

THE WEEKLY

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First Church Ministries

Today we welcome Candidate Geoffrey Van Dragt. Geoff, along with his wife Ashley, graduated from Calvin Theological Seminary in May of 2009. For this past year, he has split his time between two ministries, the Arab American Friendship Center in Dearborn and the Campus Chapel in Ann Arbor, where he served as a pastoral intern. The Campus Chapel is currently preparing to call him to serve there as ordained staff in the coming year. Geoff will be filling the role of Pastor of Student Ministries which means that, in addition to preaching most Sundays, he will work with students to plan worship, lead Bible studies, and foster Christian community on the UM campus. When Geoff and Ashley find the time to get away, they like to vacation in Latin America, which was his home for the five years he served with Christian Reformed World Missions.

One Year Bible Challenge

As a congregation we are spending 2010 reading through the entire Bible in a year. We are using the "One Year Bible" as a guide for personal Bible study and our Sunday morning preaching. We offer several resources for anyone interested in participating:

- Printouts of the text references for all One Year Bible readings, available at the back of the sanctuary (or electronically by

request).

- Commentary on select passages on Pastor Ben's blog:
benvanarragon.blogspot.com
- Links to daily readings online available on Pastor Ben's blog.
- 2 weekly discussion groups: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. In Pastor Ben's office; Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Caribou Coffee in the Village (17043 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe)

It's never too late to jump in and start reading. Please join us in our year-long journey through the Bible!

Today's Cause of the Day – Mission Partners

The offering is an opportunity for First Church members and regular attenders to support the work of First Church and other Christian causes; our guests should not feel obligated to contribute.

(Next week's offering will be for the The Community Assistance Program).

Upcoming Worship Services

August 8 Chelsea Harmon

August 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *Foolishness*

August 22

Job 1:6-22 *A Raw Deal*

August 29

Job 40:1-14 *Brace Yourself*

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. ETC offers:

- Networking opportunities and up-to-date information on job leads;
- Training on current job search resources, resume building, interviewing and communication skills;
- Individual coaching and accountability for your personal job search;
- Emotional and spiritual support.

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).

Pastor's Vacation – Pastor Ben and Melody are on vacation until August 9. If, during Pastor Ben's absence, you have concerns of an administrative or pastoral matter, please contact your elder or deacon, or the church office. Thank You!

Congratulations!!!

We congratulate Scott and Susan Sutorka on the birth of their daughter Elisabeth Jo, who arrived on July 26. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. All are doing well. Best wishes to the Sutorka and the Batts families.

Ladies Potluck Response Needed

There will be a ladies potluck at the home of Mary Hulswit on Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 PM. All ladies are welcome. Mary's address is:

3212 Country Club Dr.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48082
1-586-871-2917
maryhulswit@ameritech.net

Please RSVP to Mary ASAP

Upcoming Events:

- August 29: Picnic at the home of Charlie and Ginny Regnerus
- September 18: Antique car show in our parking lot.

CALENDAR AND SERVICE SCHEDULE

This Week (Aug. 1-Aug. 7)

Sunday	
Worship (sanctuary)	10:00 A.M.
Tuesday	
Coffee Break (Parish House)	9:45 A.M.
Wednesday	
Ladies Potluck (Mary Hulswit's)	6:30 P.M.
Deacons Meeting (Gayle's house)	7:00 P.M.

Greeters
Jack and Mary
Kalmink

Ushers
Rick Zuidema

Children's Worship
Storyteller: Jen P.
Greeter: Becky C.
Lesson #12
The Ark and a Tent for
God

Nursery
George and Kelly
Stevens
Allison Stevens

Refreshments
Jane Stewart

Next Week (Aug. 8-Aug. 14)

Sunday	
Worship (sanctuary)	10:00 A.M.
Tuesday	
Coffee Break (Parish House)	9:45 A.M.

Greeters
Paul and Cheryl
Van Tol

Ushers
Ken Regnerus
Paul Malefyt

Children's Worship
Storyteller: Jen P.
Greeter: John R.
Lesson #12
The Promised Land

Nursery
Jeff and Kim
Nyenhuis

Refreshments