

# Out of the Ordinary

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## HOMECOMING IS A CURE FOR JUNK FOOD OF THE SOUL!

It is easy for us humans to be wired wrong. It is easy to slip off the pathway of health, grace and strength. We can all be helped by paying attention to our bodies which are the temple in which we praise God.

We can “join the gym, get on the treadmill, ride the exercise bike, take yoga class at church and walk.” We can do these things. We really can. We can end our visits to Big Boy, and McDonald’s and all those yummy Sunday buffets (three trips are easy) for their “all you can eat fried chicken” Wednesdays and the “all you can eat bar-b-q” on Tuesdays.

Unhealthy patterns are easy. We stuff ourselves on the junk that can hurt us and avoid the good foods and exercises that can help us. We can always feel guilty about it—even curse between burps—but remorse is easier than repentance. And so there we go again, time after time, eating not just all we care to eat but all we can eat. We consume life in huge gulps!

The wires get so crossed that we love what hurts us and hate what might heal us!

At this point let me make a jump and suggest that there is a spiritual corollary to the picture I have just drawn. Homecoming on September 12 is the perfect event to help us to become fit and stronger in our faith—in short, to make us the kind of disciples Jesus calls us to be. The healthy “foods” of faith are: worship, prayer, Bible study, and the “exercises” of humility and forgiveness, selfless service and peace-making, and Christian conversation and listening silence.

Homecoming is a time to embrace these nourishing spiritual entrees and strengthening exercises in favor of the greasy buffets of life that bog us down and harden our spirits. We order a plateful of self-congratulations, —it tastes so good!—with a side-order of pride and resentment. I want a bowl of Cajun criticisms with bitter biscuits and lots of hot-anger gravy. Give me another glass of judgmental tea, unsweetened of course. No, I am eating light today—just a complacency salad with indifferent dressing. We spoon onto our plates those things that “lull” us into ineffectiveness and spiritual death, and at the same time continue to drive by Kingdom Fitness.

Some of the ways we can start exercising again are easy enough: Come work out with us at Sunday Homecoming and on Wednesday nights or Thursday mornings. Stay for worship. Say a kind word to an old enemy and let go of a grudge. Speak the language of hope and faith, not fear and criticism. Forgive. Accept forgiveness.

The Good Physician has instructed us to do such things—that is Christ’s prescription for uncrossing our wires.

Peace, Pastor Clise

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### Sundays in September

#### September 5

Worship & Communion  
9:30 & 11:00 am

#### September 12

Worship  
9:30 & 11:00 am

#### September 19

Worship  
9:30 & 11:00 am

#### September 26

Worship  
9:30 & 11:00 am

## THIS MONTH IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Christ Centered Fellowship (CCF)

Midweek program of Bible study, games, choir, and dinner

LOGOS – 1st through 5th Grade

The fun begins on Wednesday, September 22, with games and snacks between 4:00 and 4:45 pm in the CLC. From there children will move on to Bible time, choir, and finally Family Time Dinner. Kids will enjoy seeing their old friends and making new ones. New and returning families are encouraged to fill out the registration form which is included in this newsletter and return it to the church office as soon as possible. There will be a parent orientation meeting held at 7:30 PM on, September 1, 2010 for all parents. We'll be sharing with you all the new stuff we have planned for your kids this year. If you need more information, please call Judy Somershoe at 248-349-0911 x 205.

### CCF Ministry Fair

CCF is a ministry of the whole church. We are all charged with nurturing and building relationships with the children and youth of our Christian family. There is a place for you in this ministry, even if you don't have children in the program. Please look for the sign-up tables in Boll Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 5, or contact Judy Somershoe, Jeff Weicksel, or Mark Ordus to find out how YOU can be a part of this program. The work can be challenging, but the rewards are great.

### Family Movie Night

Family Movie Night: Friday night, September 10. Come celebrate the return to school and the beginning of a new program year at First Pres. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray and, of course, your kids. We're having an outdoor movie out on the grassy area on the corner of Church and Cady streets for children of all ages. Enjoy warm summer breezes while eating popcorn and watching "Finding Nemo" on the big screen. Plan on arriving between 7:15 and 7:30 pm. Bring your kids – bring your friends! Sign up in Boll Fellowship Hall between Sunday services beginning August 22.



### Third Grade Bibles

Parents of third graders, mark Sept. 19 on your calendars. Bible will be presented to all third graders during the 11:00 am worship service. These Bibles are a gift from the entire congregation and are a part of a long tradition. To emphasize the importance of the Bible in our lives, we are asking that ALL WORSHIPERS BRING THEIR OWN BIBLES TO CHURCH WITH THEM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

### Mothers of Young Children

What does it mean to be blessed? How could Jesus say that the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, the poor in spirit, and those who mourn could be blessed? Join us beginning September 9 as we study the Beatitudes and what they mean for us today. We meet every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Emeritus Room across from the nursery. Childcare is available for a small fee and you are welcome to join anytime.



### Northville Presbyterian Preschool

Parents, if you have a young child between the ages of 2 and 5, now is the time to register for fall classes at our own preschool. There are just a few opening in the morning and afternoon classes. Contact Lisa Higley, Director, at 248-349-0911x216 to arrange for a tour, or go online at [www.firstpresville.org](http://www.firstpresville.org) to register. Our caring and experienced teachers welcome all children of our congregation and our neighborhood.

**There is Nursery/Toddler Care  
& Sunday School available Every Sunday  
at 9:30 & 11:00 am.  
The Children's Library is Open Every Sunday.**



**The deadline for the October issue of the  
*Out of the Ordinary* is September 10.**

## YOUTH CORNER

### September Calendar

1	7:30 pm CCF Parent Orientation (for parents of all MS Students!)
2	7:00pm CCF Parent Orientation (for parents of all HS Students!)
5, 12, 19, 26	9:30am & 11am Middle School Sunday School 11am First Call... (High School Sunday School)
12	Homecoming Picnic (at FPC)
12, 19, 26	5:30 pm High School Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm Sunday Night Leadership
15	APEX 80's Movie Night!
22, 29	6:15 pm GAP & APEX!!!
29	7:00 pm Confirmation Parent Orientation

### Parent Orientation Meetings

This year, we are making an extra effort to make sure all parents attend these orientations! So we have made them 2 nights, one geared specifically towards elementary and Middle School parents (they begin the night together, then split and we focus directly on Middle School), and another geared specifically towards High School parents. The entire focus of these meetings will be on dates, activities, volunteer opportunities, etc. So for both groups, you will be able to register your students, and hear from Mark and Jeff about what GAP and APEX will be doing this year. We highly stress the importance of these meetings, because our goal is to build strong relationships with not only the students but also the parents so we can support you and you can support our ministry as well! See you then!

### Middle School Sunday school...

This class is for Middle school students and it happens at both 9:30 and 11am during the worship services. The class is for youth who want to look more into the truths of Scripture, and find out how the Bible applies to life in Middle School!

### First Call... (High School Sunday school)

This class is for High School students and it happens during the 11am worship service almost every Sunday! The class looks at the Bible, and relates it's truths to everyday life as a High School student! It is mostly discussion-based, so you will have opportunities to ask questions, discuss, and actually learn what the Bible has to teach us.

### Are YOU ready for Fall GAP & APEX?!?!?

**GAP** is intended for all Middle school youth. The evening begins at 6:15 pm with dinner, and finishes up at 8 pm in the Christian Life Center! We sing songs, play games, and learn more about who God is! Come hang out with us!

**APEX** is intended for all High school youth. The evening begins at 6:15 pm with dinner, then finishes up at 9:30 pm (our youth group meeting ends at 9 pm, but our café is open until 9:30 pm for youth to hang out together). The night begins with a meal, then youth have 2 options: 1) Either go to a Bible study where they study a little more in depth what to do with their Christian life (i.e. they've made the decision to follow Christ, now what?), 2) or they can go to a "Study Hall" type room if they have homework they need to finish up. At 8:00 pm, our APEX meeting begins. We'll be led in worship by our HS praise band, then hear a teaching from either Jeff, Mark, or a guest speaker, play some games or have some Small Group discussion.

### Sunday Night Leadership Returns!

It's back friends, for all you Middle and High schoolers out there, Sunday Night Leadership (SNL) is finally back! At SNL there are many different ways to lead within the church, packed into 2 hours (from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm). There truly is something for everyone:

The night begins at 5:30 pm with our High School praise band practice. We practice every week at this time, and we learn new songs and brush up on older songs that we will lead the following week at APEX! Auditions will be held at our first practice on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

2. Then for all others, the night begins at 6:30 pm where you can either take part in our Hand Bell Choir directed by Ellen Woodard, or you can head off to drama classes where you will prepare a short skit to be shared in Church at our Youth Led Service!

3. For the rest of the evening, you will have choir, then leadership. The GAP & APEX choirs sing in Sunday morning worship once a month, and also on Christmas Eve at the 7 pm Youth Led Service.

SNL is an awesome chance to really learn how to be a leader, both in Sunday morning worship, and also in GAP and APEX through planning activities, planning games, and for High School, planning our Summer Mission Trip. Don't miss out on this opportunity to share your gifts with your friends, and with the congregation!

### Confirmation Class of 2010 begins...

With the orientation on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm! All those being confirmed this year are invited with their parents to come have dinner and meet with Pastor Clise! This is a great time for all those in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, or anyone who has never been confirmed, to come and learn the purpose of confirmation, and also to see what the year ahead will bring you in Confirmation class.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### Regular Session Meeting, June 15, 2010

- Approved motion to approve the docket.
- Approved motion to suspend the July 2010 Session meeting.
- Approved motion to approve the Regular Session minutes and statistics of Tuesday, May 18, 2010.
- Approved motion to receive and review the May 2010 Financial Reports.
- Approved motion to hold one service at 10:30 am on Sunday, July 18, 2010 for Rev. James Russell's last Sunday.
- Approved motion to approve the revised Children and Youth Safety Policy, V.1.7 effective June 15, 2010.
- Approved motion to accept with regret the resignation of Eric Roth effective June 22, 2010.

## YOUNG ADULT CORNER

So I know what you're thinking. "I love the church, I love what they're doing, but I just don't see an area for a twenty-something such as myself to plug in!" Well, every Thursday night, a group of folks ranging in age from about 18 to about 32 or 33 years-old, and in almost every walk of life (kids, no kids, college, done with college, working in coffee shops, working in full-time careers, married, single, live alone, live with parents) gather to hang out, sip some coffee, have some snacks, and discuss some issues that are relevant, and surrounding the Christian faith. We also sing some songs, we pray together, and most importantly, we are there for each other and support one another. So really, what better do you have to do on a Thursday night than show up at FPC in the Youth Room around 7 pm, and hang out with us for a couple hours?

And right now is the perfect time to join, as we are just about to break into our new study which is based on the book "Forgotten God" by Francis Chan. In the book, Chan talks about the importance of the Holy Spirit, and what role the Spirit can and should have in the life of every Christian.

So come on out and join us, we'll EVEN save you a seat on the comfy couch...

For more information, look us up on Facebook "Oasis Young Adult Bible Study."

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Agape Bible Study

Agape Bible Study invites women to join us for “*Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories*” by Beth Moore. This 11-week study will lead us through the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom. Based on Isaiah 61:1-4, this in-depth Bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites and today’s believers. Beth uses Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small. The study will meet Friday mornings beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15 to 11:15 am in the Chapel. On September 10, we will have an introductory brunch in Boll Hall. For questions, contact Carol Maise.

### Women’s Evening Bible Study

Mark your calendars now for September 27. All women in our church family are invited to meet in the Emeritus Room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for study and fellowship. To get a head start, get your copy of *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. That’s the book we’ll be reading together this year. Sign up in Boll Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, Sept. 5. Be sure to make a note if you will need childcare. Women’s Evening Bible Study meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings of the month, September through May.

### Adoptive Families Ministry

We will meet in the Mission Room at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evening, September 28. This is the place for you if you have a passion for the families of children who are adopted or being fostered.

### The Son Seekers

Meets at 9:30 am Sundays in the Forum Room. The Son Seekers Class takes a book of the Bible and looks at and studies a chapter at a time. Contact Dennis Sullenberger for more information.

### Tuesday Morning Men’s Small Group

Meets at 7:00 am on Tuesdays at the Senate Restaurant. You may contact Jerry Jones for information.

### Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study

Meets at 7:00 am on Wednesdays at the Senate Restaurant. For more information, please contact Dave Bader or Mark Ernst.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Meets at 7:00 am on Thursdays at the Senate Restaurant with Kent Clise, Senior Pastor. This is a co-ed study.

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### Northville Civic Concern Items for September:

In September we will be collecting canned fruits for Civic Concern. Items can be dropped off in Boll Hall. Contact Jan Covert or Judy Montgomery for more details. There is also a critical need for all staple food items so that they can restock their shelves.

### Children and Adults

Those who took a tomato plant at the Great American Tomato Give-Away are asked to help feed the hungry at Civic Concern by bringing some of their tomatoes to the parking lot behind the Church on Cady Street. Collections are Saturdays from 9:00 am -12:00 noon until September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Everyone Eats Trip on September 15, 2010

The “Everyone Eats” program provides approximately 300 hot meals to Detroit’s homeless and hungry. Volunteers welcome each client at the door, while other volunteers serve the meal “restaurant style.” We partner with Faith Community Presbyterian Church to support this ministry with volunteers. Please contact John Emmert in advance if you are interested in volunteering because spaces are limited. We depart from the church at 9:45 am on the third Wednesday of each month.

### CROP Walk

The Annual Northville Novi CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 10. Twenty five percent of the funds are distributed locally and 75 percent are distributed through Christians in other parts of the world. Funds go to help the feed the hungry, help with disaster relief and build wells for people that have to walk long distances for water.

We need you to walk or sponsor a walker.

Contact Dave Nelson, Matt Frick or Gretchen Mizerowski for more information.

### Clothing Drive

Please start setting aside clothes for the Open Door Ministry at Fort Street Presbyterian Church of Detroit. The clothes drive will take place in September. Please look for drop-off times and volunteer opportunities in the program brochure. Contact Matt Frick for more information.

### Work Weekend at Camp Westminster

Now that our kids have returned, we want to help the camp grow. If you’re interested in helping to plan a work weekend at Camp Westminster or just want to stay informed, please sign up at the Mission and Outreach table in Boll Hall. The work will likely involve building a platform to support a new “Yurt,” a canvas tent.

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP

### Oasis Young Adult Bible Study

Inviting all Young Adults to join on Thursday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm for discussion, prayer, worship, fellowship and the world's best -- Oasis Coffee Bar! See page 4 for more details.

### New Horizons Ministry - Open to all, 50 and over Thursday, September 23, 2010 – A Trip to See The Federal Reserve Bank...note date change!

New Horizon's will meet at 10:00 am at the Main Entrance of First Presbyterian Church and will travel to downtown Detroit to see the new Federal Reserve Bank.

This is one of the first Federal Offices built after 9/11 and contains the new 9/11 standards. You will view the Cash Arena and to see the new building and hear about the new standards which will become a part of every Federal Reserve Building in the U.S. You will see a short movie about how the Federal Reserve works. After our tour we will have lunch in the cafeteria.

You may sign up in Boll Fellowship Hall between the 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock worship services or call Tom Haupt.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Presbyterian  
Villages  
OF MICHIGAN

### Informational Brunch about the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan

Members of the congregation are invited to an after-church-brunch on Sunday, October 10, in Boll Fellowship Hall at the conclusion of the

11:00 am worship service.

We will eat good food, have fun and fellowship together, and learn about the opportunities for supporting, living, receiving services or giving service at Presbyterian Villages of Michigan.

Our church has long been a supporter of the work of the Villages, and, through this brunch event, we want our congregation to stay connected to the 24 villages throughout the state of Michigan. You may also go to [www.pvm.org](http://www.pvm.org) for a look at what the villages have to offer.

Please let us know by October 1 if you will attend the brunch by contacting either:

Martha & Jim Nield – [marthaniield@comcast.net](mailto:marthaniield@comcast.net) or 248-349-1079

Barbara & Larry Ross – [landbross@yahoo.com](mailto:landbross@yahoo.com) or call 248-349-7089

### Homecoming Sunday Dinner & Softball Game

Homecoming Sunday, September 12 at 12:00 pm  
following the 11:00 am Worship Service

Welcome back to First Presbyterian Church as the Fall Season is about to begin. Come as you are with picnic clothes to Worship and then come and enjoy a great chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

The cost is \$6.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Reserve your dinner between Worship Services in Boll Hall or by e-mailing [erica@firstpresville.org](mailto:erica@firstpresville.org).



Homecoming Softball Game between First Presbyterian Church of Northville and First United Methodist Church of Northville. on Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 pm (Location to be announced).

Sign up to play on the team at the Congregational Life Table in Boll Hall or bring a lawn chair and cheer our team on. Ice Cream will be served. Last year First United Methodist Church won so come and cheer and let's see if we can bring the trophy back to FPC!

### Yoga Class

Did you know that we offer a yoga class here at FPC? The yoga class is taught by a Registered Yoga Teacher on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. Fall classes begin on September 16. The cost for a 6 week session is \$55. Childcare is available. Come and enjoy the many benefits of yoga. Register today! For more information, contact Ann Werther.

## SINGLE PLACE ADULT MINISTRIES

### Single Place Presents

"Single Place Presents" begins at 7:30 pm on Thursdays in Boll Hall with announcements of upcoming events and a social period to greet old friends and get to know new ones. Single people of all ages and denominations are welcome to participate. The program begins at 8:00 pm and may include: • Presentations by professional speakers on personal growth topics. • Open Forums - informal small discussion groups, where a facilitator invites participants to discuss relevant topics. • "Special Thursdays" - Dinner, games, special entertainment and Light & Lively Concerts. Single Place also offers activities every weekend which are sure to fit your interest. Planned by other Single Place members, these activities afford opportunities for fun, relaxation, and meeting new people. For more information: visit the Single Place website at [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org) or call the church office at 248 349-0911.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**The Next New Member Class will begin on Sunday, September 12, 2010**

Our next series of Inquirers New Member Classes begins on September 12 at 5:00 pm with pizza and salad and continues at 9:30 am on September 19 and September 26. Persons wishing to join will be received at the 11:00 am service on September 26.



Persons wishing to unite with this congregation may do so by:

- 1) profession of faith and baptism;
- 2) profession of faith alone when baptism took place at an earlier age;
- 3) reaffirmation of faith when active church membership has lapsed;
- 4) transfer of letter from another church.

Call the church office at 248 349-0911 for more information and to sign up to attend. Childcare is available.

## STAFF

*Office hours are Monday- Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm*

**W. Kent Clise** .....Senior Pastor  
**Darlene R. Kuperus**.....Minister of Music & Worship  
**Ellen H. Woodard**.....Director of Handbell Choirs  
**Judith A. Somershoe**.....Minister to Children  
**Mark D. Ordus**.....Minister to Youth  
**Jeffrey A. Weicksel**.....Treasurer & Minister to Youth  
**Lisa L. Higley**.....Preschool Director  
**Cathy A. Laux**.....Preschool  
**Cynthia L. Korpela**.....Preschool  
**Kim H. McInnis**.....Preschool  
**Jameson K. Danielsen**.....Preschool  
**Kim M. Wilde**.....Preschool  
**Susan E. Workman**.....Preschool  
**Suzanne M. Ash**.....Preschool  
**Sandra R. Trombley**.....Church Administrator  
**Terri L. Tripp**.....Communications Assistant  
**Erica W. Ginter**.....Church Secretary  
**Stephen M. Jarrell**.....Facilities Mgr./Lead Sexton  
**Linda D. Box** .....Weekend Sexton  
**W. Scott Nelson**.....Evening Sexton

**Wednesday is the Best Day of the Week!  
Don't forget to register your children for  
Christ Centered Fellowship!**

**Registration forms are available online,  
on the Welcome Center and in the  
Church Office.**

**The program begins on September 22!**



**Grades 1 - 5**



**Middle School**



**High School**

## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

### Children's Choirs

Give your child the gift of music this season. Children who participate in the choir program learn the songs of God and the Christian faith. Genesis Choir (grades 1 – 2) and Emmaus Choir (grades 3-5) rehearse as a part of Christ Centered Fellowship (CCF) on Wednesdays. This program begins on Sept. 22. Those in preschool and kindergarten are taught the songs of the faith as a part of Sunday School each week.

### Children's Handbell Choir

Children in grades 3-5 are offered this opportunity. Rehearsals begin on Thursday, Sept. 16 from 6:30 – 7:15 pm in the Bell Choir Room. Adult handbell ringers will assist conductor Ellen Woodard in helping the children during rehearsal.

### TeDeum Bell Choir

Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 2 at 7:30 pm in the Bell Choir Room. If you have music reading ability and wish to join this amazing ensemble, please contact Ellen Woodard through the church office.

### Northville Concert Chorale: Auditions

The NCC is open to singers from the entire Metro area. They perform Handel's "Messiah" the first Sunday of each December. Audition appointments are in mid-September and can be arranged by contacting Darlene Kuperus through the church office.

### Eat, Pray, Sing

#### Chancel Choir Kick-off Dinner & Rehearsal

Our fall season begins with a casual dinner in Boll Hall followed by a brief rehearsal. We begin on **Wed. Sept. 1 at 6:30 pm.**

College-age and adult singers make up this choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings in the Music Center. NEW singers are welcome to join for our kick-off dinner!



### Fine Arts Event:

#### Vintage Victorian Fashion Show and Tea

**Saturday, Sept. 18, 2:00 show**

**Held in the Christian Life Center**

We open the doors of our church to the community during the annual Victorian Festival held in downtown Northville. The church hosts a Vintage Victorian Fashion Show and Tea as a part of the community festivities. Pam Yockey is our host. She is a local expert on Victorian history and owns many, many exquisite period costumes. As models display the gowns, guests hear interesting stories of Victorian era customs and fashion. A Power Point presentation is included. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show.

Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the church office.

Please consider serving for a 2-hour shift during the show. Contact Fine Arts Committee Moderator Tony Mavrinc at 313 282-1194 if you can assist.



### Visual Arts Show

**October 2 - 8**

This annual juried art show and sale is a popular draw for artists from the entire Metro area. The artwork is displayed for your enjoyment for one week in the church's art gallery (Boll Hall). Approximately 200 works of art in various media will be displayed. A luncheon is served on October 8 and 9 so that visitors may enjoy the show and have a gourmet lunch together.