



February 2010 Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER

My dear friends,

*I will never forget in July of last summer, we were looking at a close friends new furnace, which he had a contractor install, and my cell phone rang. It was my Son-In-Law, Stephen, telling me that he and my daughter, Laura, had gone to the hospital and that Laura was in labor.*

*I remember that I excused myself and took off for home. I was in cloud 13 and Judy reminded me that before we left that we had to have something to eat. I just wanted to get in the car and start driving to Indianapolis. While we were eating, I reflected back to the time when both of our daughters were born and I can remember this as though it just happened yesterday. Matter of fact, I could tell you every detail just like you could tell me every detail when your children were born.*

*I remember calling a few friends and telling them that we were getting ready to go to Indianapolis and I called my oldest daughter, Rebecca, to let her know what was taking place. On our way to Indianapolis, we talked on the cell phone and several people talked about the joy of being grandparents. I certainly know this joy because I have three other grandchildren.*

*When we arrived at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Laura was still in labor. Matter of fact Laura would end up being in labor for another 14 hours. In the midst of the excitement with two sets of grandparents and relatives and my former wife, I even managed to sleep in a chair sitting up and actually got about 3 to 4 hours of sleep.*

*The wait continued and then Stephen came and told us that they would be doing a C-Section. Forty minutes later he came out and said, "Congratulations! Little Annabella is beautiful." Then 30 minutes later, when Laura had gone into a post delivery room, we got to go and see the most precious sight - a newborn child.*

*There's nothing quite like the birth of a new baby to bring life into focus, to remind each of us of one of the greatest gift of all God's creation: life.*

*Thank You for the precious gifts of life - now and eternal.*

Faithfully yours, Always

Jim Russell, Pastor with Singles

*Single Place WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY* Anytime it becomes necessary close *First Presbyterian Church*, thus cancelling Single Place, we will do our best to announce the cancellation on local radio stations. However, there is no guarantee our closing will be announced. Therefore, it is recommended that you call First Presbyterian Church, 248-349-0911, before leaving home or work. Decisions should be made by 4:00pm in the afternoon.

WED., FEB. 17

7PM SINGLE PLACE COUNCIL MEETING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Council members are:

Bruce Bell

Nancy McDonald

Connie Salvati

Randy Conley

Gayle Quattro

Dave Sutton

Bill Harvey

Grace Roberts

Nancy Hawkins

Jim Russell

## SINGLE PLACE PROGRAMMING &amp; ACTIVITIES

THURS., FEB. 4

Single Place 7:30 - 9:30pm, Boll Fellowship Hall of *First Presbyterian Church*, Northville. \$5

Fitness for Singles with Heather Musallam

It's a brand New Year, a New Decade, and as we begin 2010, we welcome Heather Musallam, who is a personal trainer. Several people from Single Place have participated with Heather. Heather is going to talk about fitness exercises for all ages and what we can do to keep ourselves in shape, have a more positive attitude in life and lead a healthier life style. Come and find out what exercises are good for you and ways that you can keep yourself in shape.

SAT., FEB. 6

8-12pm Bethany Monthly Dance at *St. Robert Bellarmine Church*, 27202 W. Chicago, (corner of W. Chicago & Inkster Rd.), Redford. Doors open at 7:30pm. The \$10 admission includes DJ and refreshments. Call Diane K. for info, 734-261-5716. Classy casual attire please.

SUN., FEB. 7

Worship & Communion @ 11:00am, *First Presbyterian Church*, Northville.

SUN., FEB. 7

SuperBowl Party at Dave's Condo in Northville. Party starts at 5:45pm, kick-off at 6:25pm. \$5 with a dish to pass, or \$10 if empty handed. Dave will be serving pulled pork on a bun. To reserve a spot, call (248.348.5958) or email Dave ([dave@mugobeer.com](mailto:dave@mugobeer.com)). Limited to the first 20 people to sign up! Two large screen HDTVs!

WED., FEB. 10

6:30pm Dining Out. Meet at Aubree's Pizzeria & Tavern on Haggerty Rd. NE corner at 8 Mile (formerly UNO's Pizza) in the Trader Joe's Shopping Center across from Meijer's. Reservations are necessary and can be made simply by calling Grace at 734-464-4029.

THURS., FEB. 11

Single Place 7:30 - 9:30pm, Boll Fellowship Hall of *First Presbyterian Church*, Northville. \$5

Body Language with Deana Dimaggio, MA

Have you ever thought about what your body language has to say about you. When people see you, how do they view you and how do you view them. Are you a person whose body language tells people that you are a type of person who is approachable? Or are you a type of person whose boundaries keep you at a distance? Tonight Single Place welcomes Deanna Dimaggio, who will talk on the secret feelings that people carry with them and how this affects what we have to say to others. Deanna Dimaggio is a Christian Psychologist in private practice in Livonia.

SAT., FEB. 13

7:30pm Dinner & Karaoke. Come to eat, laugh and have fun with friends, even if you do not care to participate. It is good entertainment to watch and listen to others who can (and cannot) sing. Meet at the Starting Gate Grill, 135 N. Center Street in downtown Northville for dinner, followed by karaoke which begins at 9pm. Sign up at Single Place or call Gayle, 734-306-7193, so she can reserve enough tables. All cost on your own.

SUN., FEB. 14

Worship @ 11:00am, *First Presbyterian Church*, Northville

## SINGLE PLACE PROGRAMMING &amp; ACTIVITIES

WED., FEB. 17

7pm Single Place Council meeting at *First Presbyterian Church*.

Council members are:

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bruce Bell     | Randy Conley  | Bill Harvey   | Nancy Hawkins |
| Nancy McDonald | Gayle Quattro | Grace Roberts | Jim Russell   |
| Connie Salvati | Dave Sutton   |               |               |

THURS., FEB. 18

SINGLE PLACE 7:00 - 9:30PM, BOLL FELLOWSHIP HALL OF *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*, NORTHVILLE, \$5

Light &amp; Lively Dinner &amp; Concert featuring John Leabu

Single Place will be having a great stew dinner that will feature Nancy McDonald's famous country stew, with potatoes, carrots, rolls and salad. Refreshments will be served. It simply can't get any better than this. If you are coming for the Light and Lively Dinner, we ask for advance registration and \$10 which includes dinner and Single Place. Or you can come to the Single Place Concert only for \$5. You may make reservations by purchasing your ticket at Single Place, or you can e-mail [erica@firstpresville.org](mailto:erica@firstpresville.org) or by calling FPC office at 248-349-0911.

Country Music with John Leabu @ 7:30pm Single Place is pleased to welcome John Leabu, who will be playing Country Music. Bring your cowboy hat and boots. We will hear some of the great country songs from Garth Brooks, John Denver and others plus John will also play some modern contemporary songs.

John Leabu has come to Single Place. He was a Disc Jockey for 18 years beginning his radio career at WNIC. Then John spent most of his career in St. Louis where he did the morning show and the afternoon drive. John hosted the Country Music for many years. John works in Communications for a large corporation in Wixom.

SAT., FEB. 20

6pm Dinner & Play. Meet at the Brass Point Food & Spirits, 24234 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills for dinner. The play, *You Can't Take It With You* by George Kaufman & Moss Hart, is a comedy which has become one of the greatest American plays of all time. A limited number of tickets are available for \$20 each, payable in ADVANCE at Single Place. Call Grace for info., 734-464-4029.

SUN., FEB. 21

Worship 11:00am, *First Presbyterian Church*, Northville

THURS., FEB. 25

SINGLE PLACE 7:30 - 9:30PM, BOLL FELLOWSHIP HALL OF *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*, NORTHVILLE. \$5

Questions for the Opposite Sex with Sandy Baumann

Tonight bring questions that you would like to ask of the opposite sex and drop them in our quiz bowl. The questions have to be the kind that can be ask in front of Jesus. Questions like this: AWhy do men always want to date younger women? Do inexpensive dates turn women off? If I don't kiss her, will she think I'm not attracted to her? What have you found interesting from online dating? These are just a few questions, you can bring questions you would like to ask.

FRI/SAT FEB 26/27

Men's Retreat

Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit among Christian Men

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

-Galatians 5: 22-25

## SINGLE PLACE PROGRAMMING &amp; ACTIVITIES

FRI/SAT FEB 26/27 (CONT)

Men's Retreat

Living a life that is nourished by the Spirit of Christ brings us into constant conflict with the values and goals of the culture in which we live. This is a perplexing dilemma for the follower of Jesus Christ who are called to bear the Fruit of the Spirit in a setting that promotes very different values and goals. Based on Paul's description of the "Fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5:16-26, this retreat will focus our attention on how to cultivate the kind of fruit in our life together that reflects the life of our risen Lord. (Two clues: It doesn't just come naturally, and it is the greatest adventure upon which we can possibly embark in this life!)

Robert L. Hunter (Bob) is a pastor, author, counselor and consultant with extensive experience in guiding congregations and leaders in their faith journey. Bob is on the staff of Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis.

Friday night The Men's Retreat begins with a great Steak Dinner and Bob's first presentation. On Saturday, Feb. 27 a Continental Breakfast will be served and also lunch. We will adjourn at 3:00pm.

Pre-registration fee is \$42; at the door is \$48. You may register by calling FPC at 248-349-0911 or e-mail [erica@firstpresville.org](mailto:erica@firstpresville.org).

SAT., FEB. 27

6:30pm Trivia Night at the Sgt. Romanoski V.F.W. Hall, 28945 Joy Rd., Westland (E. of Middlebelt Rd.). Sign up at Single Place or call Gayle, 734-306-7193, so she can reserve enough tables for this fun and inexpensive evening. There is a \$20 charge for each table, (cost split between the 3-4 persons at that table.) This is held in a non-smoking room and you can even bring your own snacks. Cash bar for beverages and each table gets a pizza. See you there.

SUN., FEB. 28

Worship 11:00am, *First Presbyterian Church*, Northville

## UPCOMING MARCH &amp; APRIL TENTATIVE

THURS., MAR. 4

SINGLE PLACE 7:30 - 9:30PM, BOLL FELLOWSHIP HALL OF *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*, NORTHVILLE. \$5

Thirty Minutes Changed Forever Presented by Julie M. Frawley

Julie Frawley, who has written a book, *Thirty Minutes*, is one woman's search for answers after surviving a vicious assault in her own home here in Michigan. Julie will talk about being a victim to survivor and the years of healing that grew from her assault. Her story is an uplifting and healing, one from which all people will benefit. Ms. Frawley has the ability and experience to explain to others what she has gone through in the past 20 years. She has found the ability to forgive and can show others the power of forgiveness. Julie Frawley continues to offer insight to other victims of sexual assault. Ms. Frawley is an accomplished speaker, having received the Phoenix Award in 2009 from HAVEN. She has spoken on Public TV and radio, HEAVEN'S C.O.R.E. meetings and staff meetings, police departments, churches and universities.

Father John Ricardo, pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel of Plymouth writes: "While the subject matter is disturbing, I couldn't put the book down! Julie M. Frawley gives us a privileged glimpse inside the mind and heart of a person who has undergone trauma and is wrestling with those questions that we all feel when evil happens. But the end result is - another privileged glimpse into a person who has been forever changed by the transforming power of forgiveness."

## UPCOMING MARCH &amp; APRIL CONT

## THIRTY MINUTES CHANGED FOREVER (CONT)

Beth Morrison, President of HAVEN in Pontiac writes. "Julie does an exceptional job in sharing her personal story of victimization and her triumph in overcoming the trauma of sexual assault. I have witnessed her ability to move an audience to tears yet to leave them feeling inspired and hopeful. Julie's unassuming style and her unselfish sharing of such a personal journey has motivated many people to feel empowered to create change."

Twenty three years ago, Julie Frawley became the victim of vicious (sexual) assault that left her angry, confused and searching for answers. She writes about her recovery and her struggle to forgive. Julie resides in Troy with her husband and three children.

WED., MAR. 10

Dining Out. Location to be announced.

THURS., MAR. 11

SINGLE PLACE 7:30 - 9:30PM, BOLL FELLOWSHIP HALL OF *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*, NORTHVILLE. \$5

Putting Your House in Order, Managing Risk by Steven Burner, CFP

It is important every year that people take time to evaluate where you are financially and can or should you make some changes so you are able to live a more enjoyable life.

Steven Burner is a Certified Financial Planner and a partner in the KMBH Group at UBS Financial Services. As a group - the KMBH Group is 6 members strong, servicing Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio. Our group is guided by 3 principles - dedicated research, great communication and a strong belief in the financial planning process with an emphasis on Retirement Planning, Estate Planning and Insurance/Liability Planning.

It is always good to come with questions to help you Put Your House in Order.

Please note that Single Place is pleased to sponsor this evening. Any decision that one might decide to make is up to you and Single Place does not endorse any products. We are pleased to have Steven Burner as our guest speaker.

SAT. MAR., 13

6:00pm Northville Downs Race Track for a Buffet Dinner plus ?? For a mere \$33 you can enjoy a complete evening of entertainment which includes a delicious all-you-can-eat buffet dinner (tax & tip included) plus a program for the evening events. Drinks are extra. Dinner is served from 6:30 - 9:30pm Other 'events' begin at 6:45pm. (Whatever happens at the track stays at the track) ADVANCE PAID reservations by March 6 please. Call Nancy for info, 734-459-7235.

THURS., MAR. 18

SINGLE PLACE 7:00 - 9:15PM, BOLL FELLOWSHIP HALL OF *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*, NORTHVILLE.

Post St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Party

\$12/person for Dinner AND Sing-A-Long or

\$5/person for Sing-A-Long with Marianne Murphy

Tonight the Post St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party will consist of delicious corn beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls, beverage and dessert for \$7 (Dinner Only). Come hungry and enjoy the Irish music sing-a-long with Marianne Murphy following dinner. Single Place will provide song sheets. The dinner begins at 7pm. Reservations are necessary and must be made by noon on Tuesday, March 16th. You may purchase your dinner/entertainment ticket for \$12 at Single Place on Thursday evenings, by calling First Presbyterian Church, 248-349-0911, weekdays from 9am to 4pm or email [erica@firstpresnville.org](mailto:erica@firstpresnville.org). ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE HONORED!

## UPCOMING MARCH &amp; APRIL CONT

SAT., MAR. 20

5pm Spring Fling House Party. Nancy H. Has graciously invited Single Place to her home to celebrate our surviving another Michigan winter. Hopefully, the Mother Nature will notice that on the calendar, Spring is officially just a few days away. As usual, you are asked to bring a dish of real food to pass, plus \$5 or \$10 if coming empty handed. This will be a great time to get yourself out of the winter doldrums and be with friends. Sign up at Single Place or call Nancy H. if you can attend, 313-720-8660. You won't regret it.

THURS., MAR 25

SINGLE PLACE 7:30 - 9:15PM, BOLL FELLOWSHIP HALL OF *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*, NORTHVILLE. \$5/PERSON

Read Any Good Faces Lately? with Lin Klaassen

What relationships do you have that depend primarily on face-to-face interaction? All of the important ones and many casual ones. Whether it's a friend, child, boss, co-worker or client, the quality of the relationship depends on how well we understand them and they us. And how well we understand them depends on what we've learned about their personality, attitudes and behavior and how they interact with ours. Join us for a fascinating evening of FACE READING that will educate and entertain you...all at the same time. (Bring a mirror for your personal observations.)

Lin Klaassen is internationally recognized as one of the leading Face Readers of our time. Setting precedents has become characteristic no matter what area of life she is applying face reading to, be it corporate training, lectures, workshops, trial consulting, life coaching or individual readings. Perhaps you have seen Lin on Fox TV or CBC Canada.

THURS., APR. 1

Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:30pm *First Presbyterian Church*

NO SINGLE PLACE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

FRI., APRIL 2

Good Friday Evening Service @ 7:30pm *First United Methodist Church*, Northville

SUN., APRIL 4

Easter Services @ 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am *First Presbyterian Church*, Northville

THURS., APRIL 8

SINGLE PLACE 7:30 - 9:15PM, BOLL FELLOWSHIP HALL OF *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*, NORTHVILLE. \$5/PERSON

*An Inspiring Account of Rising Above Disabilities & Challenges* with Marty & Jordan Levin

There are confusing individual choices to make: the usual minefield of relationships, financial uncertainty and other challenges of the real world. Imagine how difficult it would be for those living with disabilities such as needing a wheelchair, being blind or deaf. Author Martin J. Levin shares with readers an inspiring and stirring account of his son's struggles and triumphs in *WE WERE RELENTLESS: A Family Journey to Overcome Disability*.

Jordan Levin's life started out as a perilous and suspenseful adventure of his parents. Born three months premature, he was so small that he weighed 31 ounces - with tiny hands the size of a man fingernail. He had a series of operations to correct conditions that threatened his grip on life. But hang on he did. And when it seemed that everyone would turn out fine, Jordan was diagnosed as being profoundly deaf - he could hear sounds with frequencies below a certain threshold, but above that he was at a loss.

Amazingly, even before the diagnosis, young Jordan had the uncanny and innate ability to lip-read. So, with the courage and foresight of his parents who were determined to raise him as normally as possible, he learned how to speak, graduated with a B.A. from Michigan State University and grew up to become a successful and confident young man.

Later, he would embark on a career as a motivational speaker and personal trainer. More than a fascinating story of a person's triumph over disability, *WE WERE RELENTLESS: A Family's Journey to Overcome Disability* is also a touching account about a father's and mother's love for their son - and how they encouraged him every step of the way to be all that he could be.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

w/various speakers

JANUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 25, 2010

COST: \$35/person

7:30 - 9:30pm

Emeritus Room (upper level) of *First Presbyterian Church*  
200 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

- Networking, by Jim Russell: Pastor Russell has worked with Single Adults Ministry since 1987. He is Associate Pastor at *First Presbyterian Church*, Northville.
- Stages of Grief by J. Harold Ellens, Ph.D.: Dr. Ellens is a minister and psychologist in private practice in Farmington Hills. Dr. Ellens has written extensively and has lectured around the world.
- Legal Aspect of Divorce by David Jerome: an attorney in Northville, Dave Jerome uses his legal expertise to discuss how the legal process works and your legal rights in the divorce process.
- Helping Children Through Divorce, Susan McKeanna: Susan is a therapist in private practice in Northville and Plymouth. She is an author of a book that was published on Children & Divorce.
- Church & Divorce, Spiritual Help & Forgiveness: Pastor Jim Russell: Pastor Russell will talk on Forgiveness and the biblical process of how to let go.
- Passage of Divorce: A panel discussion and participation by Single Place members on how they handled their divorce and what helped them and how they were able to move on.
- Putting Your Ex Into Focus; Relationships Old and New, Susan McKeanna: Susan is a therapist in private practice in Northville and Plymouth. She is an author of a published book on Children & Divorce.

To receive a brochure you may call the church office at 248-349-0911. We ask for a \$35 Registration, which includes the book *Growing Through Divorce* and a notebook. Scholarships are available by contacting Erica Ginter or Pastor Russell.

Remit \$35 check payable to:  
First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

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| <b>DIVORCE RECOVERY REGISTRATION FORM</b>  |                                |
| DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP  | JANUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 25, 2010 |
| NAME: _____  |                                |
| PHONE NUMBER: _____  |                                |
| STREET ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP: _____   |                                |
| REMIT \$35 CHECK PAYABLE TO: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 EAST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167 |                                |

## SEMINAR OPPORTUNITIES

## SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK AND WHITE

Thoughts on Religion, Morality and Politics Six Sunday Evenings  
January 17, 24, 31 & February 13, 21, & 28 from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Chapel

Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with every-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't been tried is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us.

Offering insights first outlined in his book by Adam Hamilton, *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, we will look at the following topics:

- Where Faith and Politics Meet
- Christ, Christians, and Culture Wars
- How Should We Live? The Ethics of Jesus
- Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray
- What Would Jesus Say to America
- Adam's Story: Pro-Life With a Heavy Heart

The Participants Study Guide on *Seeing Grey in a World of Black and White* is \$11 and we ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of materials. The Chapel is located adjacent to Boll Fellowship Hall and you may enter the Chapel from the Main Street Entrance to Boll Fellowship Hall. Group discussion and questions will follow each presentation.



Please remember the church is a peanut free zone. We have children attending church and preschool with life-threatening peanut allergies.