

### Fireproof Follow-up – Please Read

It has been two months since we finished the “Fireproof Your Marriage” sermon series. Many people have commented how the series has encouraged them to take steps to build better relationships. Others have joined small groups to encourage one another. Many of these groups are continuing to meet. The group that meets during the 9:30 Sunday school has started the Love Dare challenge and has extended an invitation to any who would like to participate. They meet in the Fellowship Hall.

As a church we want to be committed to helping couples and individuals build strong and healthy relationships. We are in the process of trying to partner with a local Christian counseling service to refer people in crisis and offer financial assistance if needed. We are also planning to provide curriculum, resources and seminars that will focus on building strong families and marriages, as well as continue to develop strong small groups that address different topics.

Looking back over the series, some of the messages may have been difficult ones. There are some who may have already experienced the pain and heartache of separation or divorce. As difficult as these things may be, God loves you. The purpose for this series was to help build stronger marriages, not criticize those that may have or are currently struggling. If your marriage has experienced difficulty, know that you are loved and cared about. Our desire is to help you receive strength and comfort. If reconciliation is possible, we want to help. If you have already experienced divorce or remarriage, we want to help that relationship to grow and become spiritually strong.

Finally, may we never forget these words from John 3:16-17: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that through Him, we might be saved.”

In sincerity and love, Pastor Deano

information, see or contact Debbie Heberger at hmpro@rochester.rr.com or 298-8948.

### Adult Sunday School Classes

#### Video Series “That They May Know”

– Fireplace Room (Don and Sue Henry)

**International Bible Lessons** – Best To Be Room (Scott Bassett)

**Love/Dare: Continuation of Fireproof Series** – Fellowship Hall (Paul and Jane Daloia)

### Adult Mid-Week Classes

**Women’s Study:** “Living Above Worry and Stress” – Welcome Center (Darlene Pulice)

**Adult Bible Study:** “A Case for Faith” – an 8-week DVD study from Lee Strobel’s book, Answering the Tough Questions About Faith and Belief – Best To Be Room (Pastor Deano)

### Adult CM Workers

CLC teachers and anyone who missed November’s training, another one will be scheduled for January. This training is fairly short and is required, I’m afraid. CLC teachers will have a separate session after the training. Keep an eye in the bulletin for the exact date!

### Upcoming Ladies Retreat

We want to invite the women of the church to attend our annual Ladies Retreat to be held at the Marriott Residence Inn here in Greece, March 6-7. Check-in is at 3:00 pm on Friday and we officially meet together at 6:00 pm. Check-out is at 12 noon on Saturday. Janet Bratt will be our devotional speaker with the topic “Seasons of Life” and as part of the activities, there will be a bridal shower for Debbie Heberger later Friday evening. Even if you can’t stay overnight, we would love for you to take part in the gatherings on Friday. Please pick up a brochure on the table in the Narthex. Questions? See Darlene Pulice or Patty Stoffel. Please register by Feb. 11. The cost is \$45 and checks should be made payable to Park Ridge Free Methodist Church. Can’t wait to see you there!

### Monday Morning Men’s Motivation

Hey guys, join Pastor Deano on Monday mornings (starting Jan.19) at 6:45 am at Panera Bread (on the Ridge in front of the Mall) to start the week with some prayer, fellowship, biblical motivation and a good cup of coffee. We will try to end by 7:30.

### Women of Faith

It is time to start thinking about Women of Faith again this year. The event will be June 5-6th at the Blue Cross Arena. This year’s theme is “A Grand New Day” featuring Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Nicole C. Mullen, Sheila Walsh, Allison Allen, Sandi Patty and Steven Curtis Chapman. More information will follow. If you are interested in going or want more

### Preschool

The four year old class is making an igloo for the classroom tying in our letter I and winter for the month of January. We will be making it next week and keeping it on display in the classroom if anyone wants to check it out. We will also be attending school in our pajamas January 22nd and making pancakes while we learn the letter P.

### Missions Opportunity

Kirk and Michelle Kettinger would appreciate your prayers as they prepare to lead a Missions team of Roberts students to Dublin, Ireland this May. Financial support is also needed to help with costs and to buy needed supplies to donate. Any support can be placed in the offering labeled “Ireland Missions Team”.

## Powerhouse

Powerhouse had a great December this year with our Heart-to-God, Hand-to-Man event. The teens did the publicity this year which made us more visible and got an interview on the Family Life Network. The reporter for the article spontaneously said we were hoping to collect 1,000 coats. We were shocked as our best years have been about 500, but when they arrived at Open Door mission Ernie Gallagher, our youth leader-organizer for this event, counted nearly 900 coats! We were thrilled and needless to say it was inspiring to us. Many have asked how it was that night as you noticed when you arrived for service we were all cleaned up. It was very pleasant Saturday afternoon and evening making it fun to play games, sit around the fire and watch a late night movie, but about 3:00 in the morning it grew nasty with frigid cold winds and snow. Our Powerhouse teens and adults spent Saturday night sleeping in cardboard boxes on the church lawn and all were ready to pick up camp at daybreak. On Sunday morning during worship it was quite a sight to see all the participants come through the Sanctuary with their arms filled with the coats that were donated. After church was over, it was off to a comfortable bed in a warm house to catch up on sleep for all who were involved.

January and February are going to be big outreach months. Mid-January we have our guys game system all-niter which is a great event to invite friends to and show them that you can have lots of fun with Jesus people. We have had several boys over the years stay with us in Powerhouse after this event. The girls have a lower key girls' nite where friends are invited to come hang out.

February is our winter retreat in Canada. We have not been able to do this for several years but we're making it a priority this year. It is such a special time to get away from every day life and spend time with the Lord and again another great outreach. We hope to have several Canadian teens join us up there this year. This event

can get costly for those who have several family members involved or impacted by these troubled economic times so please consider helping out financially. Any interest in this direction can be directed to Debbie Mitchell at 235-1944

February is also the month of the teen girls conference REVOLVE sponsored by Women of Faith. We attended it last November in Philadelphia and are thrilled that it's in Rochester this year. It's powerful and really teaches the girls what it means to be a young godly woman and challenges them to live it all for Christ. This too is an event where we try to reach out to our friends and bring them with us.

So-o-o we guess this means pray, pray, pray through the next few months for your Powerhouse youth and their youth leader staff.

## Church Closings

For church closings, listen to WHAM (Channel 13) or News Radio 1180 WHAM or visit [www.13wham.com](http://www.13wham.com)

## FYI

Michelle Trost is offering private instrumental lessons in the Brockport and Greece areas, at a cost below the area's "going rate." Please contact her at [joyfulnoise\\_bkpt@yahoo.com](mailto:joyfulnoise_bkpt@yahoo.com) or 202-8475 if you are interested.

## Church Webpage

Remember to check out the church webpage at [www.parkridgefmc.org](http://www.parkridgefmc.org) for upcoming announcements, resources to help you grow in faith and podcasts of Sunday's sermons.

## Note from the Trustees

If you see something in the church building that needs to be fixed, please send an email to [maintenance@parkridgefmc.org](mailto:maintenance@parkridgefmc.org). If it is urgent, contact Mark Sakulich directly at 317-1766.

## Looking Ahead...

### February

- 7 Quiz Meet at Northgate (Batavia)
- 9 Combined ALT/MLT Meeting  
6:45 pm
- 11 CLC Adventure Landing  
6:45 – 8:30 pm
- 13-16 Powerhouse Winter Retreat
- 16-20 Winter Break – No Mid-Week  
Activities – Church Office Closed
- 21 Needlework Meeting  
10:00 am - Noon
- 27-28 REVOLVE TOUR

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

If you see someone whose birthday or anniversary has already occurred, please wish them well.

### January Anniversaries

- 1 Bill and Betsy Proud
- 9 Steve and Sally DeHollander
- 15 Roger and Ginnie Jarvis
- 21 Dave and Diane Pilcher
- 23 John and Ella Bowser

### February Anniversaries

- 2 Lynn and Margaret Fogg
- 14 Rick and Patty Stoffel
- 16 Paul and Debra VanGraafeiland
- 24 John and Joanne Chase

### January Birthdays

- 1 Elena Williams
- 3 Ella Bowser
- 7 Connie Eason
- 8 Dick Gallagher
- 14 Caroline Bradley  
Gillian Buettner  
Andrea Butler  
Dave Pye
- 15 Brandy Huff  
Britney Huff
- 16 Joyce Gallagher
- 17 Madison Triolo
- 18 Janelle Pulice
- 20 John Chase

### February Birthdays

- 2 Josh Hotchkiss
- 5 Katie Buettner  
Ernie Gallagher
- 6 John Bowser
- 7 Paul Davis
- 8 Craig Jarvis
- 9 Terry Lyon
- 11 Pastor Deano Pulice
- 12 Bob Segave
- 14 Phil Baretela  
Dominic Heberger
- 15 Tammy Gallagher  
Bob Luce
- 16 Yvonne Strong
- 18 Sarah Williams
- 19 Janet Lincoln
- 21 Yvette McIntyre
- 22 Joyce Thomas  
Paul VanGraafeiland
- 23 Adam Jarvis
- 24 Greg Vaillancourt
- 25 Joyce Lyon  
Paul Ziegler
- 28 Mildred McKeown  
Jamie Stoffel

## Employment Opportunities

The church is in the process of looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant/Secretary to work in the church office 15-20 hours a week. Candidates should have experience in all aspects of secretarial work and basic computer knowledge. Please send resumes to the pastor at Park Ridge Free Methodist Church, 10 Straub Road, Rochester, NY 14626 or email at [office@parkridgefmc.org](mailto:office@parkridgefmc.org).

Children's Ministries is seeking a responsible person to staff the Wednesday Night Nursery from 6:30-8:00 pm. A stipend will be included. For information or questions regarding the expectations of this position or to express interest please contact Michelle Trost at 585-202-8475 or [michellet@parkridgefmc.org](mailto:michellet@parkridgefmc.org).