

THE WEEKLY

First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit

May 20, 2012

WORSHIP SERVICES

May 20

Series: The Living Dead

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Title: *Deadly Glory*

Choir

Offering: Benevolence

June 3

Series: The Living Dead

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Title: *Not Destroyed*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Offering: Mission Partners

May 27

Series: The Living Dead

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Title: *Blinded to the Life*

Offering: Habitat for Humanity – Grosse Pointe

June 10

Series: The Living Dead

Text: 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

Title: *The Life of the Dead*

Installation of New Office Bearers

Offering: Mission Partners

Have something for The Weekly? Please submit it to grossepointecrc@gmail.com no later than **5:00 pm Wednesday**.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank you to everyone for your donations of time and goods to the rummage sale on May 5. The set-up, sale, and clean-up crews were amazing. A special thank you to Keith and Diane B. for all their work. The rummage sale profit was about \$1,400.

Church Picnic: The annual Church Picnic is planned for Sunday, June 10, immediately following worship. The Church Life Committee is in full swing planning our chicken, beans, salads, and dessert menu. If you're willing to bring a salad, please contact Gayla B. or Gayle C. A few things to remember: plan to come to church ready for the picnic. Salads can be stored in the church refrigerators. The splash pad at Patterson Park will provide entertainment for the kids, so come prepared!

Coffee Break Year-End Brunch: Coffee Break will be wrapping up for the year this Tuesday, May 22, with a brunch beginning at 9:30am. They will resume meeting after Labor Day. Thank you to all those who volunteer for this important ministry!

Thank You: A hearty thank you to the members of the First Church Choir for their service to us this year! Every Wednesday we gather to worship, rehearse, hear God's word and pray together. The choir will now take a summer break until September. If you are interested in joining the choir next year, speak to a choir member or Melody V.

Congregational Meeting: Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend in order to approve next year's church budget and the selection of new elders and deacons. Relevant materials are available in print.

MINISTRIES AT FIRST

Current Liturgical Season: Eastertide. Traditionally, the church has observed the fifty days following Easter as an extended season of celebration. The good news of Jesus Christ's triumph over death simply cannot be confined to one day. Indeed, the Resurrection is the defining event in the

Christian faith, and has far-reaching implications for our lives and our world.

Current Sermon Series: For the seasons of Eastertide and Pentecost we will study the book of 2 Corinthians. Our series, entitled "The Living Dead", reflects Paul's regular references to death and new life found throughout this letter to the early church. As we explore 2 Corinthians, we will see that our life in Christ is a process of dying to an old life and rising to a new one.

Making Space: The Council and Mission Focus Committee have issued this challenge to the First Church Community: once a month, for the next year, invite someone you don't know well, or don't spend much time with, to join you for a time of fellowship (a meal, coffee, dessert, etc.). If you're uncomfortable or feel ill-equipped to entertain, there are several families willing to partner with you by helping host in their homes.

The Gospel is most effectively shared in relationships. The only way to nurture relationships with those who need the Gospel is making space - making space in our schedules for new people, and making space in our lives to accommodate them. If you have questions, or are looking for a "hospitality partner" to help you host, please contact Pastor Ben.

Study Material for 2012: Our first book for group study in 2012 is C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Pastor Ben will continue to offer two weekly meeting times: 6:30-7:30 Monday mornings (at Caribou in the Village) and 10:30-11:30 Tuesday mornings (Pastor's Study). A final discussion for *Mere Christianity* will be held on Sunday, June 10, at 7:00pm. If you haven't participated in weekly discussion groups, and would like to talk about what you've learned in your study, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

CAP: We have a special opportunity to contribute to the Community Assistance Program in 2012. All year long, the deacons will be collecting non-perishable foods and personal items for CAP to distribute to the needy in the Nardin Park neighborhood of Detroit. In May and June, please bring peanut butter & jelly and evaporated milk to church and place them in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. And thank you!

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 (grossepointecrc@gmail.com). 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

Please hear our words of appreciation for the care that has come our way from Grosse Pointe church. We are thankful not only for the furniture that's been lent to us, which is made for a delightful college-style apartment, but also for the encouragement and prayers on our behalf. Many prayers have been answered. We praise God with you, Ron and Sugar N.

Please remember those in our congregation who cannot worship with us regularly because of health concerns. We especially want to remember Wilma D. and Carolyn V.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	<i>May 20</i>	<i>May 27</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Tim and Jen P.	Paul and Nancy M.
<i>Ushers</i>	Ken R.	John R.
<i>Nursery</i>	Diane D., Kris V., Justin M.	Beth D., Susan O., Beth O.
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Ken V.	Sandy M.
<i>Offertory Prayer</i>	Bruce V.	Helen M.
<i>PowerPoint</i>	Heather D.	Scott S.
<i>Refreshments</i>	Larry and Helen M.	Bob and Sue O.
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Melody V., Jon K. Ascension	Melody V., Becky C. Pentecost

CALENDAR

Week of May 20 – May 26:

Sunday

Choir Rehearsal 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am

Monday

Bible Discussion 6:30am
Worship Committee 7:00pm

Tuesday

Coffee Break 10:00am
Bible Discussion 10:30am

Week of May 27 – June 2:

Sunday

Worship Service 10:00am

Tuesday

Bible Discussion 10:30am

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