

THE WEEKLY

First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit

July 15, 2018

WORSHIP SERVICES

July 15

Series: Rejoicing in Heaven

Text: Luke 15:11-32

Title: *The Prodigal Father*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Offering: Pregnancy Aid

July 22

Guest Preacher: Pastor Marcia Fairrow

Text: John 17:20-26

Title: *That They May Be One*

Offering: Charlotte Mason Christian School

July 29

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Van Andel

Text: Jonah 4

Title: *The Heart of the Prophet*

Offering: Benevolence

August 5

Guest Preacher: Seminary Student Brad Stolman

Text: Psalm 24

Title: *The King of Glory*

Offering: Mission Partners

Have something for The Weekly? Please submit it to connect@firstcrcdetroit.org no later than **5:00pm Wednesday**.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Care for the O. Family: As we support the O. family during this time of mourning, we can help in several practical ways:

- You can sign up to help Dana around the house, mainly with childcare and chores
- You can sign up to bring a meal on a specific date
- You can contribute to the fund set up to provide short-term financial assistance

If you are interested in other ways you can help, or have questions, please contact Heather D., or contact the church office at connect@firstcrcdetroit.org or 313-824-3511.

Meal Requests: Due to ongoing medical treatment and recovery, Gwen C. and her family are in need of continued meal support. You can visit the Signup Genius page, email the church office at connect@firstcrcdetroit.org, or call the church office at 313-824-3511 to sign up. Thanks in advance for your care and support!

School Supplies Collection: The Deacons will be collecting school supplies for [Detroit Merit Academy](#) from July 1 to August 26! The Detroit Merit Academy is a free public charter school on Alter near Jefferson. The following items have been requested:

- Book covers
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Whiteboard markers
- Kleenex
- Glue sticks
- Clorox wipes
- Paper towels

Look for the collection box in the gathering space. Please consider making a donation!

MINISTRIES AT FIRST

Today's Special Offering is for Pregnancy Aid: Pregnancy Aid is a non-profit organization that offers women with unplanned pregnancies positive alternatives to abortion and provides low-income mothers with free education and materials.

Community Assistance Program: CAP is collecting macaroni and cheese and spaghetti in July and August. Please put the items in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support!

CAP is also in need of gently used summer clothing for children to adults, men and women. The collection is continuous so place your donations in the box in the gathering space at any time.

Current Sermon Series: We will spend the summer studying the parables of Jesus, as reported in the Gospel of Luke. Our series, entitled *Rejoicing in Heaven*, explores the way Jesus uses earthy stories to capture the heavenly realities of God's saving work. Through the parables, Jesus confronts and compels us with a vision of God's redeeming love.

Summer Study Schedule and 2018 Bible Reading Plan: For the months of July and August, we will suspend our normally scheduled Monday and Tuesday study sessions. That said, we encourage you to continue your own Bible or devotional reading, and even consider meeting up with other members to discuss what you're reading. This year we have been reading through the Bible using the One Year Bible plan. With an investment of fifteen minutes daily, you can read the entire Bible in a year. The One Year Bible daily reading schedule is available in print at church or can be emailed upon request made to the church office. You can also access it online at oneyearbibleonline.com.

Support for People in Job Transition: First Church is a member of "Eastside Take Control", a local organization devoted to equipping and supporting those recovering from job loss and looking for work. If you are looking for support during your job transition process, or want to know more about ETC, please contact Pastor Ben (313-443-5446; ben.vanarragon@gmail.com).

Inquiries about Facility Use: Any individual or committee that would like to use the church building for a one-time event can send a request to the church email account (connect@firstcrcdetroit.org). Place "Building Use" in the subject line, and include in the body of the email the following details: event purpose and participants; event date; and facilities needed.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We join family and friends in mourning the recent death of Aaron O. Please keep Dana, their children, and the rest of their community in prayer during this time.

This week Matthew N. was admitted to the hospital with a high fever. As Matthew continues to recover from his cancer treatment, we are asked to pray for his ongoing health and strength. Please also pray for Josh, Kerrie and the rest of the family during this time.

Please continue to pray for Cheryl and Paul V. Cheryl received her first of four chemotherapy treatments on June 27. Her treatments are scheduled three weeks apart; following chemo Cheryl will undergo a course of radiation. We pray for the treatment to be effective, and side effects to be minimal.

Please keep the K. family in prayer. Jennifer K. has reached the end of her six weeks of radiation. She will continue to receive infusions once every three weeks through November and have follow-up tests on a regular basis. Please continue to offer encouragement, and prayer that her cancer remains cured with no recurrence. The K. family is very thankful and grateful for the generosity, prayers, and support they have received from the First Church family.

Please remember those in our congregation who cannot worship with us regularly because of health concerns. We especially want to remember Doris M.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| | <i>July 15</i> | <i>July 22</i> |
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| <i>Greeters</i> | Marcia F. | Mary and Tom D. |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Sally Z. | Maggie B. |
| <i>Nursery</i> | Bev N., Kelly S., Ellie M. | Jodie A., George S., Jack M. |
| <i>Scripture Reading</i> | Heather D. | Diane D. |
| <i>Offertory Prayer</i> | Bruce V. | Marcia F. |
| <i>PowerPoint</i> | Tim M. | Heather D. |
| <i>Refreshments</i> | Tim and Jen P. | Ellen and Rick Z. |
| <i>Children's</i> | Jen M., Justin M. | Jen M., Zoe B. |
| <i>Worship</i> | I-6: A Sold Birthright | I-9: Moses and the Burning Bush |

CALENDAR

Week of July 15 – July 21:

Week of July 22 – July 28:

Sunday

Worship Service

10:00am

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