



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

9:45 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 through children entering  
kindergarten in the fall.

Large print bulletins and Children's bulle-  
tins 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

July 17 & 18

Preaching: Rev. Manuela Kauer

Scripture: Psalm 9:1-12

Psalms reading week 12:

Psalms 56-60

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](http://fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents).

## PRAYER REQUESTED FOR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Please pray for our middle school youth and leaders who will serve in Cosby, Tennessee from July 11-July 17 and short-term mission trip participants who will serve in Salamanca NY from July 10-18 and East Asia from July 15-27.

Monday, July 19- Friday, July 23

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"SonQuest Rainforest"

Saturday, Aug. 7

### NO 6 P.M. OASIS SERVICE

Sunday, Aug. 8

### BAPTISMS

**9:45 a.m. Traditional:** Sophia Lynn Renfer, daughter of Tracey Lynn (Atkinson) and John Ralph Renfer. Elders: Lynnette Burns and Jim Birdsall

Sunday, Aug. 8

### OUR TENTH YEAR AT MUSIKFEST

The FPC Bethlehem Oasis Band will once again rock Historic Bethlehem during their tenth Musikfest appearance at FestPlatz on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. Join us as we worship the Living God under the big tent. If you want to help spread the word, pass out Thirsty water bottles or set up/tear down on Aug. 8, please contact the Creative Arts Team Office at [creativearts@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:creativearts@fpc-bethlehem.org).

## REJOICE IN THE LORD

These four words are a Biblical mandate urging us to praise our loving Father, our Savior Jesus Christ, and "the Comforter"—the Holy Ghost. They are also the title of our hymnal. These books have been well used and much loved over the last quarter of a century—some are being repaired and others need to be replaced. The Worship Committee has purchased 240 brand new copies of REJOICE IN THE LORD. Members and friends of FPC are invited to place these books in our Sanctuary in loving memory or in honor of loved ones. The cost of each book is \$20. Please use this form and send it, with your check, to Kathie Welker, First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017. A beautiful marker will be placed in each book inscribed with the name(s) of your loved ones.

I/We wish to give \_\_\_ copy/copies of REJOICE IN THE LORD to be used in the Sanctuary of The First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. These books are given

in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

are given by \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check (\$20 for each hymnal you wish to give), drawn to The First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, and note HYMNALS in the memo line. Your gift will be received with gratitude and will enable us to continue to REJOICE IN THE LORD!

## Ministry Contacts

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**Weekday Preschool & Extended Care**  
610-867-2956

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Job Seekers Arise!** Mondays, 7–8 p.m., room 408. Not meeting July 12.

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

**Single Adults Learning Together:** Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11:45 a.m., Parlor. The Singles Support Group has changed their name to Single Adults Learning Together.

**ELDERS:** Robert Address, James Bird-sall, Beth Bloss, Lynnette Burns, Ray Davis, Gail Farnham, Debbie Field, Bob Hunsicker, Jack Jordan, Joanne Kelhart, Jim Koontz, Jan Marsh, Jeff Mohler, Betsy Mowrer, Jim Parker, Dave Post, Larry Rood, Robert Rupel, Mary Ann Skutches, Jill Smedley, Ken Wycherley

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

**SUNDAYS—10:15 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Going Deeper with the Sermon:** Room 412. Ongoing Bible study and discussion following the sermon topics. Join us any-time. Contact Bill Freeman, ext. 207, for more info.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place:** A Beth Moore Bible study. Wednesdays, June 2–Aug. 11, 9:30–11:30 a.m. and 7–9 p.m. in the Kirk Center. Contact Susan Smith, [ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org), or ext. 202, to register. **W**

**THURSDAYS**

**Men's Small Group:** 6:30–8 a.m. in the Parlor. Book Study: contact Bill Freeman, ext. 207. **M**

Thursday continued

**"Psalms:"** 7–9 p.m. in room 416. Study the Psalms now through Thanksgiving. Email Jim Parker, [adventurex2@verizon.net](mailto:adventurex2@verizon.net). **M**

**FRIDAYS**

**"Genesis for Dummies:"** 6–7 a.m. in room 416. Contact John Bell, [john@hot-shot-inc.com](mailto:john@hot-shot-inc.com), for more info.

**"Book of Galatians:"** 6:30–8 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. For more info, email Tom Willans, [twillans@att.net](mailto:twillans@att.net). **M**

**"The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism:"** by Tim Keller, Fridays, 6:30–7:45 a.m. in the Parlor. This class continues through the summer. Cost of book: \$12. For more info, email [l.road@verizon.net](mailto:l.road@verizon.net). **M**

### Calling all couples, marrieds, and soon-to-be-marrieds!

Join us for a Marriage Ministry "Date Night" cookout on the back lawn on Saturday, July 31 from 7–9:30 p.m. Last names starting with A–M, please bring a salad, N–Z, please bring a dessert. Bring lawn chairs. Babysitting provided. Donation: \$5 per couple. Email Bob Address at [rdbobdog@aol.com](mailto:rdbobdog@aol.com) with "Date Night" in the subject line and include number of children that will need childcare. Sign-up sheets will also be available in the Kirk Center Rotunda until Sunday, July 25. **MM**

## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

**Money Management for Children:** Two identical workshops for children ages 5 to 9 on Wednesday, July 28 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. or from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in room E3 in the Kirk Center. The Whole Life Stewardship Committee offers a fun workshop introducing the concepts of goal-setting and savings that parents can reinforce at home. Each participant receives a four-chambered piggy bank with slots for spending, saving, investing and donating money. Through fun activities, children get the message that a person has a greater sense of freedom and peace of mind once making a decision about how to manage his or her financial life. COST: Required pre-payment of \$5 per child. Space is limited to 20 children per workshop. Major support for the cost of the piggy banks has been provided by a grant from the Helen Harvey Jones Fund of the Presbyterian Fund. Registration deadline is July 25. To register or for more information, contact Linda Robertson at 610-865-2087 or at [LCRob123@PTD.net](mailto:LCRob123@PTD.net)

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

**Networking for Life Ministry:** Tuesday, July 13, 7–9 p.m. for the second in a series of training sessions for those seeking employment and improving networks. Topic for the evening: Planning and Building a Resume. Room 400. For more info, contact Bill Gruenewald at [wgruenewald@aol.com](mailto:wgruenewald@aol.com) or 610-865-6074.

**Free Blood Pressure Check:** This Sunday morning, July 11, in the North Link.

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## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

### SPECIAL SUMMER EVENT

**IronPigs game:** July 23, 6 p.m. Register by July 12.

Open to all high school and middle school youth.

**\*Transportation is provided, so registration is required!\***

**Mission Mondays:** July 12, 19 & 26, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Join us as we serve in our city and at our church! Open to all high school and middle school youth. Bring a bag lunch and extra water. **R**

**30-Hour Famine:** July 30–31. Open to all youth who are entering grades 6–12. Save the dates and watch the Heartbeat for additional details.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**WednesDAZE:** Meets weekly, 7–8:30 p.m. on the front lawn. In case of inclement weather, meet in The Commons (former Youth Lounge).

### HIGH SCHOOL

**High School Sunday Night Live:** Meets weekly, 7–8:30 p.m. on the front lawn. In case of inclement weather, meet in the High School Lounge.

**Noon-30 Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 12:30–2 p.m. in the High School Lounge. Bring your Bible and a sack lunch.

### COLLEGE AGE

**College Age Bible Study:** Mondays, 6–8 p.m. At the home of Liz Kidney, 136 E. North St., Bethlehem. Please call Julie Ellis, 607-382-6304, if you have questions or need directions.

Registration forms are available for Mission Mondays and special summer event in the information racks throughout the church or in the Youth and Young Adult section of our website.

## MISSION & OUTREACH

**Site Leader Volunteers Needed for Serve Day 2.0:** FPC Bethlehem Serve Day is an intergenerational day of engagement through service with our Bethlehem community. This year's Serve Day has been set for Saturday, Oct. 2. The committee is looking for individuals to serve as site leaders. Site leaders interface with the agency to which they have been assigned and coordinate the volunteers who will be volunteering at their assigned site. If you are interested in serving as a site leader, please contact Bob Andress, 610-767-3466, or [rdbobdog@aol.com](mailto:rdbobdog@aol.com).

**Want to be part of the following 2010 Short-term Mission (STM) trips?**

**\*\*Applications available on the web\*\***

**Allegheny Indian Reservation (AIR),** Salamanca, NY, July 10–18

**High School Outreach Camp,** East Asia, July 15–26

**Christo Rey,** Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 22–31

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

Visit [www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach) to find out how you can be a part of the STM mission experience, or contact Jack Brace, Pastor for Mission & Outreach, ext. 250, or [jbrace@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:jbrace@fpc-bethlehem.org).

## THE THREE PRIORITIES AND SIX GOALS OF OUR VISION

**A DEEPENING CONNECTION WITH THE LIVING GOD:**

- 1,000 disciples reading/praying the Psalms
- Worship attendance grows to 1500
- ✓ 1200 people read the New Testament

**A DEEPENING INVESTMENT WITH ONE ANOTHER:**

- Intentionally mentor 25 servant leaders in key areas
- 1200 people meaningfully connected in groups
- ✓ Five new studies to resource, support, train and empower disciples

**A DEEPENING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED:**

- Build a Habitat house in South Bethlehem in 2010 (17,000 hours)
- 1000 people engaged in a local, national, or international mission or service ministry
- ✓ \$100,000 in unrestricted funds to fuel the initiatives above

KNOW GOD  
LOVE PEOPLE  
SERVE THE WORLD

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

Gerry and Phyllis Wertman and family for the loss of their daughter and step-daughter, Renee Reichenback; Joyce and Hal Mante and family for the loss of their son, James.

### WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

God uses money as a testimony in the lives of His people.

“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”  
(Matt. 6:33).

Learn more at [www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifestewardship](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifestewardship).

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## PRAYER IS ■ ■ ■

For five days in May, our Kirk Center was transformed into a sacred space for prayer and spiritual growth. This event was entitled "Prayer Is..." because prayer can take many forms in meaningful conversation with God.

Twelve options for prayer were offered, including music, a labyrinth, centering, breath prayer, the Psalms, and Examen, as well as more tangible options including water, prayer shawls, beads, mandala painting, a prayer wall and a recognition of the National Day of Prayer.

Participants were welcomed as they entered and were encouraged to move among the prayer stations at their own pace and according to their own interests. The event was well attended by our youth and adult members of the congregation, and almost half of our visitors came from outside the congregation, offering FPC an opportunity to witness our membership and the larger "church."

Feedback was most favorable, with many asking that the experience be repeated. People enjoyed the time of quiet prayer in private, while also being in community. Many people commented that they had never heard of many of these prayer forms, and they found them meaningful.

Plans are currently being formulated for future projects such as repeating and expanding the event, or making the elements of the event available on a more regular or continuous basis.

"Prayer Is..." represented a collaboration and pooling of various resources within our community. FPC staff and members worked together to facilitate the success of this event, from concept through implementation.

Pictured on right from top to bottom: Praying the Psalms prayer station, a woman strings prayer beads, participants walk the labyrinth.



### FPC Staff and Members,

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem for using our cleaning services for over 22 years. We will no longer be servicing the church as of July 23, 2010. We have enjoyed being a part of the church as well as getting to know each and every one of you.

We are currently accepting new clients beginning in August as we transition from commercial cleaning to a more personal cleaning service, including homes, small businesses, estate cleaning and more.

Your Friends in Christ,  
Pat and Gail

### Second Annual Men's Ministry IronPigs Outing

August 9, 2010

6:05 p.m. Buffet starts

7:05 p.m. Game starts

Cost \$40 per person includes food buffet and tickets for the dugout suite behind home plate. There are 30 tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Larry Rood at [l.rood@verizon.net](mailto:l.rood@verizon.net) or 610-261-3810 for more info.

### Fun & Fellowship Volleyball Night

Friday, July 16, 7-9 p.m.

First Baptist Church

3235 Linden St., Bethlehem

Open to men & women ages 16 and up. You don't have to be an expert volleyball player! Free—you may want to bring a drink and snack to share.

There will be a brief meeting at 8 p.m. for the leaders of the Bethlehem League of Churches Volleyball League to discuss the upcoming fall season. For more info contact Sonja Lantinga, 484-866-6689, or [Sonja\\_Lantinga@fwc.com](mailto:Sonja_Lantinga@fwc.com).

### Summer Choir

If you love to sing or want to learn more about singing, then participate in the SUMMER CHOIR. We rehearse at 8:45 a.m. in the newly air-conditioned Choir Room and sing at the 9:45 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Singers of all ages and abilities are warmly welcomed and encouraged to join in the fun. Why not give it a try?!? Come for one Sunday or sing throughout the summer through and including September 5. Join us as we REJOICE IN THE LORD!

### Prayer and Share for Emotional Wholeness

Two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for those whose loved ones are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those afflicted themselves. Both meet on Monday, July 12, 7-8:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem and Tuesday, July 13, 7-8:30 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, Allentown. Topic: Psychologist Dr. Henry Cloud, DVD Boundaries, Part 2. Call Linda, 610-395-8756 for info.



FPC Bethlehem and Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley are building a house on 715 Aaron Street on Bethlehem's south side. For more info visit [www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach/bigbuild](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach/bigbuild) or call Pastor Jack Brace, ext. 250.