



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. 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

January 9 & 10

Preaching: Rev. Alf Halvorson
Psalm 23:2

OFFICE HOURS:

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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.

————— Wednesday, January 6 —————

EPIPHANY

This day marks the miraculous manifestation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ to the gentiles as represented by the Magi.

————— 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.

During the four-week Inquirer's program, pastoral staff and small group leaders will share the mission, vision and goals of our church, familiarize you with many of our 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.

————— 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).

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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, 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 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. To sign up, or for further information, call Dean or Linda, 610-395-8756.

Going Deeper with the Sermon: Sundays, Jan. 3–Feb. 28, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 412. Bible study and discussion according to the sermon. Contact Bill Freeman, ext. 207, for more info.

Women's Bible Study: Book of Judges: Sundays, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 206. Contact Susan Smith, ext. 202. **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. 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**

Going Deeper with the Parable of the Prodigal Son and the Elder Brother Wednesdays at noon and 6 p.m. Beginning Feb. 24. Jack Brace, Bill Freeman and Cody Sandahl will lead a series during Lent that takes a deeper look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son and the Elder Brother. The material will be supplemental to *The Prodigal God*, so you will 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. **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**

"Just Walk Across the Room:" Fridays, 6:30–8 a.m. in the Parlor. Contact Steve Fessler, stessler@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.

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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: Airplane 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, January 15-16. **R**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

Hi-Neighbors: Hi-Neighbors is on holiday break, but will resume Jan. 11, 9:30–11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Prayer & Square Quilters and Prayer Shawl Knitters will meet Friday, Jan. 8 in room 408 from 10–2 p.m. Come join us.

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 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.

MISSION & OUTREACH

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.

“Unto us a child was born, and his name was *Emmanuel—God with us.*” The welcome of God was indeed with us in the Christmas season. In and through each of these encounters, that welcome went out into the neighborhood. Our many thanks to those that served!

To find out more about our participation with these ministries this Christmas, visit our website. For more information about FPC's local outreach efforts or to get involved, contact Diane Kulp, dkulp@fpc-bethlehem.org.

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
- 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.

Get Trustee facility updates at www.fpc-bethlehem.org.

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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)*

The Amount of Money We Have Is Determined By God. Applying Bible Principles

According to His wisdom and sovereignty, God has placed each of us at some point on the economic spectrum. He has entrusted some people with considerable wealth; to others, lesser amounts.

The Bible does not assume that it is wrong for people to make money, but rather, it clearly states that God allows people to earn money. Solomon said that money is one of God’s many gifts to mankind. In fact, in Ecclesiastes 5, Solomon said that God wants us to enjoy the fruit of our labor, namely, money which we have earned and the things it can buy.

David expressed it this way in his prayer recorded in the 29th chapter of First Chronicles: “Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. 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. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.”

When you stop to think about it, Christians have a great thing going when it comes to money. According to this passage and to other scriptures, God gives us the power and ability to get wealth. He provides the energy, the stamina, the mental and physical ability, the creativity, and whatever else it takes for us to earn a living. As we saw recently, since God owns everything, He is actually enabling us to earn that which is rightfully His.

What is really great about God’s plan from our perspective is that He then provides a blessing to us for giving back to

Him what was His in the first place! Sometimes the prayer offered before our church offering is received includes the thought that we are only giving back to God a portion of what He has given us. That prayer is very scriptural, for in the First Chronicles passage, David said, “For all things come from you, and of your own we have given you.”

In reality, then, there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. As the Apostle Paul so clearly asked the believers at Corinth, “For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Cor. 4:7). This morning as you give to God, remember the source of your funds. Yes, you did your part by working and by laboring by “the sweat of your brow,” but in reality, God gave you the ability to get money.

And as the old chorus by Wendell Loveless asks, “After all He’s done for me, After all He’s done for me, How can I do less than give Him my best, And live for Him completely, After all He’s done for me?”



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. Registration begins Sunday, Dec. 6 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.

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 storyline 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 soon at the JOY booth in Fellowship Hall between Sunday services. Deadline is Jan. 31.

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. Please note that one of your ministry representatives must be present at the table on Sundays between services.

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. In addition to items and monetary contributions, we would greatly appreciate receiving 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 the letters we 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, or 610-865-5560, for more info.