



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Bethlehem Pennsylvania

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 NEXT WEEK**

January 16 & 17

Preaching: Alf Halvorson  
Psalm 23:3

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

———— Saturday, January 9 ————

**BAPTISMS**

**Saturday, 6 p.m. Oasis:** Mason John Meyer, son of Angela Mooney Meyer and Todd Michael Paul Meyer. Elder: Bob Andress.

———— Sunday, January 10 ————

**BAPTISMS**

**Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Traditional:** Jonathan Jagjit Gulati, son of Allison Williams Gulati and Michael Eric Gulati; Aidan Thomas Harvey, son of Linda Maria Domingues and Michael Thomas Harvey; Jeremy Thomas Marsac, Jr., son of Jennifer Modica and Jeremy Thomas Marsac, Sr.; Michael Joseph Penner, son of Kathryn Lynn (Pollock) Penner and Matthew Daniel Penner. Elders: Jim Birdsall and Lynnette Burns.

**Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Contemporary:** Harper Reese Csordas and Kaelin Quinn Csordas, daughters of Jennifer Lynn (Hardy) Csordas and Alexander Robert Csordas; Mallory Crase Su-bin Johnson, daughter of Rebecca Leigh McLaughlin Johnson and Eric Johnson. Elders: Karen Reichard, Jill Smedley.

**RECEPTION CELEBRATING DON MASTERS**

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the last worship service as we thank Don for his many years of faithful service!

———— Monday, January 18 ————

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

The church will be closed in observance of the holiday.

———— Sunday, January 24 ————

**ADULT INQUIRERS CLASS BEGINS**

10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. through Feb. 14. *(see details on page 4)*

———— Sunday, January 31 ————

**THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**of the CONGREGATION and CORPORATION  
of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**

with a luncheon given by Youth Ministry  
at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The meeting follows at 12:30 in the Sanctuary.

**Luncheon tickets will be available on Jan. 17 and 24** in the North and South Links, Ministry Mall, and Rotunda (outside the Kirk Center), or in the church office during the week. Seating will be available the day of the luncheon on an "as available" basis. We do not take phone reservations. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (up to age 10). Proceeds from the dinner will go towards building a school in Quacha Birra, Ethiopia.

## Ministry Contacts

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610-867-2956

**ELDERS:** Robert Andress, James Birdsall, Lynnette Burns, Ray Davis, Glenna Dunham, John Edwards, Debbie Field, Joan Glover, Bob Hunsicker, Joanne Kelhart, Jim Koontz, Jan Marsh, Jeff Mohler, Betsy Mowrer, Jim Parker, Dave Post, Karen Reichard, Don Robertson, Larry Rood, Jill Smedley, Ken Wycherley

**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

**TRUSTEES:** Ronald Bauer, Sue Cady, Douglas Cappellini, Jim DiSario, Dave Evans, Gerry Gillispie, Barry Kessler, Jim Largay, Geoff Marsac, Don Mengel, Don Mongeon, Evelyn Stravino

**FPC LEHIGH PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS:**  
Russ Grander, Bill Marsh, Ann Terres, Loey Post, Jeff Mohler, Jill Smedley

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

**What's Next? "The Prodigal God"** by Timothy Keller, provides a fresh look at the well-known parable of the prodigal son and the elder brother. Whether you know this parable like the back of your hand or have no idea what a parable is, this study offers a chance to grow your heart, your mind and your faith. The book and discussion guide, along with optional DVD, create a great opportunity for both small groups and individuals alike.

**Getting Started with "The Prodigal God:"** Jan. 17, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are a K-group leader, a small group leader, or are interested in joining a new group, come to our training event. This is an opportunity to hear about *The Prodigal God* (including how to lead a small group through it), and it is a chance to provide feedback on how your group is doing and how the church can help you grow deeper. Contact Cody Sandahl, [csandahl@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:csandahl@fpc-bethlehem.org), for more info.

**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, please join us for this 4-week series on the fundamentals of leading a small group. There will be discussion and insight into how you can help a small group be more effective and how you can discover other leadership opportunities within the church. Email [mike\\_hughes@live.com](mailto:mike_hughes@live.com) for more info.

**Financial Freedom:** Sundays, Jan. 10–Feb. 14, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 408. Join us for a 6-week Sunday School class exploring God's practical financial principles with the Crown Financial Money Map so you can achieve this life-changing freedom! Suggested donation: \$1 for the Crown Money Map (online price \$3). View the money map online at [www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org). To sign up, or for further information, call Dean or Linda, 610-395-8756.

**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.

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

**For MOMs only:** Tuesdays, 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. Tuesdays, Jan. 5–May 4, 2010, 12:30–2:30 p.m. Workbook discussion and video presentation. Register with Susan Smith, ext. 202, or [ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org). **W**

**Women's Bible Study of Genesis:** Wednesdays, 9:15–9:30 a.m., study 9:30–11:30 a.m. Class is on holiday break and resumes Jan. 13. Contact Liz, [lizkidney@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Presbyterian Women's Circles** begin Jan. 7 to continue our study of Joshua. Please call your Circle leader or Kay at 610-264-3628. **W**

**Men's Small Group:** Thursdays, 6:30–8 a.m. in the Parlor. **No assigned homework.** Contact Bill Freeman, ext. 207. **M**

**"Worship 365:"** Thursdays, through Jan. 14, 7–9 p.m. in room 416. Contact Jim Parker, [adventurex2@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:john@hot-shot-inc.com) or Ray Bush at [RayBush3@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:twillans@att.net) for more info. **M**

**"Just Walk Across the Room:"** Fridays, 6:30–8 a.m. in the Parlor. Contact Steve Fessler, [sfessler@rcn.com](mailto:sfessler@rcn.com) for more info. Books cost \$27. **M**

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## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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### SAVE THE DATES!

**High School Mission Trip:** July 3–10, 2010, for students who have completed grades 9–12.

**Middle School Mission Trip:** July 11–17, 2010, for students who have completed grades 6–8.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

**Middler Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal:** Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Youth Club eXtreme:** Wednesdays, 5:30–8:30 p.m. This week's theme: South of the Border. **R**

**7-7 Party:** Jan. 22–23. Details and registration forms are available in the information racks. **R**

### HIGH SCHOOL

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

**Sunday Night Live and Youth Inquirers** 6:30–9:30 p.m. H.S. Hospitality Room.

**High School Chorale Rehearsal:** Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Youth Inquirers' Retreat** at Camp Brainerd, January 15–16. **R**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

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**Hi-Neighbors:** Monday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.: "Native American Contributions," Allan and Carla Messinger; 11:15 a.m.: "Identity Theft-What You Need to Know," David Shalleross-Office of PA Attorney General.

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:** This Sunday morning, Jan. 10, in the North Link.

**Stephen Ministry is pleased to announce** that Pastor Manuela Kauer and Betsy Jordan will be participating in the Leadership Training Course in Orlando, Florida on Jan. 10–16. We ask that you pray for Manuela and Betsy as they walk with many other Christians through this intense and exhilarating training course and bring back their learning to the congregation.

**"Your Whole Life, The 3D Plan for Eating Right, Living Well and Loving God"** by Carol Showalter and Maggie Davis. Join us for a 12-week book study, weekly goals, a do-able exercise plan, tips for living well, daily spiritual readings and more. Class begins Sunday, Jan. 17, 10:15 a.m. in the chapel, sponsored by the parish nurses. Book, journal and pedometer will be available for purchase. Sign up by emailing [janmarsh@verizon.net](mailto:janmarsh@verizon.net) or just join us!

### SUPPORT GROUPS:

**Job Seekers Arise!** Mondays, 7–8 p.m. in room 408.

**Christian 12-Step Support Group:** Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m. in room 206.

**Singles Support Group:** Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:45 a.m. in the Parlor.

**New 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](mailto:cvanartsdalen@yahoo.com).

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

## MISSION & OUTREACH

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**Sharing Christ at Christmastime:** Thank you to all who reached out and joined with our partners from Northeast Ministries, Victory House and New Bethany Ministries to help celebrate Christmas this year. Your generous gifts, time and energy helped to make an enormous impact on people's lives.

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

Gladys Hughes and family for the loss of her husband, Stanley; Lois Smith and family for the loss of her brother, Lee Everett; Sue Stevens and family for the loss of her brother-in-law, William Ritz; George Bickford and family for the loss of his mother, Olga

*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](http://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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## 2010 Men's Conference and Couple's Evening

Friday, Jan. 29 & Saturday, Jan. 30. Our speaker, Pastor Bart Campolo, will talk about ways for men to proactively pursue loving relationships with the people in their lives. This is an opportunity to unwind, laugh, renew friendships and our commitment to Christ. Register in Fellowship Hall and the Kirk Center Rotunda. You can also register or get more information by contacting: Bob Andress, 610-767-3466, or [rdbobdog@aol.com](mailto:rdbobdog@aol.com); Steve Fessler, 610-882-0369, or [sfessler@rcn.com](mailto:sfessler@rcn.com); Larry Rood, 610-261-3810, or [l.rood@verizon.net](mailto:l.rood@verizon.net). Registration deadline: Jan. 25. Conference only: \$70 per person. Conference and couple's dinner: \$110 per couple.

## Inquirers Class Begins

During the four-week Inquirer's program—Sundays, at 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.. on Jan. 24–Feb. 14, pastoral staff and small group leaders will share the mission, vision and goals of our church, familiarize you with our many ministry opportunities and guide you in your profession of faith. We look forward to helping you make deeper connections with our congregation. Childcare will be provided by reservation only. If you would like to join the Inquirers (new member) class, contact Yovita at ext. 206 or [ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org).

## JOY Movie Night & Pizza

Join us on Friday, Feb. 5, in Fellowship Hall, and have a night out at the movies with your JOY friends. Enjoy pizza, beverages, popcorn and a Dove bar. The meal is followed by "Mr. Holland's Opus" starring Richard Dreyfuss. The story is about a musician and composer who takes a teaching job to pay the rent. Does he meet his life-goals? What is success? Don't miss this enjoyable movie and meal for only \$5. Sign up at the JOY booth in Fellowship Hall between Sunday services. Deadline: Jan. 31.

## Financial Scholarships

Our church's Scholarship Committee is pleased to once again offer educational financial assistance to FPC members who are preparing for careers in professional Christian service. Applications will be at the reception desk in the church office. Those currently receiving aid and new candidates for aid are required to apply for the 2010 academic year. Questions? Call Barry Kessler at 610-838-3040.

## Military Care Packages

The children's choirs are preparing care packages to send to members of the military stationed abroad. Choir members will collect items and monetary donations following the Sunday services throughout the month of January. We would also like to receive the names and addresses of family members and friends currently serving in the military (we cannot send packages without actual military addresses). Last year we received many grateful letters for the packages and letters sent on behalf of our congregation, and we look forward to another opportunity to spread God's love to those serving far from home. A list of needed items for the packages is available in the Narthex and Rotunda. Contact Marie Miller, [mandkmiller@rcn.com](mailto:mandkmiller@rcn.com), for more info.

## Would You Like to Receive FPC Email?

If you would like to receive the weekly Heartbeat, special event information or specific ministry announcements by email, go to [www.fpc-bethlehem.org](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org) and click on the Join Our Email List link. Enter your email address and you will receive a reply that allows you to sign up only for those ministry categories you are truly interested in. Email is an environmentally friendly, fast and convenient way to stay informed with the latest FPC news. Please call the office with your email address as well—there are occasions where individual messages to you may be preferable to group messages.

## Prayer and Share Together

for Emotional Wholeness: Two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for women with loved ones who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those who are afflicted themselves. Both are meeting on Monday Jan. 11, 7-8:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem, and Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, Allentown. Topic: Pursonality, Anita Renfroe DVD, and God Loves Messy Broken People. Call Linda, 610-395-8756, for more info.

## Ministry Panel Boards

If you would like to post your ministry event on a ministry panel board in Fellowship Hall, please reserve one by emailing [ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org). Please note that one of your ministry representatives must be present at the table on Sundays between services.

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## WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

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



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This year, why not make a New Year's resolution to include FPC Bethlehem in your estate plans?

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