



**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. Rod Stone

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 bulle-  
tins 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**

May 1 & 2

Preaching: Rev. Jack Brace  
Scripture: Psalm 51

Psalms reading week 1:  
Psalms 1-5

**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](http://fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents).

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. For more info go to [www.fpc-bethlehem.org](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org).

**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.



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](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach).



**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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### 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.

**ELDERS:** Robert Andress, James Birdsall, Beth Bloss, Lynnette Burns, Ray Davis, Gail Farnham, Debbie Field, Bob Hunsicker, Jack Jordan, Joanne Kelhart, Jim Koontz, Jan Marsh, Jeff Mohler, Betsy Mowrer, Jim Parker, Dave Post, Larry Rood, Robert Rupel, Mary Ann Skutches, Jill Smedley, Ken Wycherley

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

### SUNDAYS—10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

**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 [andypanda@rcn.com](mailto:andypanda@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**

**Are You a Leader?:** Sundays, May 9, 16, 23, June 4, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 408. Do you have leadership experience in church activities, business leadership, your personal life or if you feel called to serve but have never formally led a group, please join Jim Parker, Mike Hughes, and Don Robertson for this 4-week series on the fundamentals of leading a small group. For more info, contact [mike\\_hughes@live.com](mailto:mike_hughes@live.com).

### TUESDAYS

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

**"Lord I Want to Know You:"** by Kay Arthur. Jan. 5–April 27, 12:30–2:30 p.m. Email [ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org) for more info. **W**

**The Will of God as a Way of Life:** 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, new to our Adult Resource Library, 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](mailto:ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org), ext. 202, or Priscilla, [pmoreira@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto: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](mailto:liz_kidney@ivstaff.org), or Dana Higham. **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:twillans@att.net). **M**

**"The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism:"** by Tim Keller, Fridays, beginning April 30, 6:30–7:45 a.m. in the Parlor. This class continues through the summer. Cost of the book is \$12. For more info email [l.rood@verizon.net](mailto:l.rood@verizon.net). **M**

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

**8th Grade Overnight at Camp Brainerd:** May 14–15, cost \$40. **R**

**Mission Trip:** July 11–17, Cosby, Tennessee. Early bird registration due by today, April 25. **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. Registration deadline is May 9. **R**

**College Age Ministry:** College Age Luncheon After Worship, this Sunday, April 25, at 11:45 a.m., in the Commons (former Youth Lounge), located below the Sanctuary. Meet other college students and be fed a free meal. **R**

## MISSION & OUTREACH

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

\*\*Applications available on the web\*\*

**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](http://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](mailto:jbrace@fpc-bethlehem.org).

Lehigh Presbytery's Helping Hands Care Team is traveling to Oakville, Iowa between April 24–May 1, for their second trip since the 2006 floods which devastated communities in and around Oakville. Traveling with this team from FPC Bethlehem are John Dudding, Karen Jones, Clem Bonnell, Jeanette and Mat Claessens.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

**Hi Neighbors:** Monday, April 26, 10 a.m.: "State Senator Pat Brown;" 11:15 a.m.: "Pig Tales," L.V. IronPigs baseball team speaker to be named.

**Loss, Grief & Life Transition Support Group:** Tuesdays, May 4–June 22, 1–2:30 p.m., room 416. Offered by St. Luke's Hospice. Questions or registration call Wendy Littner Thomson, 610-997-7121.

**Walking Through Grief Support Group:** Mondays, May 3–June 21 (except Memorial Day), 11 a.m.–noon, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem. This group focuses on understanding the connection between grief emotions and grief in the body and the importance of releasing related tension and pain. The walk is intended to allow us to emotionally and socially support each other in our grief, and to enjoy the benefits of gentle exercise as we discuss bereavement-related topics. Offered by St. Luke's Hospice. Questions or registration call Wendy Littner Thomson, 610-997-7121.

## 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:

Irene Dorville and family for the loss of her brother, David Bolton; Patrick J. Murphy and family for the loss of his wife, Sally; Peg Stone and family for the loss of her husband, Herb; Debbie Ruthraff and family for the loss of her mother, Lucy Palos.

## 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](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifestewardship).

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



Derek with Mihretu,  
his sponsor child  
from Ethiopia.

## **Bone Marrow Donor Drive: “Helping Derek and Others” Saturday, May 1, from 1–4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem**

Derek Graffis is an awesome twenty-year-old member of FPC Bethlehem in need of a bone marrow transplant. Derek was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) in March 2008 during his senior year at Liberty High School. Derek was in remission since July 2008 and was attending Millersville University until his leukemia returned March 2010. New chemotherapy drugs have helped him temporarily achieve a remission state, but now Derek will need a bone marrow transplant for a longer term solution. This requires someone to be an anonymous bone marrow donor for him, someone who is a genetic match to Derek.

A bone marrow donor drive is being organized to help find a donor for Derek. The Donor Drive is being organized by Angel34 Foundation, Be the Match Foundation™ and First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, and will take place on Saturday, May 1, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem in Fellowship Hall. There is NO blood drawn at the drive. Registrants will simply be asked to provide a DNA sample using 4 long q-tips to rub the inside of their cheek. That is it! In order to be eligible to donate, you must be between the ages of 18 and 60, in good general health (no personal history of cancer, insulin-dependent diabe-

tes or heart disease), and willing to save the life of an anonymous person. Registration will require your name, date of birth, driver's license, and the names and telephone numbers of 2 people who will always know how to reach you. You should also be able to provide a clear and detailed personal medical history, including medications. Even if you aren't the right genetic match for Derek, you could be the perfect match for someone else and help save their life.

Derek Graffis is the son of Dale & Michele Graffis of Bethlehem, and is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. He is the grandson of Wallace & Mae Long of Bethlehem, founders of the Long Funeral Home and members of Central Moravian Church, and also the nephew of Michael and Terri Long, of Bethlehem, and members of Edgeboro Moravian Church.

Please participate in this bone marrow donor drive and give the gift of life. There is no charge for this event, but a monetary donation toward the cost of the DNA laboratory screening tests would be greatly appreciated. Delicious baked goods and other treats will be available for purchase to help offset the laboratory costs. For more info about the bone marrow donor drive or to make a donation to cover the lab fees, go to <http://www.angel34.org> or call 610-533-1923. Please make checks payable to “Be the Match Foundation” and mail to Angel 34 Foundation, P.O. Box 494, Nazareth, PA 18064.

## **Be a Firstfruits Gardener**

Share your bounty with those in need. Plant in your garden or ours at the church. Harvests are brought to the church Sundays from July 18 through Aug. 29 and shared with others in the congregation. The remainder is 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 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](mailto: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 information or to register, contact Yovita at [ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org) or ext. 206.

## **Psalm 23 Sermon Series Available on CD or MP3**

Both a CD set (\$10) and MP3 (\$5) of the Psalm 23 sermon series is now available for purchase. Please know which format your player requires before ordering. You can place an order by calling the office or by contacting Jeaniene Eisenberg at 610-428-4607 or [jce2@lehigh.edu](mailto:jce2@lehigh.edu).

## **Fire Report**

A fire incident on Sunday, April 18, caused only minor cosmetic damage. Bethlehem fire and police officials have apprehended the person believed to be responsible for this incident and the fire incident last December. The staff and leadership of FPC Bethlehem are fully committed to a safe and secure facility. We are continuing to address all appropriate measures toward that goal.

## **Give the Gift of a Book**

For \$30 you can honor someone on your gift list by purchasing a book for the Adult Resource Library in their name. Go to [www.fpc-bethlehem.org/foradults/library](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/foradults/library) for more info.