



The CALENDAR

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World Communion Sunday **Sunday, October 7**



An invitation is extended to our members and friends to join us in worship on October 7 as we celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. With Christians around the globe

Those celebrating this visible symbol of God's amazing grace will be from various races, national identities, cultural backgrounds and political persuasions. Yet, each will participate in this meal because of common faith in Jesus Christ.

Join us and the Christian world in this celebration.

Brunch Bunch **Sunday, October 7**

Join the group as it gathers at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House (1100 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores) on Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. to enjoy a wonderful luncheon and great fellowship. The cost is \$24.00 per person. We need a minimum of 25 people to attend. Reservations may be made on the sign-up sheet in the Main Hallway or by calling the church (313-822-3456).

Laity Sunday **Sunday, October 14**

On **Laity Sunday**, October 14, we will celebrate the contribution of lay men and women to the life and ministry of this church. As we are reminded in every Sunday's Bulletin, the ministers "are all the people of the church." Certainly, without the time, talents and treasures of congregational members, our church could not have had a distinguished and significant ministry for 158 years, nor dared to dream dreams for the years to come.

WORSHIP & EVENT SCHEDULE

*Bible Study 9:00 a.m. • Worship 10:30 a.m.
Church School (Crib-8th Grade) 10:30 a.m.*

Saturday, October 6
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
The Terrace 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 7
WORLD COMMUNION
Louis Prues, Preaching
Brunch Bunch 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 14
LAITY SUNDAY
Peter Smith, Preaching
Music Series 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 21
Peter Smith, Preaching
Sunday Forum 11:45 p.m.

Sunday, October 28
REFORMATION SUNDAY/DEDICATION SUNDAY
Peter Smith, Preaching
Halloween Parade 11:45 a.m.

SUNDAY FORUM

Arts & Culture **In Southeastern Michigan** **Sunday, October 21**

Join us on Sunday, October 21 for our **Sunday Forum** when we welcome Maud Lyon, Executive Director of the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan. Music, theatre, dance, history and heritage, science and nature, literature and other arts and culture are a vital part of our lives and our community. Maud will talk about the scope and health of this sector in our region and plans for the future.

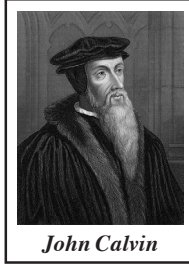
The **Sunday Forum** will begin at 11:45 a.m. in Zaun Chapel.

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
— Micah 6:6,8

PASTOR'S CORNER

Remembering our Reformed Heritage

In a day and an age where many are questioning the relevancy of organized religion, it is important to remember our roots as Presbyterians. It is essential to know what we believe and how we can articulate these beliefs to others. If we want to have any credibility in the eyes of the growing secular section of our society, we have to prove we have something to offer which can transform human life.



John Calvin

B. A. Gerrish in his book *Grace and Gratitude: The Eucharistic Theology of John Calvin* offers some illuminating insight:

“In his Humble Exhortation ... Calvin tried to make clear what exactly was distinctive about the reformation with which he and his friends were identified. It was certain, he wrote, that they differed only in this: they educated people more effectively in true humility and gratitude, leading them to renounce all confidence in themselves and to ascribe every good thing they possessed, as in truth they should, to the kindness of God. It would be hard to come up with any other formula that better expressed Calvin’s Calvinism than this. . . His fiercest polemic was reserved for those he

perceived to be compromising the first principles of a Eucharistic theology: that God alone is the fountain of good, and that the humanity of Jesus Christ is the only access to the fountain.”

If we are to be effective, in all we do and say, we must fiercely proclaim the authority of God over all aspects of human life, recognizing that the potential for good in the world is dependent on subjugating our desires, rights and needs to God’s will. Only then can we hope to understand the redemption won for us and the world by Jesus Christ.

This truth should shape and motivate our actions and decisions as individual Christians and as a community of believers. If we truly believed in the goodness and grace of God, our lives would overflow with gratitude. There would be no room for doubting who we are. We would demonstrate, from the core of our existence, the liberating power of God’s love. We would not be fearful or hesitant. We would seek to build bridges between our neighbors. We would perform miracles in God’s name.

Our secular society is looking for answers. It would be a sinful shame for our voices and witness to be ignored because others see us as confused and uncertain about what we believe and in whom we place our trust.

— PCS

STEWARDSHIP 2013

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. — 2 Corinthians 9:7,8

From Sunday, September 30 to Sunday, October 28, the focus of our church’s life will be devoted to our stewardship campaign and its theme “More Than Enough”. During the Stewardship season you will hear from church members on the impact of the church has had on their lives and the important ways your time, talent and treasure is helping build and fulfill the ministry and mission of our church.

As our stewardship program unfolds, under the leadership of Keith Wicks and the Finance Committee, we hope each of you will prayerfully consider your response. Pledge commitments will be dedicated during worship on October 28. With everyone’s participation, we will truly reflect the campaign’s biblical text “by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

JOIN WITH OTHERS IN MAKING A PLEDGE
TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY

Sunday, October 28

PARISH LIFE

GIVE THE "GIFT OF LIFE!"

Blood Drive ***Wednesday October 3***

Every two seconds someone in America receives a blood transfusion. Seven million patients will need blood this year.

You can help meet this life-giving need by donating blood at the ***Blood Drive*** on Wednesday, October 3 (2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.). Giving blood is a selfless gift that literally saves lives. For more information about donating blood, visit www.redcrossblood.org or contact Connie Sfire, Blood Drive Chair.

Blessing the Animals ***Saturday, October 6***

On the Terrace of JAPC on Saturday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m., the church will welcome a variety of pets and their owners for the annual ***Blessing the Animals***.

The Tradition of ***Blessing the Animals*** goes back to the days of St. Francis of Assisi, whose love for all of God's creation was so great that he is still remembered after seven centuries. Even his coat of arms reflects his love of animals by containing images of God's creatures. Francis believed that animals, as well as humans, were loved by God and deserved our respect and appreciation. For this testimony of loving devotion, Francis is known, in Christendom, as the Patron Saint of animals.



By sharing in this ***Blessing of the Animals***, we also remember that we are called to care for all of God's creatures, especially those that give us such joy and happiness. The service affirms what we know to be true: the goodness of life, our role as stewards of creation and the special bond between people and their animals. All of this, makes what we do today...sacred and eternal.

Just remember — to insure the safety of all participants, all animals should be on a leash or in carrying containers. After the blessing there will be refreshments for all of God's creatures, "Great and Small".

Tea and Chatter ***Thursday, October 11***

This month's ***Tea and Chatter*** meeting will be on Thursday, October 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Sandra Nichols (2784 Roundtree Drive - Court J, Troy). Sandra will host an "English Tea". If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Main Hallway and indicate what you will bring.

October Men's Breakfast ***Saturday, October 13***

MEN — enjoy a delicious breakfast, great fellowship and meaningful study at the monthly ***Men's Breakfast***. On Saturday, October 13, at 8:30 a.m., Peter Smith will lead the discussion on several chapters from Brian McLaren's new book *Why Did Jesus, the Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road — Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith*.

A reviewer wrote: "In his most important book yet, widely acclaimed author and speaker Brian McLaren proposes a new faith alternative, one built on 'benevolence and solidarity rather than rivalry and hostility.' This way of being Christian is strong but doesn't strong-arm anyone, going beyond mere tolerance to vigorous hospitality toward, interest in, and collaboration with "the other.""

Simple yet profound, this groundbreaking book shows readers step-by-step how to reclaim this strong-benevolent faith, revealing:

- How a new understanding of key Christian doctrines can end religious rivalry and foster new relationships,
- How a fresh perspective of Christian and colonial history can replace our lingering "superior" attitudes with empathy and humility, and
- How by standing in solidarity with "the other," as Jesus did, we can become a force against injustice and inhumanity-fulfilling the Christian mission like never before."

Copies of the selection and reservation sheet are on the Main Foyer Table.

The Card-Makers ***Thursday, October 18***

On Thursday, October 18, from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m., ***The Card-Makers*** to gather to make cards (Circle of Care, Holiday cards, etc.) for ill and shut-in church members. If you want to participate, there is sign-up in the Main Hallway or you can call Linda Smith (313-822-7499). All material will be supplied along with sample and suggestions for card designs. If you are a paper crafter, we would appreciate any donations of paper scraps and other useable leftover materials

***Show someone just how much
JAPC touches your life — invite a
friend to church this Sunday!***

PARISH LIFE

Garden Clean-up — Volunteers Needed Saturday, October 20

On Saturday, October 20, the Garden Committee is chairing a Fall ***Garden Clean-up*** of the church's many gardens. Plants will be pulled, leaves raked and the gardens prepared for winter.

If you can help, call Lou or Barb Prues, (313-884-6178) Co-Chairs, Garden Committee, or the Church Office (313-822-3456)

A Session Committee Report

Each month one of the Session Committees will share insights into their work and ministry.

Finance Committee

The role of the Finance Committee of the Session is to receive and manage the Church's revenues from pledges, gifts and offerings; and in consultation with Staff and the Pastor, prepare the Operating and Mission Budgets for Session approval, manage endowment investments, oversee the books and financial records, and make fiscal recommendations to the Session. An important job for the Finance Committee is to prepare and conduct the Annual Stewardship Campaign in the Fall.

We are fortunate to have an experienced and dedicated group of members who regularly volunteer to serve on the Finance Committee. Through prudent fiscal management and close cooperation with the Church Staff, we have been able to maximize the use of the Church's financial resources to maintain those ministries we hold so important at Jefferson Avenue.

Serving on the Finance Committee is yet another way the men and women of Jefferson Avenue can work together to serve Christ in the City.

Church Register

DEATH

Rose L. "Kirk" Asmus on September 6.

WEDDINGS

Erika A. Decker and Richard Christianson III
on September 8.

Jamie McCullough and Christopher Schimers
on September 14.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

JAPC has a thriving ***Prayer Shawl Ministry*** — shawls are knit or crocheted and brought to JAPC for safe keeping and a special prayer for healing is attached and given to members and friends who are experiencing tough times. This ministry is a beautiful expression of care and concern for those who need special attention and care. Those whom have received prayer shawls are often deeply touched by the generosity and thoughtfulness that has gone into creating it. Consider using a knitting or crocheting talent to make a shawl for this ministry. Others will be blessed! Questions about the ***Prayer Shawl Ministry*** can be directed to Nancy Bass.



Clip and Save!

Prayer Shawl Pattern

This is a very forgiving ***Prayer Shawl Pattern*** and it is great for knitters of any skill level. Stitch gauge is not critical, just try to be consistent. We also ask that ***Lion Brand Hometown Yarn*** be used as this yarn is machine washable, remains soft to the touch and holds up to repeated use.

Supplies:

- 3 Skeins — *Lion Brand Hometown Yarn*
- 1 Skein — *Lion Brand Fun Fur* (or any other washable eyelash yarn)
- Size 15 knitting needles of your choice

Directions:

- Holding both strands of yarn together, cast on 57 stitches
- Long tail cast on preferred
- Row 1: Knit every stitch
- Row 2: Knit 3, Purl 3, continue alternating K3, P3 to end
- Row 3: K3, P3...
- Continue in this pattern using both strands of yarn until 1/2 of the eyelash yarn is used or the desired border (about 2-3 inches) is reached. Cut eyelash yarn at the end of the row, weave in ends.
- Continue with homespun yarn, repeating the K3, P3 pattern every row until there is approximately 114 skein of yarn remaining.
- Add eyelash yarn and continue K3, P3, with both yarns until the border matches the border at the beginning.
- Last row: Knit each stitch and cast off.
- Tie off and weave in loose ends.


PARISH LIFE

JAPC Kroger Community Rewards

Are you participating in the *JAPC Kroger Community Rewards* program? It is a relatively painless way to direct a percentage of your grocery dollars in support of the church's life and ministry. If you want to enroll you need to register at www.krogercommunityrewards.com (you will need the church's ID number "82468" and your Kroger Plus Card.) If you are unsuccessful, contact Kroger Customer Service.

Love to Sing?

The *Community Chorus of Detroit* is looking for new chorus members. The group is rehearsing at JAPC on Sunday afternoons (1:30 – 4:00 p.m.) to prepare for the Christmas Concert; with outstanding soloists and orchestra (and JAPC's Chancel Choir) on December 14 and 15 at the church. For information contact: Info@communitychorusofdetroit.com



CHURCH SCHOOL

Children learn to be church through participation in educational, worship, and community events. Children learn by doing — by praying, singing, listening, reading. We offer a *Church School* program that includes those different elements of church. We invite your family to participate in the programs offered on Sunday morning and other events throughout the year.

- *Crib/Toddler* room is open throughout the year under the loving care of Le'Nora Hunt.
- *Young Child* Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m. weekly for children ages 4 – 6.
- *Church School* begins at the 10:30 a.m. worship service for grades 2 – 8.
- *Joyful Noise* under the direction of Anne Maters will begin October 7. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in this musical opportunity. Children will sing at worship service at least three times per year.

One way we can help with teaching our children is by

sharing our story of faith. Whether you grew up in a different tradition, had no church connection, or deeply involved in the Presbyterian Church, it is important for children to hear our stories. Through stories, children can come to value seeking and questioning, to see that differences are good, and hopefully to know how God powerfully works in our lives.

This storytelling role is primary to parents who share meals, car rides, and daily life with their children. Through the ministry of teaching, our *Church School* teachers are commissioned to share the Good News stories of Scripture, to tell their own faith stories, and to listen and engage their students in the faith journey. Really, every church member is called to witness the Christian faith story. Some may do it through hospitality and welcome of each child. Some do it through example of service. Some teach. Some quietly show up to worship each week. In whatever ways we can, through word and action, we all share in telling the stories of faith.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

Tutoring T.R.E.E and Outreach

There's something so important, life-giving and rewarding about working with a child one on one. For the child, he or she gets someone's undivided attention. Academically, it can be a moment where light bulbs go off, and a child sees how multiplication works or catches the meaning of a new word. For adults, it is an opportunity to see through a child's eyes, forge a relationship, and see progress in a student's studies. That is the heart of *Tutoring T.R.E.E.* — sitting down with children and offering support so that they will be successful at school.

The number of children we accept at *Tutoring T.R.E.E* depends on the number of volunteers we get. Please consider

giving two hours of your time to work students from Nichols school (grades 2 – 5) on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. It can be challenging at times, but I know you will feel blessed by that time.

Contact Kathy Chateau to volunteer or for more information. 313-822-3456 or kathyjapc@comcast.net

Other News

Through the support of the Holley Foundation, USA Jump Rope team will again perform at Nichols and jump start their jump rope team. The principal at Nichols, Linda Whitaker, welcomes the partnership and support of JAPC and looks forward to working together in many ways.

OUR MINISTRY IN MUSIC

From the Organ Bench

by Stephen Warner, Music Director

This month, I will be performing a concert from a very different organ bench: the one in front of the Golden, Mayan-splendored console of the Fisher Wurlitzer at the Senate Theater on Detroit's West side. This will be my second featured concert at this venue and I am excited to share the stage with my wife, Rose, and percussionist, Dan Maslanka. The organ, which was built for the Fisher Theater, was purchased by a gentlemen when the theater was renovated in the early sixties. Once he realized that he didn't have enough room to install the organ in his home, he formed a club with some friends for the purpose of playing the organ and hosting concerts. The club just celebrated its 40th year in June and it is blessed to still have a good handful of charter members around.

The concert will be a veritable smorgasbord of music. It will include show tunes from Jerome Kern to Steven Sondheim. It will include a few Jazz pieces by Duke Ellington and even "Take Five" by Dave Brubeck. The best part will be that these will be played with a live drummer, which will allow the grove to be more inspired! I am also blessed to have Rose singing, which will add a great deal of class and intimacy to the songs performed. The concert will also showcase a few fun classical pieces like "Hungarian Rhapsody" by Franz Liszt and even a song or two by "Blood, Sweat and Tears!" The concert will be at the Senate Theater on Sunday, October 21st at 3pm. The Senate is located at 6424 Michigan Avenue (at Livernois, just south of I-94, guarded parking is off of Gilbert Street). Tickets are \$12.00 at the door. Go to dtos.org for more information.

Music Notes

World Communion Sunday this year will take a two fold approach to considering our relationships with our friends and neighbors both of our faith and of different faiths. First, we will seek continuity across many generations by singing songs of faith in languages of "Cradle Civilizations," being Hebrew and Greek. Second, we will sing about our relationship to our neighbors and to Christ. We will open the service with the later idea with an introit called "Brothers," by Carl Steubing. It speaks of that moment when we first encounter someone of a different culture and try to see through the awkwardness and possible misunderstanding to realize that they are indeed our brother. This was a piece that Phil chose for us to sing at the Missoula International Choral Festival and was one of the most special and poignant pieces to sing at such an event. The second piece will be sung by the men of the choir, "El Yivneh Hagalil." The text states in Hebrew, "God will build Galilee. Bless the builder of Galilee." We will then sing a hymn by Hispanic composer, Roberto Escamilla, titled, "When We are Living." During communion, we will sing a Greek Orthodox chant titled "The Cup of Salvation" in both English and Greek. The arrangement is by George Raptis, father of one of our alto soloists, Sophia Raptis. I hope that this varied taste of language, both musical and linguistic, can be a tool in worship to fortify empathy and understanding.

Music Series Opens Sunday, October 15

At 4 p.m. on October 15, our *Music Series* opens with a performance by Grand Rapids based classical guitarist Jeff Dwarshuis.

Session Highlights

Wednesday, September 19 meeting

Reviewed the August Financial Statement which showed a surplus of income over expenditures.

Approved the proposed 2013 Budget for presentation to the congregation during the this fall's Stewardship Campaign. The budget calls for a 4% increase in pledge income.

Received an update on Eileen Jewell's application to come under care of the Presbytery as she pursues ordination as a Teaching Elder and begins her studies at McCormick Seminary (Chicago).

Discussed plans for the *Fall Fun Fair* (September 29), *Blessing of the Animals* (October 6) *Brunch Bunch* (October 7) and the Joint Board (Session and Deacons) meeting (November 14).

Heard reports on the *Church School*, the annual staff performance reviews (underway), the major issues at the last two Presbytery meetings (June and August) and the success of the summer's

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JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 30 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. New Member Class 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School	1 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Crafters 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	2 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tutoring TREE 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Membership 7:30 p.m.	3 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Blood Drive 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.	4 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Worship Comm. 7:30	5 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	6 Church 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Yoga 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Animals 10:30 a.m.
7 World Communion 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School 1:00 p.m. Brunch Bunch	8 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Crafters 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	9 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tutoring TREE 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	10 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Bd. of Deacons. 7:00 p.m.	11 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tea & Chatter 1:30 p.m.	12 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	13 Church Open 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Yoga 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
14 Laity Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Music Series 4:00 p.m.	15 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Crafters 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	16 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Tutoring TREE 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	17 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	18 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. The Card-Makers 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	19 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	20 Church Open 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Yoga 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Garden Clean-up 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School 11:45 a.m. Sunday Forum	22 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Crafters 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	23 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tutoring TREE 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	24 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Session 7:30 p.m.	25 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. COLA meeting 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Senior Networking 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. Knitting/Crochet 7:00 p.m.	26 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	27 Church Open 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Yoga 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
28 Reformation Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School 11:45 Halloween Parade	29 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Crafters 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	30 Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tutoring TREE 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	31 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	NOV 1	2 Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	3 Church 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Yoga 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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NOVEMBER

Sun., Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. — **All Saints' Sunday**
Fri/Sat., Nov. 9 & 10, Evening — **Tables For Friends**
Sat, Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m. — **All-Church Work Day**
Sun, Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m. — **Harvest Sunday**; 11:45 a.m. —
Sunday Forum: Stephen Henderson, Free Press
Thurs., Nov. 15, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. — **The Card-
Makers**
Sat., Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m. — **Men's Breakfast**
Sun., Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. — **Scottish Sunday**
Sun., Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m. — **"Christ the King" Sunday**
Thurs., Nov. 29, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. — **Senior
Networking**; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Knit and
Crochet**, Biggby Coffee, Grosse Pointe

DECEMBER

Sat, Dec. 1, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. — **Hanging of the Greens**
Sun., Dec. 2, 12:30 p.m. — **Brunch Bunch**
Sat., Dec 8, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. — **Angel Tree Party**
Fri., Dec 14, 7:30 p.m. — **Music Series: Christmas Joy —
Community Chorus of Detroit**
Sat., Dec. 15, 9:00 a.m. — **Deacons' Christmas Baskets
Preparation & Delivery**; 4:00 p.m., **Music Series:
Christmas Joy — Community Chorus of Detroit**
Mon, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. — **Family Christmas Service**;
10:00 p.m. — **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
Thurs., Dec. 27, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. — **College Student
Dinner at the Manse**

One of the scribes asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these."

— Mark 12:28 – 31