



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bethlehem Pennsylvania

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. Manuela Kauer

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

February 27 & 28

Rev. Alf Halvorson

Proverbs 19:11, 29:11;

Ephesians 4:25-27;

Mark 3:1-6

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, February 21 —

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

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

SERVICE FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

11:40 in the Chapel

— Sunday, February 28 —

INQUIRERS RECEIVED

First Contemporary and Traditional services

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.

In order to solicit your input and build a database, we recently launched an online 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 fpc-bethlehem.org. It only takes a few minutes, and you'll be helping members of your own church family in an important way.

A computer station will be available in Fellowship Hall for the next four Sundays for those with limited Internet access. Please stop by, and take a few minutes to complete the survey online.

Survey respondent results as of Wednesday, Feb. 17: 193 responses (19%).

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 fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents.

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

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 September, 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 from 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 a.m.-noon. Thank you for your support!

Submission deadline for The Heartbeat is Monday at noon.

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, 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

SUNDAYS—10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals of leading a small group:

Jan. 10–Mar. 14 in room 416.

Email mike_hughes@live.com for more info.

“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 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 Andy Montero, andypanada@rcn.com. **M**

Women's Ministries Study: The Prodigal God: Room 206 (across from church office). Cost for 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–May 4, 2010, 12:30–2:30 p.m. **W**

WEDNESDAYS

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

The Parable of the Prodigal Son and the Elder Brother: Noon in Fellowship Hall and 7 p.m. in the Parlor. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

Hi Neighbors: Monday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m.: “Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine,” Dave Molony, Practitioner; 11:15 a.m.: “What’s Happening in Lehigh Valley Real Estate?” Tom Demshock, Fishburn Realty.

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. If you would like to provide meals to families in need, contact Lyn Russo, 484-851-3116, or lynramsey@hotmail.com. Meals can be home-cooked or purchased from carryout services.

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WEDNESDAYS: (continued)

Women's Bible Study: “The Prodigal God” by Timothy Keller. 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**

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. **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. Email Steve Fessler, sfessler@rcn.com, for more info. Books: \$27. **M**

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.

Unless otherwise noted, contact Susan Smith at ext. 202 or 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.

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: Olympic Night. **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. Youth Inquirers will not meet next week, Feb. 28, due to the H.S. Retreat. **R**

Sunday Night Live: 6:30–9 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. SNL will not meet next week, Feb. 28, due to the H.S. Retreat.

High School Retreat, Camp Brainerd: Feb. 26–28. Details and registration forms are available in the information racks. Late registrations are being accepted until Feb. 22. **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. All are welcome!

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.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

Sue Merrill for the loss of her husband, Neil; the family of Lester Erich for his loss; Mary Lou Grimes and family for the loss of her husband, Alan; the family of Barbara Green for her loss.



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.

WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

God grants to people the ability to earn that which is His already: money and wealth.

"Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all."
(1 Chron. 29:12)

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Whole Life Stewardship

Applying Bible Principles

“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” (Ecclesiastes 5:19).

According to James 1:17, every good gift has an identical source: God. A contemporary translation expresses this verse in the following way: “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting shadows.”

Unfortunately, people often twist and pervert God’s good gifts. For example, the appetite for food is a gift of God, but some allow this gift to become a reason for existence rather than the means by which they exist. Money is another gift from God that frequently is twisted and abused.

In Ecclesiastes 5:19, Solomon spelled out God’s intention with respect to money. First, as we have mentioned previously, all that we

have belongs to God. We are to view money in that context. Second, God desires us to work for what we have. Third, when we do so, we will be rewarded. For most of us, that means a paycheck of one sort or another. And fourth, we are to enjoy the fruit of our labor. Money certainly is a primary means of enjoying all that we have worked for.

But money is a means to an end. It is not an end in itself. When it becomes our goal, when we work only for money, when we are obsessed with money or what it will buy, then we have twisted one of God’s good gifts and misused it.

How do you view money? Is money an end, a goal, in and of itself? Or is it a means to an end? You see, how you answer that question will in large measure determine how you give to God. If money is an end in and of itself, you will not give as freely as you will give if you view it as a means to an end, especially the overall goal in the Christian life to glorify God in all that we do.

That, my friend, just may be the main reason God gives us the ability to earn money. Yes,

He wants us to enjoy it. Certainly, He wants us to use it as one of His good gifts. But maybe—just maybe—one of the main ways He desires us to enjoy it is to give it away, especially to His work.

Once, a church officer called on a member of his church concerning his attendance. The member complained that he had quit coming to church because all the church ever did was ask for money. The other man replied, “When my son was a boy, he was like that. He was very costly. He always wanted money for school books and lunches, and he always needed new shoes and clothes. The older he grew, the more I had to spend on him. But he hasn’t cost me anything in the last year.” “Why not?” the member asked. “He died a year ago, and since then, he’s not cost me anything.” The church officer concluded, “A live church will always need money. Dead ones seldom do.”

How do you view money today? As an end in itself, or as a means to an end?

Free BELLY OFF! DIET Intro Sessions

Jeff Csatari, author of the BELLY OFF! DIET, is offering three free intro sessions from 7–8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 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.

K-group Project Opportunity

This is an opportunity to help out our Share-Care Deacon Ministry by providing car care items for its annual basket auction in April. We have a list of 25 items (such as chamois, car wash, sponges, tire brush, flashlight, etc.) and are seeking people willing to purchase them. Please contact Joan Glover, jlq1738@rcn.com, or 610-861-0741, for more details.

Lilies to beautify our church on Easter Sunday

Honor a relative or loved one by making a donation toward the lilies that will beautify our Sanctuary and Kirk Center on Easter Sunday. Please put your donation in the Easter lily envelope (found in the pew racks in the Sanctuary and on the tables in the Rotunda) and place in the offering plate, or send it to Marie Boltz, 1850 Felicity Lane, Hellertown, PA 18055. **Deadline is March 28**

FPC Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 10, from 4–8 p.m. Sign up by calling Joan Glover at 610-861-0741.

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.