



March 2010 Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER

My dear friends,

Last summer my middle grandson, Jonah, and I went up North and camped out by Lake Michigan. We had a fabulous time and quite frankly it was a time that I will never forget. When we pulled into the park and began to set up our tent I was lost in knowing what to do. Of course, I could not expect a nine year old to know what to do to set up our tent. The tent belonged to Troop #755 which is part of the Scout Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, one of the largest troops in Wayne County. As we laid the tent out on the ground and put all the parts in a neat and orderly fashion a couple came by and said to us, "you both look like you could use some help."

My wife knows what she is doing and we will help you set up your tent. They went to their camper and when they came back they both looked at the tent and his wife said, "these steel poles will go in the canvas this way." Then she went back to their camper and brought some rope back and before we knew it they had our tent up. They even managed to put a canvas over the tent because the weather forecast was for rain that night.

When we pulled into the park that evening and we started to set up our tent, I was praying for help. But I never expected an angel and that night we had two angels.

I've thought about the incident many times since, and at that moment Jonah and I were given an angel. We never saw those two people again. Jonah and I went to a candy store and we bought them a gift of candy and put it by their camper with a note of appreciation. Recently, I saw someone in need and I was able to do an anonymous favor. It was a small thing, really, and it was accomplished easily, but I believe the deed was rather significant to the person it helped.

Why am I telling you all this? Well, just in case you have been a little skeptical about angels, I'm reminding you to stay alert. You might have been helped by one or you might be called upon to be one.

*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., MAR. 24

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 & ACTIVITIES

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."

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. Julie is a Stephen Minister and a Stephen leader in her parish.

SAT., MAR. 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., MAR. 7

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

WED., MAR. 10

6:30pm Dining Out. Meet at the Deadwood Bar & Grill, 18730 Northville Rd. (Between 6 & 7 Mile Rds.). Reservations are necessary and can be made simply by calling Grace at 734-464-4029.

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.

SINGLE PLACE PROGRAMMING & ACTIVITIES

SAT., MAR. 13

6:00pm Buffett Dinner @ Northville Downs. Come to Northville Downs Race Track in Northville for a delicious buffet dinner, plus??? For a mere \$33 you can enjoy a complete evening of entertainment which includes the all-you-can-eat buffet, coffee or hot tea, tax, tip and a program for the evening's events. Other drinks are extra. Dinner is served from 6:30 - 9:30pm. Other 'events' begin at 7:15pm (Whatever happens at the track - stays at the track) ADVANCE PAID RESERVATIONS by MARCH 6 PLEASE. Sign up at Single Place or call Nancy at 734-459-7235.

SUN., MAR. 14

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

SUN., MAR. 14

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

THURS., MAR. 18

SINGLE PLACE 7:00 - 9:30PM, 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

It's St. Patrick's Time and if you are a wee-bit-Irish or not Single Place will be hosting a Post St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party. Dinner will consist of delicious corn beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls, beverage and dessert. Come and enjoy a great dinner. Then at 7:30pm, if you are not already here for dinner, join us for the Irish music sing-a-long with Marianne Murphy. Single Place will provide song sheets and we will do some great singing. If you are coming for dinner, reservations are necessary and must be made by noon on Tuesday, March 16th. You may prepay for your dinner/entertainment venue for \$12 at Single Place on Thursday evenings, by calling First Presbyterian Church, 248-349-0911, weekdays from 9am to 4pm or email erica@firstpresville.org. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE HONORED!

SAT., MAR. 20

5pm "Spring Fling" House Party. Nancy H. Has graciously invited Single Place to her home to celebrate surviving another Michigan winter. Hopefully, the weather will notice that Spring officially began today. As usual, you are asked to bring a dish of real food to pass and \$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 would like to attend, 313-720-8660. You won't regret it.

SUN., MAR. 21

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

SUN., MAR. 21

4pm The Detroit Handbell Ensemble will present a concert at *First Presbyterian Church* in Northville. This concert also includes selections performed by the TeDeum Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church. This concert is presented as part of the Fine Arts Series at First Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$15 Adults, \$10 Seniors. Public is invited.

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

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SINGLE PLACE PROGRAMMING & ACTIVITIES

THURS., MAR. 25

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

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.

SAT., MAR. 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., MAR. 28

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



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

UPCOMING MARCH & APRIL CONT

(all social events are tentative)

Single Place Adult Ministry WILL NOT Meet this week
First Presbyterian Church Invites You to Attend Holy Week Services

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 CELEBRATION 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.

SAT., APRIL 10

Dinner & Music G. Sabu's (Leather Bottle) Livonia

WED., APRIL 14

6:30pm Dining Out. Location to be announced.

UPCOMING MARCH & APRIL CONT

THURS., APRIL 15

SINGLE PLACE 7:30 - 9:15PM, BOLL FELLOWSHIP HALL OF *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*, NORTHVILLE. \$5/PERSON
with Robert Scanlan, MA
(His topic will appear in the April Single Place Newsletter)

SAT., APRIL 17

'After Tax' House Party. NEED A LOCATION

THURS., APRIL 22

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

Contentment is a choice. Finding contentment comes from learning to appreciate the blessings you have received, not dwelling on what you feel is lacking in your life. It is a matter of perspective, attitude, and faith. Tonight Tiffany will concentrate on learning how to focus on what we have received, how to use our abundance to help others, slowing down the pace of our lives, and finding joy in the daily rhythm of life.

Tiffany Liguori is an inspirational speaker, wife and mother of four children and founder of Intended Life Today, a website and ministry focusing on living the life that God has purposed you to live. She is currently working on a book titled, *An Intended Life*.

SAT., APRIL 24

"Oklahoma" at the Cherry Hill Village Theater, Canton

THURS., APRIL 29

Single Place 7:30 - 9:15pm, Boll Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, Northville.

Pizza and Games Night

7:00pm Pizza & Salad Bar

7:30pm Games Night, Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader

Single Place Presents Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader. Come tonight and see if you are smarter than Fifth Graders. Single Place will feature Pizza and Salad. If you are coming for Pizza and Salad Bar we ask for a donation of \$7 and to come to Single Place we ask for a donation of \$5. Come and enjoy this special games night and bring fiends as Single Place will challenge all of us with questions that are asked of fifth graders.

SAT., MAY 1

Cinco de Mayo Dinner and fun in Mexican Town, Detroit

SAT., MAY 8

Joey's Comedy Club, Livonia

SAT., MAY 22

'Lansing Lugnuts' Baseball Game, Lansing

MON., MAY 31

Memorial Day House Party. NEED A LOCATION

DIVORCE RECOVERY

w/various speakers

APRIL 8 - MAY 20, 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.
- Putting Your Ex Into Focus with Dell Deaton. Dell is in marketing, is head of Divorce Peers and does Mediation Divorce. Dell has a passion for Singles Ministry and is dedicating his life to serving God in helping people through divorce.
- 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.
- Church & Divorce, Spiritual Help & Forgiveness: Pastor Jim Russell: Pastor Russell will talk on Forgiveness and the biblical process of how to let go.
- Helping Children Through Divorce with A Representative from Samaritan Counseling.
- 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.
- 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 fee, which includes a notebook. Childcare is available with three days advance notice.

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

DIVORCE RECOVERY REGISTRATION FORM

DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP

APRIL 8 - MAY 20, 2010

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

STREET ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP: _____

REMIT \$35 CHECK PAYABLE TO: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 EAST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167

OPEN LETTER TO ALL SINGLES

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE - WHAT DO YOU GIVE BACK TO SINGLE PLACE?

Each of us receives more than just a few hours of social interaction when we attend Thursday PM meetings or any of the various functions Single Place offers.

WE RECEIVE:

1. Comfort in knowing we are not alone in our alone-ness.
2. Support by sharing our thoughts, fears and feelings with other singles who "are there or have been there".
3. New Friendships Where better to meet other singles than in a Christian atmosphere.
4. Educational Opportunities to learn how to improve your outlook on life and correct some personality faults.
(WE ALL HAVE THEM!)

Anyway - you get the picture. Now - what do you give back for all these benefits you have received at Single Place? One way is your continued support by attending Thursday PM meetings and our weekend parties, sports events, cards and games nights, dinners, concerts and theaters. Thank you for that.

Another way to give back would be to give the gift of time - a little or a lot - to help make these events happen. A little involvement by everyone results in a more effective organization, which ultimately results in YOU receiving more comfort, support, friendships and personal improvement. Who doesn't want that.

Single Place is at a somewhat critical time regarding social planning. Especially the "burn out" for the few people who seem to do the most. We need YOUR help. Never done anything like this before - no problem. The experienced will be glad to help and guide you along every step of the way. Many times it is just a phone call to buy tickets or make dinner reservations, or be a car pool driver (you will be reimbursed for gas). Or how about hosting a house party or card night? You can even set your limit on the number of people you have space for in your apartment, condo or home. (There again, you will be reimbursed for any expenses you incur.) Just get involved and see how much better you can feel about not only yourself but life in general. It's a great feeling to help others. THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION! YOU make it that way by giving something back in return for the many benefits YOU have received.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO SURVIVE!