

Fort Street News

Week of March 7, 2010

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Lewis Rockwell WSU Scholarship Endowment

MISSION STATEMENT

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is an oasis in an urban environment, building a caring Christian community where diversity is celebrated and developing programs that minister to metropolitan Detroit and the world beyond. We do this in response to the grace of God through Jesus Christ, recognizing the truth of the Gospel: *There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.*

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Wednesday, March 10th, at 12:00 pm.

• First Sunday Luncheon Group

Join the 1st Sunday group as they will dine at Los Galanes Mexican Restaurant, 3362 Bagley, Detroit, Phone 313.554.4444 All are invited. Look for Hedi Mulford, in the narthex, following services. She will have maps and directions information for participants.

• Committee Meetings

The Session will hold its next meeting on **Wednesday, March 10th, @ 4:00 Program staff; 5:00 Member Dev.; 6:00 Peace Justice; Worship Arts; and 7:00 Spiritual Dev.**

Some of you may remember Lew Rockwell, and his late wife, Jean. The Rockwells were longtime members of Fort Street, and had strong ties to some of our members, as well as our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Robert Crilley.

The Rockwells were so fond of Fort Street that they remembered our church with a very generous gift upon Lew's passing. Fort Street is the fortunate beneficiary of a \$50,000 endowment to be used to provide scholarships to Wayne State University for Fort Street's young members.

Between Lew and Jean, they earned five degrees from WSU. As a result, their daughter, Louise Jensen, has directed Fort Street to use this generous gift to help our young members attain a higher education through WSU. What and lasting and significant impact this gift will have on our members!

If you or a family member are currently attending WSU, or plan to do so in the near future, please contact Judith Sheldon at 313-961-4533 to learn more about this scholarship opportunity.

Fort Street's Mission Committee hosts groups during March 2010

Many people will find a warm place to stay at Fort Street. Alternative Weekend Students, will join us overnight on:

- **Univ. of Michigan, 19-20**
- **NY Univ. 14-20,**
- **Kalamazoo 26-38.**

.....So Fortstreeters invite them in! Please welcome them, ask them to tell you their stories and share your Fort Street experience with them.



We are praying for...

Prayer List

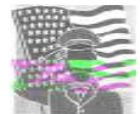
for the month of March 2010

Cynthia Bagley, Lynne Bieniek, Leon Brown, Doug Burton, Mary Culp, Ada Earle, Alex French, Rose Grosscup/family, Grace Heatley, Shannon Howard, Ron Hunter, Janet Huthwaite, Bob Jackman, Rosalind Jackson, Virgil / Geraldine Adams Jones, Patricia Jones, Artaysia Mallisham, Sarah/John Morgan, Parker family, Mr. Patton, Payne family, Puls family, Elaine Shepherd, Lucille Strotter, Wallace Triplett, and Turyear family.

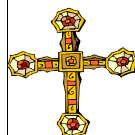
PRAYERS FOR MILITARY LOVED ONES.

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, LT Brandon Currie USMC, LCPL Taylor Hansen USMC, PFC Teresa Houghton USA, Shanell Howard AFB, Sgt. Christopher King, Capt. Michael Kurtti, Off. Alta Morrison, Capt. Timothy Nogalski USMC, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Matthew Allen Townley USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

Please contact Kevin Henderson, kjhenderson@ameritech.net if you are a FSPC member or children of members serving in the military. Thanks.



Attendance for:
February 28, 2010: 110
March 1, 2009: 164



Thanks be to God for the silver cross that has been found and returned to its place on the communion table!!



Marriage Anyone 2009?

Thinking of getting married? Want to get married at Fort Street? Contact the church office @313-961-4533 or Loretta Stanton's cell phone number, 313-549-1015.

• Calling all Singers!

Rehearse with the Worship Choir on the **2nd and 4th Sundays**, in the sanctuary balcony. Join the choir starting at 9:15 am. All are welcome.

• New Members Welcomed

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fort Street Presbyterian Church, please contact the pastor, Rev. Sharon Mook at 313-961-4533 ext. 32 or revdrMook@FortStreet.org

• FSPC Help for Haiti

If you wish to contribute to the earthquake relief effort in Haiti, you may do so through the church. Make your check payable to Fort Street Presbyterian Church, and note "Haiti Relief." All funds received will be forwarded to the relief agency of the PCUSA.

**Remembering
Reverend Mark J. Keely
March 10, 1955 – March 8, 2006**



March 8, 2010 marks the fourth anniversary of the untimely death of the Reverend Mark James Keely.

March 5, 2006 was the last Sunday sermon that Rev Keely delivered from the Fort Street pulpit. Mark was known for inserting the contemporary world into his sermons. His sermon that Sunday was about transparency and truth. In the sermon, Mark returned to his undergraduate theatre days and used a scene from the popular movie "A Few Good Men" (also the title of the sermon) to underscore the potential risks associated with asking for the truth and transparency in our lives. The 1992 film starred Demi Moore, Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson, who received an Oscar nomination for his brief but riveting performance.

In the beginning of the sermon, Mark re-enacted the film's climactic scene, alternately playing the roles of the meek military defense attorney Lt. Coffey (played by Cruise in the film) and his courtroom opponent, the mighty military base commander Colonel Jessup (played by Nicholson). First as Lt Coffey, Rev Keely challenges Colonel Jessup (Nicholson) saying, **"I want the truth"**; switching to play the role of Colonel Jessup, Rev Keely bellows in reply **"You want the truth? You can't handle the truth!"**

Sometimes the truth is hard to handle. Later in the sermon, Rev Keely talked about what he called the 'hiding and hurling' behaviors that Adam and Eve engaged in to avoid facing the truth when confronted by God. Toward the end of the sermon, Rev Keely used a quote by French philosopher Andre Gide to further illustrate the importance, yet also the inherent risks and challenges, of being truly honest: *"It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not"*.

Rev Keely closed the sermon, his last from the Fort Street pulpit, with a quote from Mother Theresa:

"People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway. If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. People who really want help may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway. Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt. Give the world the best you have anyway."

On March 8, we remember the Reverend Mark J. Keely. As we move forward as a congregation under the guidance of our new Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sharon L. Mook, may we continue the tradition of striving to work through our challenges with honesty and transparency.

Submitted by Randy Commissaris



FSPC Youth News

Donlin Christian Education Center

March 7, 2010

"Visions and Voices:
Miracles and Magic with Jesus"
Study year 2009 - 2010

Children's activities begin at 9:30 a.m. We will prepare hygiene kits for Open Door visitors, and plan for the upcoming Art Auction on March 14, 2010 with Ms. Amy Wolfe.

Mr. Craig McLean will join us in church school and we will plan for Youth Sunday, March 21, 2010.

The middle school youth will plan for Youth Sunday and work on their "My Angel, My Self" art project with Ms. Judith.

The Youth Center for senior high youth will open today at 9:30 and again at 12:10. Senior high youth will meet with Sam Umachi today, in the Youth Center, following service, to plan for Youth Sunday.

Senior high youth will attend "Song for Coretta" on March 19, 2010., supporting the Chorale fund raiser.

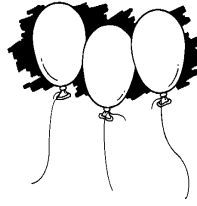
Today is the seventh Sunday of Confirmation 2010 at 9:30 in the Donlin Center, led by Yemi Kinni-Olusanyin and Andrew Bostrom. Judith will visit to discuss service projects.

Karen Wright welcomes infants and toddlers in the Nursery, and Marilyn Moore supports our elementary youth in fellowship and church school activities.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19: 14



HELP WANTED! Easter Balloons at Fort Street



Come help make the annual Fort Street Easter Balloon launch a "Rising" success! The Worship and Arts committee needs someone to volunteer to coordinate the balloons for Easter and lots of volunteers to come early on Easter to be coordinated. If we don't have anyone to blow up the balloons, we won't have any! Nancy Jackson has all the details from past coordinator, Erich Hintzen, contact her and she will fill you in.

From the Open Door



Thanks again to Fort Street's Younger Members!

In case you weren't here last Sunday, the 28th, the Open Door received, from some of our youngest supporters, a BIG check for no less than \$300.

Each year, the kids at Fort Street hold an event on Super Bowl Sunday where they sell what else... Soup!

How fortunate we are, both the Open Door and Fort Street, to have these young friends, members, and supporters who help to remind us how much fun there is to be had... while still helping others less fortunate than we are. Kudos to the crew and to Judith for keeping us in their hearts... and for keeping us smiling.

What we need:

- **SOCKS, SOCKS... AND MORE SOCKS!**
- **Men's pants; sizes 32+**
- **Men's sweatshirts, hoodies, spring weather-wear**

A person with Ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed.

-Archbishop Desmond Tutu





HIGH NOTES FROM THE CHORALE:

JOSIAH'S "JOSHUA" JOTTINGS: PART 2:
"CROSSING JORDAN"

(# 6): Joshua, who is very good at delegating authority, orders Caleb to select one good man from each of the twelve tribes to pick up a rock from the Jordan. Joshua obviously expects a miracle reminiscent of the Red Sea parting.

(# 7): The miracle occurs: Joshua wants future generations to forever remember what took place. In the remarkable chorus that follows, the choir and orchestra describe a frightening sight: a wall of water has formed, stopping the river's flow to the Dead Sea, and provides the Israelites with a path to the other side. Musically, Handel does this: with no orchestral accompaniment, the choir sings four bars of chords, ten chords of exactly the same notes, denoting a stoppage. Then, each voice part sings a rolling passage, denoting water being rolled back to its spring up north. For much of the rest of this chorus, some voices sing those ten-note chords and others, the rolling-the-water-back runs, and then the theme of "the wondrous passage" through the gap provided, to the other side. The entire unaccompanied ("a capella") ten chords are repeated, followed by ten orchestral chords, and again, the flowing waters. The chorus ends with ten notes, but this time, no repeated chords: a grand Handelian ending.

This incredible story is told in the Book of Joshua, Chapters 3 and 4. The Ark of the Covenant plays a central role. The priests carrying the Ark will step into the river, and, at that moment, the waters will recede. The Ark will be placed on the dry riverbed, and the Israelites will follow, pass by the Ark, and cross to the other side. Twelve men, one from each tribe, will take a stone, or rock, which they will pick up from the now-dry riverbed, carry it on their shoulders, and bring them to the Promised Land, to be placed in Gilgal. (There seem to have been twelve other rocks. They were placed, apparently one on top of another, in the middle of the Jordan. {Josh. 4:9})

As soon as all 40,000 Israelites had crossed safely, the priests were instructed to bring the Ark to the campground. When that was done, the waters returned and overflowed its banks, as usually happens in the spring-time.

Can this story be believed? Those who believe that the Bible is God's Word obviously believe this. Others question it, or dismiss it as a legend. But it is interesting that twice in the 20th Century, the Jordan flooded and caused a collapse of the marl cliffs at the town of Adam, 18 miles north of where the Israelites crossed. The river was blocked, and the riverbed dried up, once for more than 21 hours!

(# 8): In his recitative, followed by a lovely aria, Joshua seems overwhelmed by God's mercy. His aria (solo), full of runs that portray gently-flowing waters, possibly a depiction of God's ever-flowing mercy.

A word here on "recitative". As the word implies, it is a musical account of what is happening or what is said. It moves the story of an oratorio along. (An aria is a reflection upon the recitative) Now, there are two types of recitative: "secco" and "accompagnato". Numbers 3, 5, and 6 are examples of

"secco" ("dry"), accompanied only by chords from the "continuo", which are harpsichord and cello. # 8's recitative is "accompagnato": accompanied throughout by members of the string section.

Submitted by Josiah Tazelaar

MUSIC AT FORT STREET

**Fort Street Chorale
& Chamber Orchestra
Handel's "Joshua"
Sunday, May 2, 3 p.m.**

**For ticket information
see any Chorale
member, or call secretary
@ (313) 961-4533,
or go to www.fortstreet.org**

The Fort Street Chorale
Edward Kingins, Music Director

A SONG FOR CORETTA A play by Pearl Cleage

Please join the Fort Street Chorale for a lovely evening
at the Detroit Repertory Theatre
Friday, March 19, 2010 7:30 p.m.
Champagne & Hors d'oeuvres 8:30 p.m.
Performance Begins
Tickets: \$15.00 per person
(contact Kate Callas, Hedi Mulford or
any Chorale member for tickets!)

A Song for Coretta is a play with five fictional characters standing in the rain at the end of a long line of mourners who have come to pay tribute to Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. What ensues is a generational dash invoked by the common need to embrace Mrs. King's extraordinary life and find a bridge to the soul of the civil rights icon. As the mourners hold her in their memories, so the play enters ours.

A Song For Coretta opened in
Atlanta in 2007.

The Atlanta Journal—Constitution said the play "... brims with wit, personality and life-affirming energy."

Announcing the FSPC Art Auction
March 14, 2010
In the Great Hall following Worship
Supporting the FSPC Campership Fund

A brief history: When the congregation sold its beloved Clear Lake Camp in the 1980's a fund was begun to assure that Fort Street campers of all ages were able to enjoy a Christian camp experience. Since 2001 this fund has been annually replenished with funds generated by an Auction. The first few years the items auctioned; paintings, pottery, glass, photographs and other handicrafts were easily identified as ART. In more recent years the creative congregation of Fort Street has found other ways to support this effort. A weekend retreat at a member-owned condo up north has been auctioned, a dinner for 4 in a member's home has been auctioned, theater tickets, antique furniture, a lace tablecloth, 12 months worth of pickles, bread or desserts have been offered. Lovely knitted items or custom-made clothing have also been auctioned... Some items lend themselves to a Silent type auction and other goodies are sold in a bake sale style. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

Who uses the funds: The Campership Funds are designated to help defray the costs of camp participation by our Fort Street Youth. Last year Campership Funds supported a trip to the Overlook Farm operated by Heifer International where 14 youth and adults learned about hunger relief and sustainability efforts worldwide. Other youth attended Camp Skyline or Camp Westminster. This year participation in Youth Triennium in West Lafayette and the Multi-Cultural Conference for youth and adults in Chicago, as well as trips to other Presbyterian camps, will be supported by this fund.

How can you participate: Dream up a new, never been offered, item for the auction. Write a short description of it and include a minimum bid amount. Submit that to Nancy Jackson by email (nancymjackson@sbcglobal.net) or in her church mailbox. Plan to attend the Auction on March 14. Purchasing a lunch to eat during the auction is another great way to support this effort since proceeds from the scrumptious meal prepared by Community Fellowship will also go to the Campership Fund. Bring your checkbook or Visa card or just a big wad of cash and bid... Early and Often.

ITEM: _____

CONTRIBUTED BY: _____

DESCRIPTION:



Easter Flower Order Form



In preparation for Easter Sunday, **April 4, 2010**, you are invited to order flowers In Memory or In Honor of loved ones or other special designations. Please complete this form and mail or bring it to the church office with your payment enclosed by no later than **Sunday, March 28, 2010**. Make checks payable to, Fort Street Presbyterian Church with a memo stating it is for Easter Flowers.

Following Easter Worship you may take your flowers or leave them to adorn the sanctuary until **Sunday, April 11, 2010**.

flowers remaining after that date will be used by our Board of Deacons for Shut-Ins. Thank you for helping us celebrate the Resurrection.



Indicate what you would like printed in the Easter Bulletin.
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Given by: _____

In loving memory of:

In honor of:

___ Pot (s) Spring Flower @ \$15.00ea.= _____

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____