



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

in the Kirk Center
Oasis 6 p.m. Saturday
9 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

in the Sanctuary
8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Alf Halvorson

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS DURING WORSHIP.

Childcare is available in the Children's Center for all worship services for infants to age two.

Adults with special needs
9:45 a.m. in room 216

Large print bulletins and Children's bulletins and worship bags are available. *Please ask an usher.*

Tapes and CDs of this morning's Traditional service are available in Fellowship Hall.

Please notify ushers if you are a trained First Responder for medical emergencies.

PREACHING NEXT WEEK

April 24 & 25

Preaching: Rev. Rod Stone
Scripture: Psalm 90

OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F
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Our Vision Statement

First Presbyterian Church is a community following Jesus Christ and serving in creative worship, intentional discipleship, compassionate care and active outreach to the world.

THE Heartbeat

The Heartbeat is also available online at fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents.

Sunday, April 18

SERVICE FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

11:40 in the Chapel

DISCIPLESHIP APPRECIATION BRUNCH

11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

A brunch to show our appreciation to all of our dedicated discipleship leaders.

Friday, April 23

GODSPELL JR

7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Come and see our talented YCX drama group perform this unique, groundbreaking reflection on the life of Jesus with a message of kindness, tolerance and love. This is an exciting and entertaining theatrical show! Admission is free—bring a friend. A free-will offering will be taken to support our school building project in Quaccha Birra, Ethiopia.

Saturday, April 24

REV. ROD STONE GUEST PREACHING IN OASIS SERVICE

Sunday, April 25—Legacy Sunday

PSALMS

We invite you to join us as we explore the sacred poetry of the Psalms together as a congregation from April 25–Nov. 21. Our sermons this spring through the fall will be based on specific psalms—praying our fears, tears, troubles, longings, gratitude, plans and more. Bible studies and small-group studies will also be available for you to join.

REV. ROD STONE GUEST PREACHING IN ALL FOUR SERVICES

THE PHILADELPHIA HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

will join us for both traditional services.

FOUR SCORE AND MORE LUNCHEON

A luncheon at noon in Fellowship Hall to honor our members who are 80 years or more.



PRAYER IS . . .

growing your spiritual life

SUNDAY, MAY 2-THURSDAY, MAY 6
HOURS: SUN, 4-8PM; MON-THURS: 8AM-8PM
KIRK CENTER GYMNASIUM

Come anytime during exhibit hours to discover your prayer style

Labyrinth ■ Water Prayer ■ Mandalas ■ Lecto Divina ■ Music
Painting ■ Examen ■ Beads ■ Prayer Wall ■ Breath Prayer

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women and Deacon Ministries of FPC Bethlehem

Submission deadline for The Heartbeat is Monday at noon.

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Weekday Preschool & Extended Care
610-867-2956

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Trinity Choir: Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.
Carol Choir: Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.
Middler Boys & Girls Choir: Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.
High School Chorale: Tuesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir: Thursdays, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Job Seekers Arise! Mondays, 7–8 p.m., room 408.
Christian 12-Step Support Group: Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m., room 206.
Singles Support Group: Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11:45 a.m., Parlor

FPC LEHIGH PRESBYTERY

COMMISSIONERS:

Russ Grander, Bill Marsh, Ann Terres, Loey Post, Jeff Mohler, Jill Smedley

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAYS—10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Psalms Unpacked: April 18, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Kirk Center Gym. Do you want the psalms to come alive? Come hear new ways to read the psalms so they move from words on a page to God's Word spoken to your heart. Pastor Manuela will lead us from 6:30–7:15 p.m. in an examination of the psalms' structure, usage in our tradition and personal impact today. From 7:15–8 p.m. K-groups and small groups will gather to talk about the last study and using the psalms in groups. Books and resources available.

Going Deeper with the Sermon: Room 412. Ongoing Bible study and discussion following the sermon topics. Join us anytime. Contact Bill Freeman, ext. 207, for more info.

DadsZone Study: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families. Jan. 31–May 23 in room 420. Email andypanada@rcn.com. **M**

Women's Ministries Study: The Prodigal God: Room 206. Book and guide: \$21.50. For info call Rachel Taylor, 610-419-2147. **W**

TUESDAYS

For Moms Only: Through May 18, 9:30–11:30 a.m. in room F3/F4. Contact Molly Anderson, mlnye@msn.com. **W**

"Lord I Want to Know You:" by Kay Arthur. Jan. 5–April 4, 2010, 12:30–2:30 p.m. **W**

Contact Susan Smith, ext. 202 or ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org, for registration info unless otherwise noted.

The Will of God as a Way of Life: a new book at our Adult Resource Library. Have you often thought about what is God's will for you? Or, wondered if you are walking in His plan for you? This book by Gerald L. Sittser (author of Grief: A Grace Disguised) has many insights on this subject as well as many practical pointers to help us walk in God's will for us.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday School: 10:15–11:30 a.m. for ages 2 through those in 5th grade.

Preschool Faith Friends: Sundays, 8:45–10 a.m. for ages 2 through 4 years old only.

Join Us at "SonQuest Rainforest:" FPC Bethlehem invites our community's children to join us for a Vacation Bible School they'll remember for years to come! At SonQuest Rainforest your kids will follow Jesus on a life-changing journey! They will have a great time as they sing songs, watch skits, create crafts and play games. More importantly, they'll learn about God's love for them and how following the Word He gave us will lead them on the path to a happy and fulfilling life. "SonQuest Rainforest" begins Monday, July 19–Friday, July 23, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Early bird registration now–June 5: \$12 per child, \$36 family max; regular registration June 7–July 4: \$15 per child, \$45 family max. Contact Susan, ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org, ext. 202, or Priscilla, pmoreira@fpc-bethlehem.org, ext. 253, for more info.

WEDNESDAYS

Women's Ministries Study: Snapshots of Leadership: 9:30–11:30 a.m., March 31–May 5 in room F3. Spend 2 hours Wednesday morning with other women to study call narratives from different leaders in Scripture. Questions? Contact Liz, liz_kidney@ivstaff.org, or Dana Higham. **W**

Women's Bible Study: "The Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller, 7–8:30 p.m. in room 212. Book and guide: \$21.50. Register with Susan Smith, ext. 202, or ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org, or call Karen Sweeney, 610-838-7353. **W**

THURSDAYS

Men's Small Group: 6:30–8 a.m. in the Parlor. Book Study: contact Bill Freeman, ext. 207. **M**

"Psalms" 7–9 p.m. in room 416. Study the Psalms now through Thanksgiving. Email Jim Parker, adventurex2@verizon.net. **M**

FRIDAYS

"The Faith:" by Charles Colson. 6:30–8 a.m. in room 416. Contact John Bell, john@hot-shot-inc.com, for more info. **M**

"Book of Galatians:" 6:30–8 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. For more info email Tom Willans, twillans@att.net. **M**

"The Prodigal God—Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith:" 6:30–8 a.m. in the Parlor. Books: \$27. Email Steve Fessler, sfessler@rcn.com, for more info. **M**

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Primetime: Sundays, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge and Step Room.

Youth Club eXtreme: Wednesday, 5:30–8:30 p.m. (This is the last week.) This week's theme: Disco Night. All parents are invited to join us on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall as we close YCX with Godspell Jr. performed by the YCX drama group. **R**

8th Grade Overnight at Camp Brainerd: May 14–15. **R**

HIGH SCHOOL

H.S. Sunday AM: 10:15–11:30 a.m. in the H.S. Lounge and Step Room.

Sunday Night Live: 6:30–9 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.

Youth Inquirers: Sundays, 6:30–9 p.m. in the H.S. Step Room.

Youth Inquirers Banquet: Monday, May 3, 5:30–7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

High School Mission Trip: July 3–10; Rockford, Ill. Early bird discount ends April 18. **R.**

THANK YOU! A special thank you to our cookie bakers and team of volunteers, led by Carol VanArtsdalen, who packed and mailed packages to our college students and men and women in the military. Please keep them in your prayers as they finish up their studies or serve our country here and abroad.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Want to be part of the following 2010 Short Term Mission (STM) trips?

Applications available on the web

Lehigh Presbytery Helping Hands "Work Trip," Oakville, Iowa, April 24–May 2

Appalachia Hearts and Homes, Dunlow, West Virginia, June 19–27

Allegheny Indian Reservation (AIR), Salamanca, NY, July 10–18

High School Outreach Camp, East Asia, July 15–26

Christo Rey, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 22–31

Brainerd Work Weekend, Camp Brainerd, Stroudsburg, PA, Aug. 20–22

To find out how you can be a part of the STM mission experience, check out the www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach page of the website, or contact Jack Brace, Pastor for Mission & Outreach, 610-867-5865, ext. 250, or jbrace@fpc-bethlehem.org.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

Hi Neighbors: Monday, April 19, Programs 1 & 2: "Croatia: Gem of the Adriatic" Travelogue, Bob & Madeline Brown.

Meals Ministry: Provides ready-to-eat meals to our FPC families in need. To make a meal request, contact Carol VanArtsdalen, 610-867-1185, or cvanartsdalen@yahoo.com. Contact Lyn Russo at 484-851-3116 or lynramsey@hotmail.com if you would like to provide meals to families in need. Meals can be home-cooked or purchased from carryout services.



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THE THREE PRIORITIES AND SIX GOALS OF OUR VISION

A DEEPENING CONNECTION WITH THE LIVING GOD:

- **NEW!** 1,000 disciples reading/praying the Psalms
- Worship attendance grows to 1500
- ✓ 1200 people read the New Testament

A DEEPENING INVESTMENT WITH ONE ANOTHER:

- **NEW!** Intentionally mentor 25 servant leaders in key areas
- 1200 people meaningfully connected in groups
- ✓ Five new studies to resource, support, train and empower disciples

A DEEPENING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED:

- **NEW!** Build a Habitat house in South Bethlehem in 2010 (17,000 hours)
- 1000 people engaged in a local, national, or international mission or service ministry

- ✓ \$100,000 in unrestricted funds to fuel the initiatives above

KNOW GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
SERVE THE WORLD

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

Peg Stone and family for the loss of her husband, Herb; Debbie Ruthraff and family for the loss of her mother, Lucy Palos; Lynnette Burns and family for the loss of her father, Marvin Wimer; and the family of Sylvia Charkarian for her loss.

WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

We are personally accountable to God for how we use the money He has entrusted to us.

"For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5:10)

Learn more at www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifestewardship.

MM = Marriage Ministry · M = Men's Ministry · W = Women's Ministry
CC = Childcare available · R = Registration required

Home COMMUNION



On each Communion Sunday there are people engaged in a quiet ministry to members of our congregation who are not able to come to church. Since 2006, home communion teams have served more than 60 people. Month after month those folks look forward to a visit, a hug, sometimes flowers, or words of a favorite hymn and most of all partaking of communion.

We are looking for a few people to join us. You will be mentored, then join another person as a team, or if you prefer, become a substitute. Those who have been serving share that they have received more blessings than they ever expected or were able to give. Just ask any one of the 26 people currently serving home communion.

If you feel you would like to share Christ's love in this way, pick up an informational card in the narthex, Rotunda or literature racks and/or contact Sally Gillispie at 610-867-8393 or sage549@gmail.com.



FPC Bethlehem and Habitat for Humanity are partnering to build a house on Bethlehem's south side. Blitz build dates are June 8–12 and June 15–19. For more info visit www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach.

Be the Match

Bone Marrow Drive for Derek Graffis

On Saturday, May 1, from 1–4 p.m., a bone marrow donation testing drive will be held at FPC in Fellowship Hall for Derek Graffis, a 20-year-old FPC member, who is battling leukemia and is in dire need of a bone marrow transplant. Though you may not be a match for Derek, your participation in this drive will place you in the national registry as a potential donor. This test is a simple cheek swab—there will be no actual marrow donation on this day.

A bake sale will also be held at the time of the event to help defray the cost of \$90 per test swab. Some money has also been donated toward the cost, and you are welcome to donate any amount you wish on the day of the drive. Look for more donation information in the form of flyers throughout the church and also go to www.marrow.org, or call Doug Sherriff at 610-533-1923.

Networking & Career Training Event

On Monday April 19, the Networking for Life Ministry team will hold the first in a series of networking and career training events. The event will run from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. **All are invited**, not only current job seekers. The event is free, but registration is required. Look for an email and bulletin board posters around the church with more information about the event. Please plan to attend. This is your chance to make a difference and begin to grow a deeper connection with other people within the church family in an open, no-pressure environment. Call or email Bill Gruenewald at 610-865-6074 or gruenewaldbill@gmail.com, to register for the event, volunteer to help, submit ideas or ask questions about the event.

“So Long, Insecurity”

Beth Moore simulcast study presented on April 24 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at Bethel Memorial Baptist Church in Easton sponsored by them and Truth for Women. Cost: \$20 if pre-registered by April 20. Info or registration forms can be found in the literature racks. If you plan to attend, would like to carpool and/or join FPC members for dinner at a local restaurant after the study, contact Rita Neuhauser at 610-868-7305 or rneuhauser@rcn.com or Susan Smith at ext. 202 or ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org.

Be a Firstfruits Gardener

You're invited to become a FPC Firstfruits Gardener, sharing your bounty with those in need. Planting may be done in your garden or ours at the church. The harvests are brought to the church Sundays from July 18 through Aug. 29 and shared with others in the congregation. The remainder will be donated to the New Bethany food bank. Last year, six carloads were donated—this year our goal is to double that amount!

Sign up in the Kirk Center Rotunda or the North Link before or after each service on April 18 or 25 and receive free seeds. More info will be available at sign-up. We are also seeking volunteers to help prepare the church garden on May 1 (rain date May 8). Call Linda at 610-395-8756 or email Barry Kessler at barry@kesslerchemical.com for more info or to volunteer.

Inquirers Class Begins

If you would like to find out more about the Presbyterian faith or are considering membership at FPC Bethlehem, please join our spring Inquirers classes on Wednesdays, April 28–May 19, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. For more info or to register, contact Yovita at ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org or ext. 206.

Giant Gift Cards

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool playground needs to replace the existing 20+ year old playground equipment. Please help us raise the required funds so that the children will continue to have a safe place to play outdoors. Giant Food Store gift cards can be purchased at face value for gas or food, payable by cash or check, in increments of \$25, \$50, or \$100. The preschool will receive 5% for each sale. Stop by our table in Fellowship Hall or the Kirk Center after worship on Sunday morning to make a donation.

Book Fair

Wed., April 21–Fri., April 23, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sat., April 24, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Early entry \$10 on April 21, 8–10 a.m.; free entry regular hours.
Fri. Is Half-price Day.
Sat. Is Bag Day—\$5 per bag.
Memorial Pool Bldg., Illick's Mill Road.
Call 610-746-0337 for info.