



## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

**EASTER SERVICE  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**  
in the Kirk Center  
No Oasis this Saturday, April 3  
9 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
in the Sanctuary  
8, 9:30 & 11:15 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  
Not meeting today

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 10 & 11

Preaching: Rev. Cody Sandahl  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 17-22

**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).

## PSALMS UNPACKED

Sunday, 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.

## PSALMS

April 25 through November 21

We invite you to join us as we explore the sacred poetry of the Psalms together as a congregation. 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.

## THE BIG BUILD IS COMING

FPC Bethlehem and Habitat for Humanity are partnering to build a house on Bethlehem's southside. Blitz build dates are June 8-12 and June 15-19. Visit [www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach).

## INQUIRERS CLASS BEGINS

Wednesday, April 28

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](mailto:ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org) or ext. 206.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thanks to your generous donations the youth have raised \$4,040 during their annual Youth Ministry Stock Sale. Proceeds from this sale will be used to help pay the costs of this year's youth summer mission trips. If you would still like to contribute to the stock sale you can put your donation in the offering plate marked Youth Ministry stock sale or mail your donation to the Youth Office. Thanks again for your support of Youth Ministries.

## Ministry Contacts

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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

**DEACONS:** David Africa, Marie Boltz, Jane Derbenwick, Dennis Dodds, Terrence Dolan, Norma Ferguson, Jean Foust, Elaine Gable, Rich Gorton, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah McIntyre, Dick McKenna, Janet Pope, Pam Swank, Rachel Taylor

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

### SUNDAYS—10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

**“Your Whole Life, The 3D Plan for Eating Right, Living Well and Loving God:”** Jan. 17–Apr. 4 in the Chapel. Email Jan Marsh, [janmarsh@verizon.net](mailto:janmarsh@verizon.net) for more info.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mlnye@msn.com). **W**

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

*Unless otherwise noted, contact Susan Smith at ext. 202 or [ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org) for all registration information.*

## 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. We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with you and hope you will all join us. “SonQuest Rainforest” begins Monday, July 19–Friday, July 23, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. 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: (continued)

**The Parable of the Prodigal Son and the Elder Brother:** Noon in Fellowship Hall and 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Jack Brace, Bill Freeman and Cody Sandahl lead a series during Lent that takes a deeper look at the parable of the prodigal son and the elder brother.

**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](mailto: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**

**“The Prodigal God:”** 7–9 p.m. in room 416. 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 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](mailto:sfessler@rcn.com), for more info. **M**

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

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

**Please Note:** *Primetime will not meet Easter Sunday, April 4.*

**Youth Club eXtreme:** Wednesdays, 5:30–8:30 p.m. This week's theme: Backward Night. **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.

**Please Note:** *High School Sunday AM, Youth Inquirers, and Sunday Night Live will not meet Easter Sunday, April 4.*

## 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](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).

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

**Hi Neighbors:** Weekly fellowship and informative programs. Monday, April 5—Easter Holiday.

Hi Neighbors will resume next week. Join us Monday mornings from September through May for warm fellowship and excellent informational and educational programs given by a variety of speakers! Coffee hour is between 9:30 and 10 a.m. and between programs. Program 1 begins at 10 a.m.; Program 2 at 11:15 a.m.

**Prayer & Square Quilt and Shawl Ministries** will meet Friday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., April 9, in room 408. If interested call Ginny Murphy, 610-868-6805.



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### PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

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.

### The Three Priorities and Six Goals of Our Vision

#### DEEP CONNECTION WITH THE LIVING GOD:

- Worship attendance grows to 1500
- ✓ 1200 people read the New Testament

#### DEEP INVESTMENT WITH ONE ANOTHER:

- 1200 people meaningfully connected in groups

#### DEEP ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED:

- 1000 people engaged in a local, national, or international mission or service ministry
- ✓ Five new studies to resource, support, train and empower disciples
- ✓ \$100,000 in unrestricted funds to fuel the initiatives above

### WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

Money is one of God's gifts to people. "Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil— this is the gift of God."

To find out how to apply these Bible principles to your life visit

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

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Heart of the Matter  
*Luke 12:34*

## Looking for Wheels!

Our two church-owned vans, used by many of our church groups, need to be replaced. If you have a van in good condition that you are willing to donate to our church, please contact Barry Kessler, 610-653-6394, or [barry@kesslerchemical.com](mailto:barry@kesslerchemical.com). You would be helping your church family, plus it's a tax-deductible contribution.

## 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).

## "So Long, Insecurity"

This Beth Moore simulcast study will be presented on April 24 at Bethel Memorial Baptist Church in Easton sponsored by them and Truth for Women. The event will last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$20 if preregistered by April 20. Registration forms with directions to the church and lunch options can be found in all FPC information racks. If you plan to attend, would like to carpool and/or join FPC members for dinner at a local restaurant after the study, please contact Rita Neuhauser at 610-868-7305 or [rneuhauser@rcn.com](mailto:rneuhauser@rcn.com) or Susan Smith at ext. 202 or [ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org).

## Godspell Jr.

Friday, April 23, 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.

## 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.

## Networking & Career Training Event

As a direct result of your responses from the recent survey, the **Networking For Life Ministry** team will hold the first in a series of networking and career training events on **Monday evening, April 19**. The tentative time is 6:30–8:30 p.m. **All** are invited, not only current job seekers. The event is free, but registration is required. Detailed information will follow via email, the *Heartbeat*, the church website and bulletin board posters. Email ideas or questions about the event to Bill Gruenewald, [gruenewaldbill@gmail.com](mailto:gruenewaldbill@gmail.com). *Survey results as of March 31: 241.*

## A Holy Land Experience

If you'd like to catch up on what Alf and fellow FPC traveling companions learned and experienced during their time in the Holy Land, log on to [www.fpc-bethlehem.org](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org)!

## FFF Annual Reunion

All former FFF attendees and anyone thinking of joining with us—please come Friday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck supper and wonderful entertainment. For more information or a reservation, please contact Bonnie Hepler, 610-434-6353, or Phyllis Wertman, 610-923-3584, by April 6.

## Spirituality of Dreams and Sleep

Wed. April 21, 7–9 p.m., St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem. Program presented by Dr. Micah Sadigh, highlights the spiritual dimension of sleep and the dream world. Empirical data regarding the effects of prayer on improving insomnia will be discussed. Pre-registration preferred. Contact Jan Bickford, [ge.bickford@rcn.com](mailto:ge.bickford@rcn.com) or 610-864-1679, for more info.

## Prayer and Share Together for Emotional Wholeness

Two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: those with loved ones who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and those who are afflicted. Both meeting on Monday, April 12, 7–8:30 p.m., at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem, Dr. Henry Cloud CD; and Tuesday April 13, 7–8:30 p.m., at Asbury Methodist Church, Allentown. Comedian Anita Renfroe DVD—Mammogram satire and "God Loves Messy Broken People." Call Linda, 610 395-8756, for info.

## College Care Packages

Once again we will mail out care packages to our young people in college or the military. Help us show these young people we care by volunteering to bake three dozen cookies and bring them to the church by noon on **Monday, April 12**. Leave cookies in the main church office reception area marked "College Ministry." Please call the Youth Office, ext. 216, if you can bake or if you have an address for a college/away-from-home student or young person in the military in your family.

## JOY Candlelight Dinner

Friday, April 16. Gourmet meal of tenderloin of beef and chicken marsala catered by Karen Hunter. Hear a musical program performed by our artists-in-residence, Greg Funfgeld and Tom Goeman, with invited vocalists. This JOY signature event is only \$35. Seating is limited to the first 160 people. Deadline: April 11. Sign up soon at the JOY booth in Fellowship Hall between Sunday services.

## Tired of Winter and Cold?

Dreaming of fun times in the warm and sunny outdoors? There's still time to register for Kirk Camp!

Week One: June 13–18

Week Two: June 20–26

Contact Andie Barbehenn, 610-867-2956, or [abarbehenn@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:abarbehenn@fpc-bethlehem.org).



## PRAYER IS

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SUNDAY, MAY 2–THURSDAY, MAY 6  
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