



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
8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Jack Brace

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 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

May 8 & 9

Preaching: Rev. Alf Halvorson
Scripture: Psalm 139

Psalms reading week 2:
Psalms 6-10

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/newsevents.



PRAYER IS ■ ■ ■

growing your spiritual life

SUNDAY, MAY 2-THURSDAY, MAY 6

HOURS: SUN, 4-8PM; MON-THURS: 8AM-8PM
KIRK CENTER GYMNASIUM

Come anytime during exhibit hours to discover your prayer style

Labyrinth ■ Water Prayer ■ Mandelas ■ Lecto Divina ■ Music
Painting ■ Examen ■ Beads ■ Prayer Wall ■ Breath Prayer

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women and Deacon Ministries of FPC Bethlehem

More about Prayer is . . .

There will be about a dozen stations for people to try at their own pace. Each station will offer a different approach to prayer. There will be an explanation of each type of prayer—take as much time as you want to experience them. Various materials and scripture will be available to take home as well. There will also be a labyrinth in the Kirk Center for those interested in walking it. It will be a very quiet, contemplative time.

Thursday, May 6

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

On this National Day of Prayer, come to "Prayer is . . ." in the Kirk Center. You can pray for our nation and discover the prayer style that fits you best.

Sunday, May 9

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
BAPTISMS**

Sunday, May 16

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Becoming Part of the Legacy

On this Sunday we acknowledge those members who will share or have shared their life's blessings with generations to come.

Sunday, June 6

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR AND
THE PHILADELPHIA HANDBELL ENSEMBLE**

A concert in the Sanctuary at 4 p.m.

Invite family and friends, colleagues and neighbors.
The concert is free—no tickets required. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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CHOIR REHEARSALS

Trinity Choir: Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.

Carol Choir: Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.

Middler Boys & Girls Choir: Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.

High School Chorale: Tuesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir: Thursdays, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

DEACONS: David Africa, Marie Boltz, Jane Derbenwick, Dennis Dodds, Terrence Dolan, Norma Ferguson, Jean Foust, Elaine Gable, Rich Gorton, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah McIntyre, Dick McKenna, Janet Pope, Pam Swank, Rachel Taylor

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 anytime. Contact Bill Freeman, ext. 207, for more info.

DadsZone Study: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families. Jan. 31–May 23 in room 420. Email andypanda@rcn.com. **M**

Are You a Leader?: Sundays, May 9, 16, 23, June 4, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in room 408. Do you have leadership experience in church activities, business leadership, your personal life? Do you feel called to serve but have never formally led a group? Please join Jim Parker, Mike Hughes, and Don Robertson for this 4-week series on the fundamentals of leading a small group. For more info, contact mike_hughes@live.com.

TUESDAYS

For Moms Only: Through May 18, 9:30–11:30 a.m. in room F3/F4. Contact Molly Anderson, mlnye@msn.com. **W**

WEDNESDAYS

NEW 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. Discover the connections between the building of the Old Testament Tabernacle and what God is creating in your life and heart. Cost: \$20 including workbook. Registration forms are available throughout the church. Contact Susan Smith, ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org, or ext. 202, to register or visit the Women's Ministry table between Sunday services from May 16–May 30 in Fellowship Hall or the Kirk Center rotunda. Childcare for the morning study only. If needed, please pre-register by May 23. **W**

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

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.

Join Us at "SonQuest Rainforest:" FPC Bethlehem invites our community's children to join us for a Vacation Bible School they'll remember for years to come! At SonQuest Rainforest your kids will follow Jesus on a life-changing journey! They will have a great time as they sing songs, watch skits, create crafts and play games. More importantly, they'll learn about God's love for them and how following the Word He gave us will lead them on the path to a happy and fulfilling life. "SonQuest Rainforest" begins Monday, July 19–Friday, July 23, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Early bird registration now—June 5: \$12 per child, \$36 family max; regular registration, June 7–July 4: \$15 per child, \$45 family max. Contact Susan, ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org, ext. 202, or Priscilla, pmoreira@fpc-bethlehem.org, ext. 253, for more info.

WEDNESDAYS (Continued)

Women's Ministries Study: Snapshots of Leadership: 9:30–11:30 a.m., March 31–May 5 in room F3. Study call narratives from different leaders in Scripture. Contact Liz, liz_kidney@ivstaff.org, or Dana Higham. **W**

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

"Genesis for Dummies:" 6–7 a.m. in room 416. We are using The Book of Genesis from the "Smart Guide to the Bible Series," written by Joyce L. Gibbons and Larry Richards. Contact John Bell, 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. **M**

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

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

8th Grade Overnight at Camp Brainerd: May 14–15. Cost: \$40. **R**

Mission Trip: July 11–17, Cosby, Tennessee. Registration due by May 16. **R**

HIGH SCHOOL

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

Sunday Night Live: 6:30–9 p.m. SNL Dinner 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by small groups attending the “Prayer Is…” event in the Kirk Center. Large group meets from 8–8:45 p.m. Refreshments from 8:45–9 p.m.,

Large Group Fun Activity Night: May 16, 4–6 p.m.; cookout from 6–7 p.m.; mission training meeting 7 p.m.

Youth Inquirers Banquet: Monday, May 3, 5:30–7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

High School Mission Trip: July 3–10; Rockford, Ill. Registration deadline is May 9. **R**

Middle school and high school mission trip registration forms available in the information racks.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Want to be part of the following 2010 Short Term Mission (STM) trips?

Applications available on the web

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

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 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.

Breakfast at New Bethany: Would you like to join us for breakfast at New Bethany Ministries for breakfast? Members of FPC have been providing a worship service and pancake breakfast for the clients of NBM the last Saturday of each month. We need a few volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal on May 29. If you are able to help, please call Steve Behrens at 610-282-3501.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

Hi Neighbors: Monday, May 3, 10 a.m.: “The Rajah Shriners Tin Lizzies,” Bruce Johnson; 11:15 a.m.: “DeSales University speaker,” topic to be announced.

Loss, Grief & Life Transition Support Group: Tuesdays, May 4–June 22, 1–2:30 p.m., room 416. Offered by St. Luke’s Hospice. Questions or registration call Wendy Littner Thomson, 610-997-7121.

Walking Through Grief Support Group: Mondays, May 3–June 21 (except Memorial Day), 11 a.m.–noon, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem. This group focuses on understanding the connection between grief emotions and grief in the body and the importance of releasing related tension and pain. The walk is intended to allow us to emotionally and socially support each other in our grief, and to enjoy the benefits of gentle exercise as we discuss bereavement-related topics. Offered by St. Luke’s Hospice. Questions or registration call Wendy Littner Thomson, 610-997-7121.

THE THREE PRIORITIES AND SIX GOALS OF OUR VISION

A DEEPENING CONNECTION WITH THE LIVING GOD:

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

A DEEPENING INVESTMENT WITH ONE ANOTHER:

- **NEW!** 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:

- **NEW!** 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:

Joe Workman and family for the loss of his stepmother, Clarice Workman; Irene Dorville and family for the loss of her brother, David Bolton; Patrick J. Murphy and family for the loss of his wife, Sally; Peg Stone and family for the loss of her husband, Herb; Debbie Ruthraff and family for the loss of her mother, Lucy Palos.

WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

God uses money as a tool to help us grow.

“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions” (Luke 12:15).

Learn more at www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifewardship.

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

FPC Member Wins Award



Phyllis Fisher, a member of our congregation for 52 years, was recently a recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award for Northampton County. Many of her accomplishments were attained working for our church. She had a supervisory role in the Sunday school department, served as the first Nursery School Committee chair, a Women's Ministry circle leader, a Mission Committee member, and an Elder. Currently she serves on the Senior Adult Ministry Committee and is one of the founders and present chair of Hi Neighbors.

Phyllis also served in many other significant ways in the Lehigh Valley area. She is an example of unselfish love and care for others. Her philosophy of life, "Action speaks louder than words—just do it!" speaks for itself. We congratulate her on all her accomplishments. Well done thy good and faithful servant!

Books on Sale

"The Message: New Testament with the Psalms and Proverbs" and "The Book of Psalms" are on sale during the week in the main church office (limited supply). "The Message: New Testament with the Psalms and Proverbs:" paperback \$7 and bonded leather \$21. "The Book of Psalms:" \$4.



FPC Bethlehem and Habitat for Humanity are partnering to build a house on Bethlehem's south side. Blitz build dates are June 8–12 and June 15–19. Visit www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach for more info.

Be the Match Bone Marrow Drive for Derek Graffis

On Saturday, May 1, from 1–4 p.m., a bone marrow donation testing drive will be held at FPC in Fellowship Hall for Derek Graffis, a 20-year-old FPC member, who is battling leukemia and is in dire need of a bone marrow transplant. Though you may not be a match for Derek, your participation in this drive will place you in the national registry as a potential donor. This test is a simple cheek swab—there will be no actual marrow donation on this day.

A bake sale will also be held at the time of the event to help defray the cost of testing. You are also welcome to make a monetary donation on the day of the drive. Look for more donation information in the form of flyers throughout the church or call Doug Sheriff at 610-533-1923.

PW Spring Gathering

We invite you to join us at "Prayer is . . ." at 9:30 a.m. so you can experience different ways to grow your spiritual life. Lunch is at noon; bring a salad or casserole to share. We will also collect towels, sheets and personal care items for New Bethany Ministries if you would like to donate. Please bring your hygiene kits for Church World Service to the meeting. For more info contact Kay, 610-264-3628.

"The Will of God as a Way of Life"

Have you often thought about what God's will for you is? Or, wondered if you are walking in His plan for you? This book by Gerald L. Sittser, new to our Adult Resource Library, has many insights on this subject as well as many practical pointers to help us walk in the path God has laid out for us.

Psalm 23 Sermon Series Available on CD or MP3

Both a CD set (\$10) and MP3 (\$5) of the Psalm 23 sermon series is now available for purchase. Please know which format your player requires before ordering. You can place an order by calling the office or by contacting Jeaniene Eisenberg at 610-428-4607 or jce2@lehigh.edu.

Prayer and Share Together for Emotional Wholeness

Two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: those with loved ones who struggle with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and those who are afflicted. Both meet Monday, May 10, 7–8:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem and Tuesday, May 11, 7–8:30 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, Allentown. Topic: New Life Live Psychologist Dr. Henry Cloud CD on depression. Call Linda at 610-395-8756 for info.

FPC Members Go to Haiti



From April 22–25 five members from FPC Bethlehem and three members of Lifechurch of Allentown journeyed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to see and experience both Lifechurch's ongoing partnership with Rescue Children Orphanage (rescuechildrenorphanage.blogspot.com) as well as the emerging work to establish Lifeclinic, which when open in June, will be a free community medical clinic serving the Santos 19 area of Port-au-Prince. The team was deeply impacted by the experience and is currently praying about and processing the next steps for FPC Bethlehem, hoping to offer those steps to the congregation soon. Please contact Jack Brace, Pastor for Mission & Outreach if you have questions.

Give the Gift of a Book

For \$30 you can honor someone on your gift list by purchasing a book for the Adult Resource Library in their name. Find out more at www.fpc-bethlehem.org/foradults/library. Forms are available in the Adult Resource Library (room 210 in the south wing).