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First Presbyterian Church
2344 Center St
Bethlehem, PA 18017

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 ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17

Rev. Alf Halvorson

1 Peter: 5:5-7

PREACHING NEXT WEEK

February 20 & 21

Rev. Manuela Kauer

Psalms 73:21-28; Luke 22:24-27

OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F

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**Submission deadline for
The Heartbeat is Monday at noon.**

The *Heartbeat*

Sunday, February 14

SCOUT SUNDAY

We celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Troop 302 has been chartered by First Presbyterian Church for 93 of those years. Scouts and leaders from that troop are assisting the ushers this morning at some of the services. If you want further information about Boy Scouts of America, please contact Randy Stonesifer at 610-691-6376.

BAPTISMS

10:15 a.m. Traditional: Christina Amelia Tresolini, daughter of Jenna Maria Tresolini and Robert Paul Stezar. Elder: Bob Hunsicker

10:30 a.m. Contemporary: Elaina Elizabeth Yoon Donatello, daughter of Laura J. (Heimerich) Donatello and David M. Donatello. Elder: Don Robertson

Wednesday, February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

A worship service begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

At our Ash Wednesday service people are invited to receive burnt ashes on their hand or their forehead as a reminder for us to confess our need for Jesus, to ask for a new beginning and to grow deeper and stronger in our faith.

Sunday, February 21

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

9 a.m. Contemporary and 10:15 a.m. Traditional

THANK YOU

Your generous donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring totaled \$1,362. These funds were forwarded to New Bethany Ministries and Victory House to help feed the poor and homeless in the Lehigh Valley. Thank you for your support!

NETWORKING FOR LIFE MINISTRY

This is a new ministry created to respond not only to the current job-loss situation, but also to cultivate deeper relationships for our church members with each other and the surrounding community. Networking is the gathering and sharing of information and is a powerful resource for employment seekers. What better way is there to help our church family in these challenging times?

In order to solicit your input and build a database, we recently launched an on-line survey. If you haven't already done so, we ask that you please take the time to complete it so we can begin to target employment needs and opportunities for our members. You can access the survey at www.fpc-bethlehem.org. It only takes a few minutes, and you'll be helping members of your own church family in an important way.

Survey respondent results as of Tuesday, Feb. 9: 154 responses (14%).

Ministry Contacts

Phone: 610-317-6162	Ext.
<i>Alf Halvorson, Pastor/Head of Staff</i>	213
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Congregational Life & Care
Manuela Kauer, Pastor 209
Helen Cochrane, Visitation Pastor 206
Sam Huffard, Visitation Pastor 206

Mission & Outreach
Jack Brace, Pastor 250

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

DEACONS: David Africa, Marie Boltz, Jackie Byrnes, Phil Clauser, Jane Derbenwick, Dennis Dodds, Terrence Dolan, Norma Ferguson, Richard Gorton, Nancy Hawkins, Sarah McIntyre, Dick McKenna, Janet Pope, Sally Roe, Jack Terres

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Are You a Leader? Sundays, Jan. 10–Mar. 14, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 416. If you have leadership experience in church activities, business, social life or you feel called to serve a group, join us for this series on the fundamentals of leading a small group. Email mike_hughes@live.com for more info.

Financial Freedom: Sundays, Jan. 10–Feb. 14, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 408. Suggested donation: \$1 for the Crown Money Map—view at www.crown.org. To sign up, or more info, call Dean or Linda, 610-395-8756.

“Your Whole Life, The 3D Plan for Eating Right, Living Well and Loving God” by Carol Showalter and Maggie Davis, Sundays, Jan 17–Apr. 4, 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel. Sponsored by the parish nurses. Book, journal and pedometer available for purchase. Email janmarsh@verizon.net for more info.

Going Deeper with the Sermon: Sundays, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 412. Ongoing Bible study and discussion following the sermon topics. Come join us anytime. Contact Bill Freeman, ext. 207, for more info.

NEW!

DadsZone Study: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families. Sundays, Jan. 31–May 23, 10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m. in room 420. Contact Andy Montero, andypanada@rcn.com. **M**

NEW!

Women's Ministries Study: The Prodigal God: Sundays, 10:15–11:30 a.m., in room 206 (across from church office). No pre-registration necessary. Cost for book and guide: \$21.50. Learn about the story of the prodigal son from a new perspective and enjoy the fellowship of a small group. All women welcome. For info call Rachel Taylor, 610-419-2147. **W**

For Moms Only: Tuesdays, 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. Tuesdays, Jan. 5–May 4, 2010, 12:30–2:30 p.m. **W**

Women's Bible Study of Genesis: Wednesdays, 9:15–11:30 a.m. Contact Liz, lizkidney@gmail.com. **W**

The Parable of the Prodigal Son and the Elder Brother: Wednesdays at noon and 6 p.m. Feb. 24–March 31. 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. The material is supplemental to “The Prodigal God,” so you’ll find plenty to talk about whether you are reading the book or not.

Women's Bible Study: “The Prodigal God” by Timothy Keller. Wednesdays, Feb. 24–April 21, 7–8:30 p.m. in room 212 (in the south wing across from the Adult Resource Library). Book and study guide: \$21.50. He brings a different perspective to the familiar parable of the prodigal son. Come discover his message of hope and salvation and which role you play in the parable. Register with Susan Smith, ext. 202, or ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org or call Karen Sweeney, 610-838-7353. **W**

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

“The Prodigal God:” Thursdays, 7–9 p.m. in room 416. Contact Jim Parker, adventurex2@verizon.net. **M**

“The Faith:” by Charles Colson. Fridays, 6:30–8 a.m. in room 416. Contact John Bell at john@hot-shot-inc.com or Ray Bush at RayBush3@verizon.net for more info. **M**

“Book of Galatians:” Fridays, 6:30–8 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. Contact Tom Willans at twillans@att.net for more info. **M**

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

Unless otherwise noted, contact Susan Smith at ext. 202 or ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org for all registration information.

SAVE THE DATE

Women: Save April 24, 2010, for Beth Moore simulcast from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at Bethel Memorial Baptist Church in Easton.

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

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.

Social Skills Class: Saturday, Feb. 6–March 6 at 10–11:30 a.m., Children's Center, rooms E3/E4, grades 4–8. Cost: \$10 per class. Conducted by Karen Reichard, Rob Harvey and Julie Trebat. Class provides fun activities through games, role play and visual projects to help kids learn flexible social rules, develop awareness of other's perspectives and learn strategies for dealing with bullying and cliques. Children on the high-functioning spectrum of autism are encouraged to attend. Contact kjreichard@hotmail.com for registration and information.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Youth Club eXtreme: Wednesdays, 5:30–8:30 p.m. This week's theme: Birthday Night. After dinner this week we will attend the Ash Wednesday worship service from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **R**

HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

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

High School Retreat, Camp Brainerd: February 26–28. Details and registration forms are available in the information racks. **R**

College Age Luncheon After Worship: Feb. 21, 11:45 a.m., in The Commons (former Youth Lounge located below the sanctuary). A chance to meet other college students and be fed a free meal. Contact Cody Sandahl, ext. 220. **R**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

Hi Neighbors: Monday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.: "The Meaning of The Treaty of 1758 in Easton," Linda Heindel; 11:15 a.m.: "Memories of the Gaza Strip," Joyce Ravitz, author.

Free Blood Pressure Check: This Sunday morning, Jan. 24, in the North Link.

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," Long Beach, Mississippi, March 6–14; 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 & Hogar La Casita, 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, come to one of the informational meetings scheduled on Feb. 21 and 28 from 10:15–11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. You can obtain an application at these meetings, on the [Active Outreach](#) page of the website, or by contacting Jack Brace, Pastor for Mission & Outreach, 610-867-5865, ext. 250, or jbrace@fpc-bethlehem.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

The family of Barbara Green for her loss; Michael and Lori Kotze for the loss of Lori's mother, Alma Bracken; Andy and Carol Scott for the loss of Carol's mother, Evelyn Jeff; the Tyson family for the loss of Mark.

If you feel called to a ministry of prayer, please pick up a Prayer Concerns sheet in the literature racks outside the office, the Kirk Center and in the North Link.



WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION

For Sunday morning worship cancellations as well as cancellations during the week, check these sources:

- Church office: 610-867-5865
- Website: www.fpc-bethlehem.org
- FM radio stations B104 (104.1) and WZZO (95.1)
- AM radio stations WAEB (790) and FOX1470 (1470)
- WFMZ channel 69 News (TV)

Your specific ministry extension may also have cancellation information.

All youth activities will be canceled when Bethlehem School District closes or dismisses early due to weather conditions.

Please stay safe this winter and call the church before you venture out.

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Free BELLY OFF! DIET Intro Sessions

Jeff Csatori, author of the BELLY OFF! DIET, is offering three free intro sessions from 7–8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 16 and 23 in Fellowship Hall, and March 2 in the Parlor. This program is open to the public, so bring a friend (or two)! Learn fitness and nutrition tips and sample workouts. Short bodyweight workout for beginners—wear loose-fitting clothing. Books available at publisher's discount. For more info, contact Jeff at 610-967-7808, or jeff.csatari@rodale.com.

5 Tips and Strategies to Survive the Great Recession and Beyond

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7–8:30 p.m., room F3/F4. If you've been adversely affected by the recession, received a cut in salary, are out of work, looking for ways to stretch your money or need a financial plan, then you'll want to attend this seminar! Look for registration forms in the literature racks or on our website. The seminar is free. For more info, contact John Edwards, 484-281-3392.

Big Band Dance

Join us for the annual Big Band Dance on Saturday, Feb. 20, at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown. Proceeds from the dance benefit future Disaster Assistance efforts coordinated by Lehigh Presbytery such as the numerous mission trips for Hurricane Katrina relief and flooding in Iowa and Georgia. Dance lessons (fox trot, waltz, swing) will be offered this year starting at 6 p.m. with dancing from 7 p.m.–10 p.m. Cost is \$12.50 for the dance & refreshments—a free-will offering will be collected for the lessons. Contact Terry Cline at 610-867-4749 or tccline52@rcn.com for tickets.

Looking for Artists for Art Explosion 2010

The FPC Bethlehem Creative Arts Team is hosting another Art Explosion on Friday, March 19. Get ready for "New Life" this Lenten season where everyone is invited to experience worship through visual art. Once again, the Kirk Center will be transformed into an art gallery, and the multi-artist exhibit will showcase "New Life"-themed works of art, ranging in style and technique from traditional drawing and painting to experimental mixed media, video, sculpture, graphic design and photography. All artists from amateur to professional are invited to participate and submit their art. For more information pick up a submission form in the Rotunda or download the PDF from the web at www.fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents.

Preschool Playground Raising Funds

The climbing equipment on our preschool playground is over 20 years old. We'd like to invite you to help us raise the funds needed to purchase and install new equipment. Since Sept. 2009, the preschool has participated in the Giant Food Store's Cash for Causes Fundraiser. Gift cards are purchased at face value for gas or food, payable by check or cash. The preschool receives 5% for each sale. You can purchase your Giant gift cards in Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 9:30–10:15 a.m. beginning Feb. 21. Your cards can be picked up the following Sunday or during the week at the preschool director's office on Thursdays, between 11–noon. Thank you for your support!

Give the Gift of a Book

Go to fpc-bethlehem.org/resource-library for more info.

Free Tax Help

Free assistance preparing federal, state and local income tax returns is available to low- and middle-income people beginning Feb. 1, 2010. Membership in AARP is NOT required. This tax counseling service, sponsored by AARP and IRS, provides trained volunteers who help in preparing tax returns and applications required for PA property tax or rent rebate, as well as PACE and PACENET. Anyone interested in using this service should bring last year's tax returns and all pertinent info detailing income and expenses for 2009 to a designated location. For a list of locations and hours, pick up a FREE TAX HELP flyer found in the main office reception area and in the literature racks.

By including FPC Bethlehem in your will, you share your financial blessings and your faith.

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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF 1/31/10

	CURRENT ACTUAL	2009 ACTUAL
YTD Income	\$ 327,403	\$ 279,652
YTD Expenses	\$ 197,476	\$ 165,773
General Fund Balance	\$ 129,927	\$ 113,879

WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

"But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth."
(Deuteronomy 8:18)