



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 23 & 24

Preaching: Alf Halvorson
Psalm 23:4

OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F
PHONE: 610-867-5865
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fpc-bethlehem.org
fpcocasis.com

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.

———— Sunday, January 17 ————

SERVICE FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

11:40 a.m. in the Chapel.

———— 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.

———— Sunday, February 7 ————

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

This offering is taken in churches nationwide on Super Bowl Sunday to go directly to local food banks and shelters. On a day when so much money is spent to watch a football game, we are challenged to give \$1 on the way out of worship and place it in the soup kettles held by our youth. 100% of this offering will go to our local mission partners serving the hungry in our community.

———— Wednesday, February 17 ————

ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship service at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Ministry Contacts

Phone: 610-317-6162	Ext.
<i>Alf Halvorson, Pastor/Head of Staff</i>	213
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Weekday Preschool & Extended Care
610-867-2956

WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

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



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). Contact Cody Sandahl, 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. Email mike_hughes@live.com for more info.

Financial Freedom: Sundays, Jan. 10–Feb. 14, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 408 exploring God's practical financial principles with the Crown Financial Money Map so you can achieve life-changing freedom! Suggested donation: \$1 for the Crown Money Map (online price \$3). View the money map online at www.crown.org. To sign up, or for further info, 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.

For MOMs only: Tuesdays, through May 18, 9:30–11:30 a.m. in room F3/F4. Contact Molly Anderson, mlnve@msn.com. **W**

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

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

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

"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. **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. **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.

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. **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**

"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 or just join us!

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday School 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 through those in 5th grade.

Preschool Faith Friends 8:45 to 10 a.m. for ages 2 through 4-years-old only

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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: Pajama Night. **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, Jan. 15–16. **R**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

Hi Neighbors: Weekly fellowship and informative programs. Monday, Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Holiday—no Hi Neighbors this week.

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.

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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF 12/31/09

	CURRENT ACTUAL	2008 ACTUAL
YTD Income	\$2,568,939	\$2,505,485
YTD Expenses	<u>\$2,397,519</u>	<u>\$2,471,468</u>
General Fund Balance	\$ 171,420	\$ 34,017

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

The family of Lewis (Pete) Lukehart for his loss; Joe and Katie Kricks and family for the loss of their daughter, Louisa Blankenship; Karen Hammer and family for the loss of her mother; Marian Baker; Gladys Hughes and family for the loss of her husband, Stanley; Lois Smith and family for the loss of her brother, Lee Everett.

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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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; Steve Fessler, 610-882-0369, or sfessler@rcn.com; Larry Rood, 610-261-3810, or 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 Inquirers 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.

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.

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, for more info.

Free Flu Clinic

Seasonal Flu and H1N1 immunizations will be given Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 9–11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The shots are free and there are no restrictions, including residency. Sponsored by Bethlehem Health Bureau. For more info contact 610-865-7087.

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 one of the designated locations in Bethlehem, Hellertown or Coopersburg between Feb. 1 and April 15. 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.

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.

Fire Damage

On Dec. 27 we experienced some minor fire damage in a classroom below the main Sanctuary. The damage was superficial and cosmetic; no structural damage was done. The Bethlehem Fire Department and police are investigating this as a case of arson. One result is that we are being directed to correct important safety and security issues. You may notice some of those changes while others will be accomplished behind the scenes. Our Board of Trustees will be monitoring our progress.

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
- ✓ Five new studies to resource, support, train and empower disciples

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
- ✓ \$100,000 in unrestricted funds to fuel the initiatives above.

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