



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday  
October 26, 2014**

**A Meditation before Worship**

**At the heart of the Protestant Reformation was the affirmation  
"ecclesia semper reformanda, semper reformanda":  
"the church is always reformed, always reforming."**

**While their theological children often held onto the relics of past doctrine,  
preferring the stability of human constructs  
to the dynamic movements of the Living God,  
faithfulness to the Reformation is a matter of spirit and experience,  
and willingness to constantly share our faith in new and creative ways.**

*- Bruce Epperly*

(in "A Church Always Reforming: Reflections on Reformation Day," October 23, 2011)

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# Gathering the Community

Our focus during October:  
*A Missional Church:  
Our Congregation Reaching Out*

ORGAN PRELUDES

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Sharon L. Mook

INTROIT

The Worship Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(based on Psalm 46)*

John Neuman

One: God is our refuge and our strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Many: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change.**

One: We will not be afraid, even if the mountains  
plunge into the depths of the sea.

**Many: Even if the waters rage and foam,  
even if the mountains tremble as the oceans heave,  
we will not be afraid, for Power of the Universe is with us.**

One: Come, behold the works of the Holy in our midst.

**All: May stillness enter our hearts and minds,  
and may we be at peace,  
as we worship, and come to know more deeply,  
the one who is our God.**

\*HYMN # 457 (PH) *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in unison)*

John Neuman

**Transforming One, who creates and continues to renew, in every age you call leaders to step out with new insight and vision, leading your people into the next steps on the sacred journey. When we are afraid to follow, fill our anxious hearts with courage. When we are confused by the new things around us, sharpen our discerning minds, giving new understanding and clarity. When we cling too tightly to what has been, open widely our clenched fists, so that we may reach eagerly for the wonder of what is yet to be.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 8 (PH)

*"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"* (v. 1)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE

John Neuman

One: Living Christ, you call us to be your people, to be the church,  
in every time and place.

**Many: We are your church, always reforming.**

One: Stirring Spirit, you challenge us, and lead us, to be the church,  
alive and relevant wherever you take us.

**Many: We are your church, always reforming.**

One: Loving God, you live in constant, dynamic relationship with us.  
As our lives unfold, and our relationship with you deepens,  
constant change is required of us.  
**Many: We are your church, always reforming.**  
One: In every age, God calls people to be transformed.  
In every age, God calls people to reform the church in the world.  
**All: Empowered by the Spirit, we respond, "Here I am, use me!"**

RESPONSE IN SONG # 8 (PH) "*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*" (v. 2)

\*SHARING THE PEACE John Neuman  
The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John Neuman  
John 4: 3 - 15  
*(p. 89 in pew Bible)*  
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SECOND READING John Neuman  
John 4: 27 - 30, 39 - 42  
*(pp. 89 - 90 in pew Bible)*  
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM -Eugene Butler  
*"Praise Him, Alleluia!"*  
The Worship Choir  
Edward Kingins, Music Director

SERMON Dr. Sharon L. Mook  
**"The 3 R's"**

\*HYMN 260 (PH) *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

## THE RESPONSE

\*AN AFFIRMATION John Neuman  
*(from The Westminster Confession of Faith, 1646)*

**The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts; and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word; by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.**

**This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.**

\*RESPONSE IN SONG # 8 (PH) *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*" (v. 3)

MINUTE FOR OUTREACH Joan Poole

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Rob Jackson

MINUTE FOR MISSION Brittany Foley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT  
(Feel free to use the language and words closest to your heart)

OUR OFFERING TO GOD  
(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work.)

OFFERTORY Ray Staroscik

\*DOXOLOGY # 591 (PH)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION John Neuman

\*HYMN # 244 (PH) "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Mook  
(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience.)

ORGAN POSTLUDE Ray Staroscik

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\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit at your discretion

*The words of all hymns sung by the congregation this morning were written in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.*

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### **A NOTE ABOUT OUR HYMNALS**

To clarify which hymnal we are using for a particular hymn, please note that when (PH) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (blue). When (GG) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *Glory to God* (new, purple hymnal). At this time, we have a limited number of new hymnals, so please share with someone sitting near you. When we are using *Glory to God*, you will receive a copy as you enter the sanctuary. Please return all *Glory to God* hymnals to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

### **PASTORAL VISITATION TEAM**

Would you like to be part of a Pastoral Visitation Team, helping Fort Street to provide more care to our members and friends? Several Fort Streeters have already signed up, but more are always needed. If you want to become part of this team, you are invited to the first meeting and training session **today from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the McMillan Room**. At this first session you will be given a name of someone to visit. Ongoing training will be provided, and you may be surprised how your own life will be transformed as you continue Jesus' ministry of caring.

Liturgist	John Neuman
Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Reception Coordinator	The Petrie Family
Worship Coordinator	Craig McLean

**FORT STREET STAFF:**

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; LaMonica Harris, Finance Office Temp; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Bob Haynes, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

**Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:**

- Large Print Hymnals
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

**We are delighted that you are here!**

- \* Visit the information and display tables in the Church House.
- \* Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- \* Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- \* A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Church House after worship @ \$3.00 each.
- \* You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Contact Pam Sharrow at Sharrow13@gmail.com. The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

**Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Sharon L. Mook, Ph.D.,  
 revdrMook@fortstreet.org  
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**Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

**Prayers for Military loved ones.**

Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Taylor Hansen USMC, Jonathan Heyler, SSGT Shanell Howard AFB, Sgt. Christopher King, Capt. Michael Kurtti, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, USMC Captain Katy Spicer Hess, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

**Prayer List for the month of October 2014**

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, The Claire family, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Dombrowski family, Bobbie Edwards, FSPC, Rose Grosscup, LaMonica Harris/family, Shannon Howard, Maria Hughley, Marion Jenkins/family, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Kingins family, Leaming family, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dan Muench, Cheryl Myers, Sarah Morgan, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Richard/Suellen Sale family, and the Mook family.

# *Advent Potluck Booklet!*

*Last year*, the Spiritual Life Committee created content pages for a Fort Street *Advent* booklet.

The pages were assembled by congregation members and friends on the first Sunday of *Advent*.

*This year*, the Spiritual Life Committee hopes you will do even more in the creation of a Fort Street *Advent* booklet.

Here is how:

You, your family and/or others may design a page which will have your scripture selection and your name(s), as well a prayer, your thoughts about *Advent*, a recipe, a story or memory, original art work, family photos, or your wishes for the season. Your page will become part of the Fort Street potluck booklet, and will be assembled in Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of *Advent*.

Please contribute your material by **October 26** to Judith's mail box. Also, there will be traditional Bible-story costumes and an eager photographer during Coffee Hour on **October 26** for all who would like to create a seasonal photo for their page.

If you have questions, please contact Judith, or Nancy Jackson.

What a great *Advent* Potluck Booklet this will be!

# Fort Street News

## Week of October 26, 2014

### 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.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>November 2014</b> <b>10-22-14</b>						<b>1</b> 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
<b>2</b> <b>11 a.m. Worship</b> 12:30 1st Sunday Luncheon Group 1:00 Worship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. NA	<b>3</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	<b>4</b> 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	<b>5</b> 1:30 Staff mtg <b>7:00 Session mtg</b>	<b>6</b> 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café <b>Welcome Kalamazoo Univ. 7-9</b> 8:00-9:00 AA	<b>8</b> 5:30 pm AA 8:00 Al-Non <b>Kalamazoo Univ. 7-9</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Kalamazoo Departs. 11a.m. Worship, (Communion) 12:30 Children's Fundraiser</b> 6:30 p.m. NA	<b>10</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	<b>11</b> 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	<b>12</b> 5:30 Member Dev.	<b>13</b> 9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 6:15 Chorale Council 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	<b>15</b> 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
<b>16</b> <b>11a.m. Worship</b> 6:30 p.m. NA	<b>17</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	<b>18</b> 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	<b>19</b> 1:30 Staff mtg 5:30 Worship Arts 6:00 Fiscal Op.	<b>20</b> 9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café <b>6:00 Wedding Reh.</b> 8:00-9:00 AA	<b>22</b> <b>Wedding</b> 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
<b>23</b> <b>11 a.m. Worship,</b> 6:30 p.m. NA  <b>* Risers go up.</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt  <b>7:00 Chorale Rehearsal</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	<b>26</b>  Meetings to be determined	<b>27</b> <b>9-11 Open Door Closed</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b> <b>3-6 International Students for Thanksgiving (TBD)</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Church Offices Closed</b>  11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	<b>29</b>  5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
<b>30</b> <b>11 a.m. Worship,</b> <b>1:00 Decorating Church House</b> 6:30 p.m. NA	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>DEACONS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Benefiting Harms Elementary and Maybury Elementary schools</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Based on feedback from the schools, the Deacons' Thanksgiving baskets will provide food for the longer break as well as a modest meal for Thanksgiving. We are asking Fort Streeters to help us by donating select items for the baskets. (We'll take care of the turkey!)</p> </div> </div>					

**ITEMS WE ARE REQUESTING ARE: FOR THE WEEK:** (1) cereal, (1) peanut butter, (1) jelly, (2) pasta, (1) pasta sauce, ( 2) mac and cheese, (2) low sodium soup.

**FOR THANKSGIVING:** (2) boxed stuffing, (3) canned veggies, (2) jello, (1) disposable roasting tin.

If you would like to support an entire family, please pick up a "turkey feather" for our bulletin board. Each feather represents one family's basket of food or a donation of \$25 for the Deacons to purchase the items on the shopping list. Please return one feather with your name on it for every family you are supporting to the offering plate.

**Donlin Center Children  
Will be**

**Feeding 5000  
Fundraiser**

**Helping  
Hungry  
People**



**November 9, 2014**



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**"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"**

# Music at Fort Street

2014 Season



**“MESSIAH”** G.F. Handel



*The Fort Street Chorale & the Chamber Orchestra*  
*Edward Kingins, Music Director*

**Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.**

General Admission \$20.00 Patron \$35.00  
*Purchase tickets from the Secretary, 313-961-4533*



## Calling all Singers

All are invited! ALL are welcome!  
Join the Worship Choir. The choir will sing/  
rehearse in the sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th  
Sundays at 9:30am for the 11:00 am services.

## Contact Information

Has your address, cell phone number, email address or family unit  
changed in the past year or so? Contact the Secretary at 313-961-  
4533 [secretary@fortstreet.org](mailto:secretary@fortstreet.org) with the updates.



## THURSDAYS MEAL PROGRAM 9AM-11AM

This program is open to the public. Between  
8am and 9am, women and elderly guests may  
shower. They may also receive a hygiene kit and use the  
clothing bank once a month. Between 9 and 11am, men may  
shower. They may also get a hygiene kit and use the clothing  
bank monthly. Guests seeking clothing and hygiene kits must  
present valid identification. Between 9 and 11am, a full hot  
meal is served. Guests may get a haircut, and consult with a  
social worker. Volunteers are welcome.



# CALL FOR CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Your Church Officer Nomination Committee requests recommendations for nominations to the offices of Elder and Deacon. These officers would serve three year terms from January 1, 2015 til December 31, 2017. **Nominations must be from active Church Membership. Deadline for entries is Sunday, October 26th.**

## ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

**ELDERS** are chosen by the people. They should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. It is the duty of elders to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible. All Christian duties directed by love are especially incumbent upon elders.

**I hereby recommend the following person/persons to be nominated as elder:**

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Your name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEACONS**--The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with Communion.

**I hereby recommend the following person/persons to be nominated as deacon:**

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Your name: (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

(Please place in Kalu Uduma's mail box)