



**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**

February 6 & 7

Preaching: Rev. Cody Sandahl  
Psalm 23:6

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

———— 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 at the door.** Seating will be available the day of the luncheon on an "as available" basis. 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**

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

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season when we ask God for new and honest hearts and the healing power of forgiveness. In Lent we take time to pray for a closer relationship with Jesus and to reflect on how we are living. 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.

———— Sundays, February 21 & 28 ————

**2010 Short-term Mission Trip Informational Meetings:** 10:15–11:00 a.m. & 11:45–12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Come and find out how you can be part of short-term mission in 2010. Scheduled trips are listed below, and applications will be available at these meetings or by contacting Jack Brace, Pastor for Mission & Outreach, 610-867-5865, ext. 250, or [jbrace@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:jbrace@fpc-bethlehem.org).

**Lehigh Presbytery Helping Hands Care Team "Work Trip,"** Oakville, Iowa, April 24–May 2

**Appalachia Hearts and Homes,** Dunlow, West Virginia, June 19–27

**High School Outreach Camp,** Qingdao, China, July 15–26

**Christo Rey & Hogar La Casita,** Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 22–31

**Brainerd Work Weekend,** Camp Brainerd, Stroudsburg, PA, Aug. 20–22

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**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

### NEW!

**DadsZone Study:** The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families begins today, Jan. 31, 10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m. in room 420.

### NEW!

**Women's Ministries Study of "The Prodigal God"** by Timothy Keller on Sunday mornings, 10:15–11:30 a.m. Begins Feb. 7. Register on Sunday mornings, Jan. 24 and 31, in the Kirk Center. Cost for the book and guide is \$21.50, payable at registration. For questions call Rachel Taylor, 610-419-2147.

**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, 9:15–11:30 a.m. 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.

**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](mailto:ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org). Call Karen Sweeney, 610-838-7353.

**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**

**"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](mailto:sfessler@rcn.com), for more info. Books cost \$27. **M**

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

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## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

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**Second Grade Bible Brunch:** Sunday, Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A very special day is planned for your child, so we ask you to also attend our worship services as well.

**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 [kreichard@hotmail.com](mailto:kreichard@hotmail.com) for registration and information.

## 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: Super Bowl. **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. in the H.S. Hospitality Room.

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

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

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

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**Hi Neighbors:** Monday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m.: "Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor," Steve Everett; 11:15 a.m.: "National Canal Museum & Hugh Moore Historical Park," Tom Stoneback, Executive Director.

### 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.

**"Your Whole Life, The 3D Plan for Eating Right, Living Well and Loving God"** by Carol Showalter and Maggie Davis, Jan 17–Apr. 4, 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel. Join us for a 12-week book study, weekly goals, a do-able exercise plan, tips for living well, daily spiritual readings and more. Sunday class is sponsored by the parish nurses. Book, journal and pedometer will be available for purchase. To sign up, email [janmarsh@verizon.net](mailto:janmarsh@verizon.net) or just join us!

**Lose Weight, Feel Great, Free!** Take the first step toward improving your health by joining us for "Intro to The Belly Off! Diet," based on the New York Times best-selling fitness book by congregation member Jeff Csatari, Feb. 16 and 23 in Fellowship Hall, and March 2, 7–8 p.m. in the Parlor. The free program is open to the public. Jeff will share fitness and nutrition tips and sample workouts. Wear loose-fitting clothing to take part in a short, bodyweight workout for beginners. Books available at publisher's discount. For more info: 610-691-4123.

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

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; 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.

*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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## How Meaningfully Connected Are We?

For over a year, FPC Bethlehem has focused on three priorities and six goals. One of our goals sets our eyes on having 1200 people meaningfully connected in small groups. How are we doing so far? The K-group team has verbally connected with 37 K-groups, of which 13 have formed in the last year with several more in the process of forming right now. These groups include a little over 300 people. Including people in choir, men's ministry, women's ministry, youth small groups and other ministries, our grand total sits at around 750 people in small groups—many added in the last year. We are trending in the right direction. If you would like to know more or if the team can help your group in any way, please contact Cody at [csandahl@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:csandahl@fpc-bethlehem.org).

## JOY Movie Night & Pizza

Join us 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 followed by "Mr. Holland's Opus" starring Richard Dreyfuss. Don't miss this enjoyable movie and meal for only \$5. Sign up at the JOY booth in Fellowship Hall between Sunday services by Jan. 31.

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

## Prayers and Aid for Haiti

The catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12 has devastated much of the country, and the earth continues to shudder in the wake of strong aftershocks. Conditions are dire as people cling to life with inadequate or no shelter, water or food. **These people desperately need your prayers!** In addition you can make a monetary donation to relief efforts. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is collecting aid and has set a one-million-dollar goal for their response, PDA account number DR000064. You can donate online, or write a check to First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem with Haiti Earthquake in the memo. Monies collected through FPC Bethlehem will go to PDA.

## 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.

## 2010 Ethiopia Mission Network Conference

April 22–24, 2010, at Faith United Presbyterian Church, Washington, PA (South of Pittsburgh). Guest speakers: Rev. Wakseyoum Idosa, President, EECMY, and Hunter Farrell, Director, PCUSA World Missions. Featured Ethiopian participants: Dr. Urgessa Biru, Director of the Light of Hope Ministries (Toronto), and Dr. Gemechis Desta Buba, Director of the African National Ministries of the ELCA. For more information visit [www.ethiopianetwork.org](http://www.ethiopianetwork.org).

## 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 meeting on Monday, Feb. 8, 7–8:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem—Stress-relieving Scents and Sounds; and Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7–8:30 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, Allentown—Anita Renfroe, comedian, DVD-Mammogram satire and "God Loves Messy Broken People." Call Linda 610-395-8756 for directions/information.

## 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 can be obtained at the reception desk in the church office starting Dec. 1. 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

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