

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2016

Thought for Individual Meditation

*How much do we want the fullness of the very life of God
within our hearts and being?*

*If we want to be blessed, to find real satisfaction and wholeness,
we need to seek after righteousness, after goodness,
like a hungry person seeks food or a thirsty person water.*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Edwards

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the Living God.

We remember as we pour out our souls; how we went to the house of the Lord, shouting praises, singing thanksgiving and celebrating God's feast. By day God brings steadfast love and by night a song within us.

Our hope and help is in the Lord whose name we praise. (Psalm 42:1-11 adapted)

*HYMN # 722 *"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" Vs. 1,4 & 5*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cindy Edwards

God of heaven and earth, when we come to you with no great excitement or passion, Lord have mercy. When we are so intent on our own needs, concerned with the pressing details of our lives, that we miss the life you offer us, Christ have mercy. When we are dull in our worship and listless in our service, Lord have mercy. Give us a wider perspective that we might discover new meaning in your beatitudes. Grant us your peace and fill us with your fullness that we may be empowered for serving.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 616 *"Our God Is an Awesome God"*

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Cindy Edwards

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 107: 1-9

Cindy Edwards

(p.528 in pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 5:1-6

Dr. Bob Agnew

(p.4 in pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14b-19

Dr. Bob Agnew

(p. 182 in pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Hungry and Thirsty?"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6)*

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 707

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

Cindy Edwards

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

The same Spirit

**who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 607 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**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

Cindy Edwards

*HYMN # 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(If you wish to do so, we invite you to sit quietly and enjoy the postlude as part of your worship.)

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**Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, there will be a coffee hour in the small dining area. Please join us!

Organist

Ray Staroscik

Liturgist

Cindy Edwards

Sound Technician

Nancy Jackson

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Worship Coordinator

Craig McLean

Coffee Hour Host

Community Fellowship
Committee

Open Door Representative

Elizabeth Kershaw

Church Hours

The church offices are open Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Church offices are closed on Fridays. Alison Grosch, Operations Manager, can be reached at the church or by email OM@fortstreet.org.

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--use elevator to second floor

We are delighted that you are here!

- * Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- * During the worship service, child care is provided for children through age 4. Ushers can provide directions. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in Sunday School, which follows the Children's Message. A Christian Education staff member will lead the children downstairs. Parents may pick them up after worship. For additional information about our Sunday School program, please contact Judith Sheldon at firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net. or Nancy Jackson at nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com.
- * A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Reception Office 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.

Prayer List for the month of January 2016

Gabrielle Abrego, Shari Anderson, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek and Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton and family, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, The Curtis Family, Jack Hodge, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Rosy Latimore and family, Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Cheryl Myers, Marilyn Moore, Leigh Mosley, Cheryl Myers, Kathy Payne and family, Suzanne Ruland, David Shillito, The Spicer family, Richard and Suellen Sale, Nancy Woodke, and Raquel Villaluz.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC; Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN; Jonathan Heyler USN; SSGT Shanell Howard USAF; Sgt. Christopher King; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Lt. Theo Moran USAF; Alta Morrison; Lt. Jon Palmer USA; Lt. Marty Palmer USA; Charles Andrew Parsons II USN; Major Michelle Ruehl AF; Major Katy Spicer USMC; Alexander Szelestey USMC; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

FORT STREET STAFF:

Alison Grosch, Operations Manager, Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Rev. Neeta Nichols, Interim Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Director of Music; Ray Staroscik, Organist; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Jerry Johnson, Building EGINEER, Donna Bryant, Damien Hines, Greg Howell, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, and Elizabeth Kershaw, Open Door Staff.

Temporary Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew
pastor@fortstreet.org

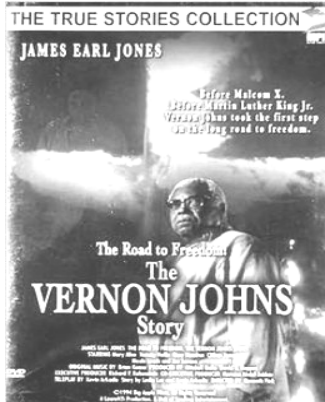
Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

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Fort Street News

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.*



Peace, Justice & Mission Committee

Presents

February 14, 2016

Loving Our History

The Vernon Johns Story

The Road to Freedom

Movie and a Meal

12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Stapleton Chapel

Full-length adult movie starring James Earl Jones; intermission with discussion and soul food. Free-will offering. Please sign up on bulletin board by the Great Hall.

*The Spiritual Life Committee Offers
Exploring Faith, Known and Unknown*

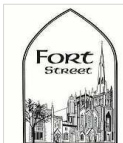
Christian Living Discussion Series
For Adults and Young Adults

Stapleton Chapel 10-10:45am

MEANING IN A MOMENT

February 7

Eide Alawan, Guest Speaker
American Muslim Center



Attendance for:
January 24, 2016: 77
January 25, 2015: 68

Annual Reports

Attention Committee Members, Committee Chairperson's and Staff, all annual reports are due in the church office. Contact the Secretary, If you have more questions. 313-961-4533. **Save the date, Feb. 14, 2016** for our annual congregational meeting immediately following service.

Please Use Envelopes for Sunday Check Contributions

The count volunteers who total up the Sunday offering would appreciate it if check writers could fill out a pew envelope and use it to enclose your check. We use these envelopes as documentation to back up details of our deposit record. If you don't fill one out at the time of contribution, a volunteer must write one for you. The envelope also allows you to show precisely how your contribution is to be applied to our various funds. We thank you for your faithful giving and for your help in assuring that it is counted correctly.



Wednesday, February 10

6:00pm Soup & Crackers Supper
and service.

Join your Fort Street family for Ash Wednesday
as we begin our Lenten Journey.

The evening begins with a simple
meal of soup, crackers, and bread.

Please consider a donation in the amount that you might pay for a simple meal out. Donations beyond the cost of the meal will go to the Fort Street Open Door Program.

A service following the meal will include bible study,
introduction of prayer partners for the Lenten
season, and the imposition of ashes.



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Sun	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
	11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 7:00pm Session	9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	Church Offices Closed 4:00-5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	4:00pm Wed- ding/Reception 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
7 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	8 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	9 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	10 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00 Ash Wednes- day Service	11 9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	12 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	13 9:30-3:30pm Officer Training 8:00pm AI-Non
14 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship, (Communion) 12:15-2:00 The Vernon Johns Story 6:30pm NA	15 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	16 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	17 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00 Fiscal Op. mtg	18 9-11am Open Dr. 11:30am Open Dr. mtg 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	19 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	20 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
21 10:00am Adult Ed Class 11:00am Worship 12:30-3:00 FSFC Anniversary Party 6:30pm NA	22 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café	23 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Clst 8:00-9:00pm AA	24 11-3pm Open Door Inspirational Café 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:30pm Personnel 7:00 Deacons mtg	25 9-11am Open Dr. 7:30pm Chorale Rehearsal	26 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	27 5:30pm AA 8:00pm AI-Non
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The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday,
February 2 at 12:00 pm via email at secretary@fortstreet.org



Calling all Singers

All are invited!

Join the Worship Choir. The choir will sing/rehearse in the sanctuary on the **2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am for the 11:00am service.**

ALL are welcome!

Want to become a member of Fort Street?

Contact Pastor Bob at the church.
313-961-4533, ext 104
or pastor@fortstreet.org

Sacrament of Baptism

If you would like to celebrate The Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or your child, please make an appointment with Pastor Bob at pastor@fortstreet.org or 313-961-4533 ext#104.



**Potluck
LUNCHEON**

Fortstreeters and friends,
following worship service,
is our **Annual 5th Sunday
Potluck Feast,**
Come and share with us.

All Are Welcome.

MARRIAGE ANYONE, 2016?

Thinking of getting married? Want to get married at Fort Street?
Contact the Wedding Coordinator, Loretta Stanton's cell phone **number, 313-549-1015.**



Career Closet

Need men's extra large dress clothes, shirts, suits, size 18 and up, men's belts, and men's cuff links.



THURSDAYS OPEN DOOR MEAL PROGRAM 9AM-11AM

This program is open to the public. Between 8am and 9m, woman 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. Guest 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.

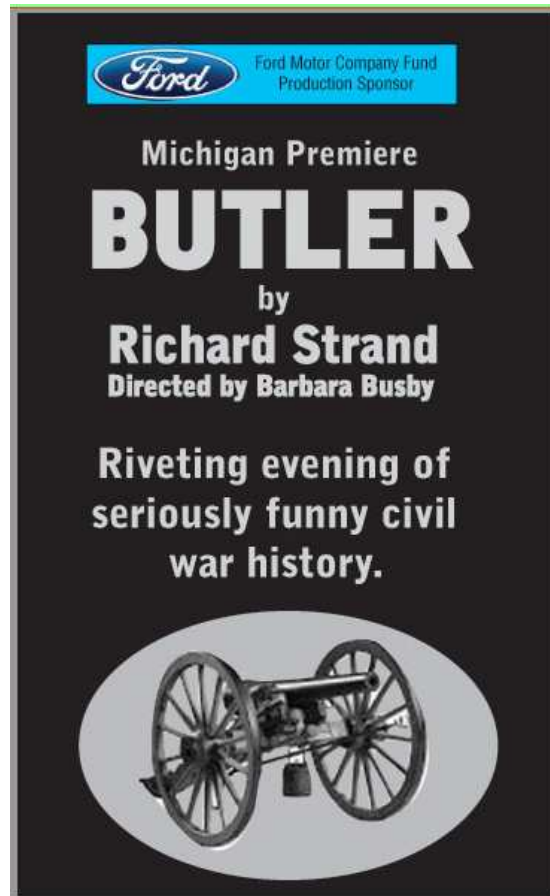
Please join the **Fort Street Chorale** for a lovely evening
at the

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Friday, February 26, 2016

7:30 p.m. Champagne & Hors d'oeuvres

8:30 p.m. Performance Begins



Uproariously funny, witty and very moving, **Butler** is written by the author of last season's hit comedy, **Buzz**. Based on actual events that changed the lives of 10,000 slaves, **Butler** is set at the beginning of the Civil War and follows Major General Benjamin Butler, who has just been given command of Fort Monroe in Virginia.

The inexperienced but shrewd Butler meets his match when an equally shrewd runaway slave enters the fort and asks for asylum.

Free, safe parking. Tickets: \$20.00 per person

To purchase Tickets, please contact a Chorale member or call the Church Secretary at 313.961.4533.

Detroit Repertory Theatre 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit, Michigan USA 48238