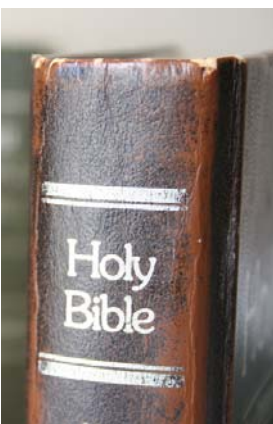
**FLAMINGO SIGHTING IN  
ROYAL OAK!**

# Children's Ministries

**Joyful Journeys:** *Rotation for October*  
Our rotation for October is "Thankful, Humble" drawn from Luke 17:11-19, 18:9-14, the story of the healing of the ten lepers. Remember, only one came back and thanked Jesus after being healed! The children's memory verse is: Luke 17:15 **"Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice."**



**Church Banks:** *Stewardship for Children*  
Once again children will be receiving Church Banks to bring home and fill with their offerings. They will have a special time of Stewardship Education on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> during Joyful Journeys.



**Third Grade Bibles and Event**  
On Reformation Sunday, October 31, our Third graders will be receiving their Bibles during worship. A special luncheon and education event will follow. Families will be receiving a mailing with more details. Please let Carmel know if there are any third graders who are not registered for Joyful Journeys.

**Intergenerational Stewardship Event:**  
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# Congregational Business, cont.



According to the New Testament, John the Baptist introduced two of his followers to Jesus. The men were brothers named Andrew and Simon.

Almost immediately, Jesus accepted the two men as friends and followers. He gave one of them a new name. Jesus said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated \_\_\_\_\_).

- Choose the correct name from the list below.
- A. Nicodemus
  - B. Matthew
  - C. Philip
  - D. Peter

**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)

**Please Note: Wednesday Night Live is cancelled on October 6!**

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## Wednesday Night Live Bible Study

Join in a study of biblical texts that exemplify and clarify the Stewardship theme for the month: Choices. Throughout the month we will explore: Joshua 24:14-15; Psalm 24; Luke 21: 1-4; John 6: 2-11; Acts 9: 36-39, 11: 29-30, and 16: 13-15; and I Cor. 12:12-27. Clips from a film exploring the reformation will be viewed before Reformation Sunday.

## Adult Covenant Group Forming?

We have had two groups in the church who have covenanted to meet together monthly to explore different spiritual practices from Christian history. Carmel leads the members of these groups through an exploration of the different practices (traditionally called disciplines), and then each individual “tries out” the practice for a month, returning to the group to discuss their experience.

It would be wonderful to begin a third group this year. We would meet at a time mutually acceptable to the members of the group. Please talk with Carmel if you are interested in participating in such a group. (If you’d like to hear more about these groups, Carmel can give you the names of past participants and you can speak with them about their experiences.)

## Friday Film

The first of our Friday Films for this program year will take place on Friday, October 22, beginning at 6:30 in the Faith Features Room. The film’s theme is “Choices,” the stewardship theme for the month. 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.

## It's Not too Late to Come Discover the Bible!

*Join us Wednesdays from 5-6 pm*

Whether you are new to Bible study or a life-long student, come join us as we discover the Bible each week during Wednesday Night Live from 5-6 pm, preceded by an optional time of informal fellowship from 4:30-5 pm. Using the *Kerygma: Discover the Bible* program, we are exploring both the Old and New Testaments through reading, reflection, discussion, and creative expression. We are discovering people, events, places, and a variety of Biblical ideas. With 15 Old Testament and 15 New Testament lessons, this program provides an excellent introduction to the Bible as a whole and will help you move to new understandings and experiences of faith and life.

We are eager to welcome more members into our study. We have only completed a few lessons so you can still easily join in.

The class is lead by Julie Decker and participants are using the *Kerygma Discovering the Bible Resource Guide* (approx. \$35\*). Childcare is provided. You can contact Julie at 248.398.5589 / [juliedecker@comcast.net](mailto:juliedecker@comcast.net) to register or come join us on Wednesday at 5 pm.

\*Financial assistance for the course materials is available.



## Mission and Benevolence



The Mission and Benevolence Committee is looking for a person or a small team of two or three people to volunteer to manage the Angel Tree/Adopt a Family Program.

Please contact Ken Bissey or Dave Cheney.  
Contact details are available in the church office.

# Worship & Music

## A VIEW FROM THE PEW: *The Stewardship of our Choices*



Ever thought about what goes into the process of ‘making a decision’? As children we are raised with repetitive instructions that instill a values base. As we mature, that base is fine tuned and expanded to create a very sophisticated selection process. It ranges from the

incidental to life-altering directions. Women know the dumb frustration of standing before the closet, trying to figure out what to wear. And we’ve all witnessed the Male Blindness Refrigerator Syndrome.

However, choices in our behavior and attitudes are emotionally driven and tempered with intelligence. Choices are influenced by the economy and where we are in our life journey. Every situation that presents an option changes the direction of our lives. If our values base is grounded in Christian principles, we know many examples of “choices” in the Bible. In Luke 21:1-4, the poignant offering of two small coins by the widow prompts Jesus to remark that her gift is far greater than all the riches heaped into the treasury by the wealthy patrons. She gave from her need. She took away from her self-preservation and her own survival. In our recent economic slump, this hits home. When jobs are lost and we are forced to cut back and manage our survival on unemployment until we find new work, our financial contribution to our church is often set aside. It is justified that “when we get another job, we’ll pick that back up”.

Sometimes it is; sometimes it isn’t. I pray that we don’t pull away from our church rather than drawing closer to it. I pray that we are not embarrassed we can’t give our financial offering. The Body of Christ understands.

Christian stewardship of choices is not exclusively about money. It is balanced on another “trinity”: tithe, time, and talent. In John 6:2-11, we read about the miracle of the five loaves, two fishes and the feeding of the five thousand who followed Jesus up the mountain. The boy was a child. He had no money. He had no proven talents as yet. But he did have something to eat. And when he saw the need of the disciples to feed the crowd who had gathered, he offered the only thing he had – food. He didn’t turn away, thinking he was ‘only a boy’. Translated into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we can Plant-A-Row for the

Hungry © in our vegetable garden and donate it to the kitchen at the local shelter. We can form a rotating kitchen with others to provide meals for a stressed out family on a weekly basis. That takes time and commitment.

And how many of us have ‘talents’ we think of as only hobbies and recreational pursuits? In Acts 9:36-39, we find the only time a woman is explicitly called a **disciple**. Dorcas, a resident of Joppa, devoted her life to charity, in particular to the widows of her area. One has to understand that in a culture that allowed women little to no economic independence, widows without children were among the most disadvantaged of the population. They were forced to beg for their daily survival. Dorcas very simply sewed them tunics so they would at least be clothed from the elements. She made a choice based on a need she saw and a talent she had. Her heart was moved; her emotions engaged.

The Book of Acts is a wealth of stories outlining the early Christian church development. This was a primer of Christian principles for a code of behavior and decision making for the early Christians. In Acts 16:13-15, we read another example of Lydia, a business woman in textiles. A worshipper of God, she is converted and baptized by Paul. She opens her heart and her house to the traveling disciples. The disciples and early Christians were not on the A-List of houseguests in the early Roman Empire. Lydia took a chance, putting her own safety at risk. A need seen; a solution offered. The talent of hospitality is often overlooked or obscured in our century by the expanse of our homes and the residual abundance of our assets. We offer hospitality to family and known friends but rarely to total strangers. One of the ways we can accommodate strangers is through programs such as SOS in our church. We provide a clean place to sleep, a place to get cleaned up, food to start the day and transportation to jobs. The church becomes our extended home. Stewardship could be defined as holistic management of our choices. As Christians we are guided to make choices, both personal and gregarious, with a code of simple ethics set down by Jesus. Practicing those principles is our life-long journey.

-Beverly Moss, *Worship and Music*

## CHILDREN’S CHOIR NEWS

Back in the groove of fall activities yet? As we focus this month on the theme of “*the stewardship of time*”, please remember to add choir to your calendar. We need you.

- ◆ Carol Choir (K-2) meets at 4:30 to 5:15
- ◆ Celebration Choir (3-5) meets at 5:15 to 6:00
- ◆ Circle of Friends (6-12) meets at 6:45 – 7:30

We will be waiting for you in the choir room. See you there.



# First Harvest Festival



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "First Harvest Festival" October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 noon to 4

Looking for a fun family event this fall? The First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak is hosting their 2nd Annual First Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 16, 2010 from noon to 4 pm. The festival promises to put a smile on your face, with many kid friendly activities, including *Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man*, *Dan and his The Little Creatures*, a dunk tank sponsored by Henry Ford Health Systems dubbed 'Dunk the Doc', a bounce house and other games and activities to delight the whole family. A Chili Cook-Off starts the festivities at noon, and a Pie Baking contest will be judged at 1:00. There will be bake goods, hotdogs and brats if pie and chili isn't your thing, so come for lunch and stick around for the fun. A Tin Can Auction will feature many local gift certificates, unique arts and crafts and a few mysteries. Admission is free and activity tickets are available the day of the event. Funds raised will support church programming, including a 10% investment directly back into the Royal Oak community. First Presbyterian is located at the corner of 6th and Hendrie, one block east of Woodward Ave. For more information call 248-541-0108. All are welcome! For questions regarding volunteering, call Jennifer Ward at 248.435.3763 or email at [dward2173@wowway.com](mailto:dward2173@wowway.com).

*Most of all we need everyone to come for an hour, or for the afternoon –Together for Joy!*



### Can you HELP? The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Harvest Festival Silent Auction Needs Donations!

This year we are adding a tin can style silent auction to our First Harvest Festival on October 16<sup>th</sup>. In order for this event to be a success, we are in need of items for the auction. We will gladly accept donations of handmade/homemade items, gift certificates for goods or services, event tickets, use of a cottage/timeshare, new household items, etc. So look around your home, check with your local businesses (including your own), ask at your favorite restaurants and stores, and see what goodies you can

collect. Once you have your donations rounded up, you may turn them in after worship on Sunday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, or contact Julie Decker 248.398.5589 [juliedecker@comcast.net](mailto:juliedecker@comcast.net) or Andrea Richards 586.808.5215 [arichard@walshcollege.edu](mailto:arichard@walshcollege.edu). Tax receipts will be available for all donors.

The more items we collect, the more fun it will be for our bidders and the more money we will raise for our church. We already have awesome donations like the services of a professional painter and handmade jewelry. Also, we are in need of empty, clean coffee cans (metal or plastic) with lids for the auction. A collection bin is located in the coat closet by the nursery hallway. Thank you for your support of the festival, our church, and the missions we support!

### "First Harvest Festival" Pie Baking Contest

A Pie-Baking contest will be held at the 2nd Annual "First Harvest Festival" on Sat. Oct. 16. This contest is open to all church members and interested parties. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the rules are posted in the C.E. Lobby.

The following rules apply:

1. Bakers must submit two pies of the same kind.
2. The pies must be made in disposable pie tins.
3. The pies must be homemade, but prepared crusts are permitted.
4. A list of ingredients, not exact recipes, must be submitted with the pies.
5. There will be two categories of pie fillings:  
1. Fruit, 2. Other.
6. Pies must be turned in at the festival between 11 am and 1 pm on Oct. 16.
7. Judging begins at 1:00 pm and the winners will be announced at 1:30 pm. Prize ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each category. (Bakers need not be present to win.)

8. Pies will be judged on the following:
  - a. Overall appearance
  - b. Crust
  - c. Filling
  - d. Originality
  - e. Taste
9. One pie will be cut into pieces for tasting and sale by the piece. The second will be sold to the highest bidder at 2:00 pm.

Pie Baking Contest Helpers are also needed. Sign-up sheets are posted in the CE Lobby for anyone interested in helping check in and display the pies and bid sheets. Helpers can sign-up for variable hours between 11 am and 4 pm. (The most needed times are from 11 am until 1 pm.)

*COME JOIN IN THE FUN OF  
THE FESTIVAL AND HELP AT  
THE PIE CONTEST*



# Library News

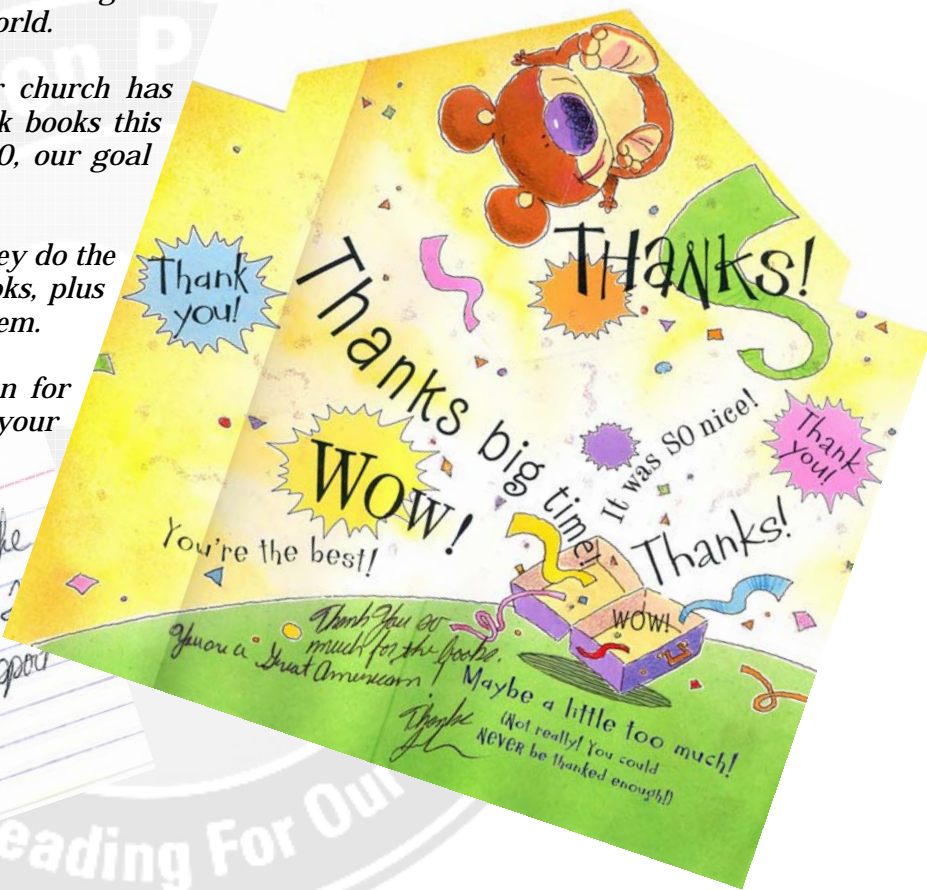


*Isn't this wonderful? From a Hallmark card to a file card—thanks keep coming from our grateful troops around the world.*

*This mission of our church has sent 3,176 paperback books this year alone. For 2010, our goal is 4,000 books—we are well on our way!*

*Thanks go to Tillie and Dave Nelson. They do the actual packing and mailing of these books, plus navigating through the U.S. Custom system.*

*Many thanks, also, to our congregation for being so faithful and generous in your contributions.*



*Hi  
I wanted to personally thank you for the  
books. They are greatly appreciated.  
You so much for your love & support  
Sincerely Annie Rodz*

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## A Change of Heart

**P** Jodi Picoult  
One moment June Nealon was happily looking forward to years full of laughter and adventure with her family, and the next she was staring into a future that was as empty as her heart. Now her life is a waiting game. Waiting for time to heal her wounds, waiting for justice. In short, waiting for a miracle to happen.

## Dewey

636.8 M Vicki Myron  
How many lives can an animal have? How many lives can one cat touch?

Dewey was only a few weeks old, on the coldest night of the year, when he was stuffed into the returned book slot at Spencer Public Library. He was found the next morning by the library director, a single mother. Dewey won her heart and the hearts of the staff, by

hobbling on frostbitten feet to nudge each of them in a gesture of thanks and love.

Dewey became more than just a friend, he became a source of pride for a farming town pulling its way back from the greatest crisis in its long history.

## Ghost Train To The Eastern Star

**T** Paul Theroux  
Theroux's *Odyssey* takes him from Eastern Europe through thriving Turkey into the Caucasus, where Georgia limps toward feudalism and its neighbor, Azerbaijan revels in oil. Theroux travels as the locals do, by stifling train, rattletrap bus, illicit taxi and mud caked feet. And wherever he goes, his omnivorous curiosity, and unerring eye never fail to inspire, enlighten, inform and entertain.

**Please Note: Wednesday Night Live is cancelled on October 6!**

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| 31<br>9:00 a New Member Class<br>10:30 a 3rd Grade Bible Presentation<br>11:30 5th Sunday Pot Luck | 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 | 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   | <b>Typical WNL Schedule</b><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 | 1<br>10:00 a Senior Highs  | 2   |
| 3<br>11:45 a Worship & Music Committee<br>11:45 a Stewardship Education<br>Family Event            | 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>2:30 p Staff Meeting<br>3:30 p Staff Advent Planning<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 | 6<br>** NO WNL **   | 7<br>9:00 a Quilters<br>12:30 p Lunch Bunch  | 8<br>Mid High Retreat  | 9   |
| 10<br>Mid High Retreat<br>9:00 a New Member Class<br>9:15 a House Committee                        | 11<br>11:45 a Stewardship Education  | 12<br>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>2:30 p Staff Meeting<br>6:00 p Stewardship Committee<br>6:30 p Financial Peace Uni<br>7:30 p Session   | 13<br>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE<br>4:00 p Ruth Circle  | 14<br>7:00 p Deacons Meeting<br>7:30 p Chancel Choir   | 15<br>Youth Ministries Seminar<br>12:00 p First Harvest Festival<br>6:00 p Presbys | 16  |
| 17<br>9:00 a New Member Class<br>11:45 a Christian Education Committee                             | 18<br>10:00 a Holy Dusters<br>12:30 p Daytime Covenant   | 19<br>9:30 a Library Committee<br>10:00 a Tues AM Bible Study<br>1:00 p Trustee Counting Group<br>2:30 p Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p Financial Peace Uni<br>7:00 p Trustee Meeting   | 20<br>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE<br>7:30 p Naomi Circle   | 21<br>9:00 a Quilters<br>6:30 p Bell choir<br>7:30 p Chancel Choir   | 22<br>10:00 a Folding Party<br>6:30 p Friday Film Festival                         | 23  |
| 24<br>9:00 a New Member Class  | 25<br>10:00 a Holy Dusters<br>12:30 p Daytime Covenant   | 26<br>9:30 a Library Committee<br>10:00 a Tues AM Bible Study<br>1:00 p Trustee Counting Group<br>2:30 p Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p Financial Peace Uni   | 27<br>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE<br>7:00 p Personnel Committee  | 28<br>9:00 a Quilters<br>7:30 p Chancel Choir<br>7:30 p Evening Book Club  | 29   | 30<br>11:00 a Detroit Rescue Mission: SENIOR HIGH |

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**DEADLINE for the NOVEMBER Newsletter: OCTOBER 8, 2010**



It's wonderful to be back at school. We are enjoying learning about our new friends and all of the routines of our school days. We have had a busy few weeks, enjoying the lovely weather outdoors, and the flurry of activities inside, too.

October always brings the topic of "fire safety" to preschool. We spend the month using songs, games and projects to teach us how to stay safe in the event of a fire. The four year old class will visit the downtown Royal Oak Fire Station to tour the building, listen to the firefighters, and check out all of the fire trucks and gear. Our parents love this field trip, too! The three year old class will have a fireman visit our classroom. We may even get to try on some of his gear!

The beautiful autumn colors outside our classroom window come inside as we paint with "orange" this month. Our three year olds are practicing their fine motor skills, learning how to play cooperatively, and doing some wonderful art projects. Our fours are delving into the alphabet, studying one letter per week, as well as working on producing some beautiful artwork.

The hay wagons at Bowers Farm will be full of our students and their parents in October. This all school field trip allows us to visit a real pumpkin patch for important selections, take a tour of the farm, run through a corn maze, followed by cider, donuts and wonderful fellowship.

We still have openings in both our three and four year old classes. The fours meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:15 am – 12:00 pm, while the threes meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15 am – 11:45 am. If you are interested, please call the Preschool (248.541.0108, ext. 220) during school hours. We would love to meet you!

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