

# The Presbyterian

December 2010

## PASTORS' PONDERINGS

Too often in our world today we encounter people who live by the motto: "It's All About Me!" They view everything as revolving around their schedule, their opinions, their priorities. When something doesn't fit within their perspective or doesn't go as they want it to, then life for those around them can be pretty miserable.

But, as follower of Christ, we've been shown a much different way—a way of life you might even call "counter-cultural". In the celebration of the birth of Christ, Christmas, we discover the foundations for this way of life.

God loves each and everyone of us so much, that God said, "World, It's All About You!" To show us the depths of God's love, God gave us Jesus, the babe born in Bethlehem. What a gift! God could have said, "Listen World, I don't like the way you're living. I don't like your behavior. I don't like your attitudes . . ." And then withheld God's love from us. But that is not the kind of God we serve!

This Christmas, remember the God who gave us Jesus Christ. Stop thinking only about what you can get for yourself and think more importantly about what of yourself you can give to God.

God gave us Jesus—fully human and fully divine—to show us how to live. Through Christ, we've been called to a new life-style. This lifestyle is marked by generosity, forgiveness, patience, joy, humility, sacrifice, love, peace, and hope. It should be a life marked by a journey of faith, growing toward the Christ-likeness God desires for us.

Celebrate the gift God has given you this Christmas. You are God's beloved child, made in God's image. God loves you just as you are! And to show you that love, God gave to you the gift of Jesus Christ.

May the Lord enfold you in His loving presence and shower you with tender mercy and love this Christmas and always!

Merry Christmas and Blessings on your New Year!

Pastors Cindy and David  
John, Kathy, Patrick, Amanda, Becky and Annalisa



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



Throughout Advent, the four Sundays preceding Christmas, beginning November 28 we encourage you to take time to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. During Worship each Sunday in Advent,



members of our church family will share in the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath. Advent Devotional booklets, will also be available for your personal use; pick one up in the Narthex or the lobby of the Christian Education Building.



We encourage you to share in worship with us during these special days of Advent, and to participate in the many opportunities for study, fellowship and musical inspiration.



### REMINDER

On Sunday, December 26 there will be one worship service at 9:30 am. Also, there will be no Sunday School that morning. Come worship with your family in a very special Christmas celebration as we have "A Visit with St. Nicholas".

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Please join us on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 for two very special worship services. The 6:00 pm Service will be family oriented. Of course, we will also be singing some of our favorite Christmas carols as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Come hear the Youth Choir present "A Christmas Carol: Scrooge in Bethlehem". There are still openings for parts. Please see John Cavicchio for more information and rehearsal times.

Come hear Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music at 10pm on Christmas Eve. Our newly formed Jazz Band will present Christmas Carols in Jazz. You will hear many familiar carols played in a modern jazz style. The Kirk Ringers will present handbell music as well as several soloists will sing many of your favorite Christmas pieces. What better way to prepare hearts and minds for the 11:00pm Christmas Eve worship hour than to meditate on the Word and hear the beautiful contemplative music.

At the 11:00 pm service we will have the traditional candle lighting service. In addition, the message of the Christmas story will be shared through music and a sermon.

Join us and invite someone to come with you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior and welcome Him in our midst!





# **MUSIC NOTES**

By: John Cavicchio

## **EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Youth Choir director / helper needed!**

This is a tremendous opportunity to work with young people with either singing or acting skills. No experience necessary. John will provide on-site job training to a willing heart. Please see John for more information.

**Hey Brother or Sister, can you spare an hour?** Our music department can use lots of help in filing and keeping the music office in a decent and orderly manner. Please call the Music Office at 732-462-0374 to check availability times.

### **Help Wanted: Equipment helpers**

The Praise Band is looking for some young helpers who would help us move equipment immediately after the 8:30 Praise Service in preparation for the 11:00 Service. Some willing muscles would greatly be appreciated. Please call the Music Office at 732-462-0374, or just show up at the end of the service and see either John or Chris. (n.b. if you talk to Chris, he may offer to give you some tips on playing the drums after the equipment has been moved).

### **CHANCEL CHOIR SINGERS NEEDED!**

The Chancel Choir needs singers to help out during the Christmas season. We have just finished recording a CD which will be given out to friends and family to invite for our Advent and Christmas services. Please join the choir so our music will fill the sanctuary and give glory to our Lord. Rehearsals are Thursday Evenings from 7:30pm till 9:00pm. A nursery will be provided if necessary.

### **PRAISE TEAM NEEDS SINGERS / MUSICIANS!**

Do you enjoy modern Christian contemporary music. Have you a favorite Christian song on the radio? Come join our Praise Team. We will be learning newer music to present at the 8:30 worship service. Bring out your old instruments and join the Praise Band. Let's make a real joyful noise unto the Lord. Parts for all instrumentation are available for the praise music. Please come out and join us. See John or call the Music Office 732-462-0374 for rehearsal schedules.

### **HANDBELL RINGERS NEEDED!**

No experience necessary. We need your help to help ring our beautiful handbells. Long-term commitment is not necessary. There are several openings for small handbell groups to play occasionally throughout the year as well as playing for the Kirk Ringers. The only requirement is knowing how to count from 1 to 4 (Occasionally, from 1 to 6). Please help us. We are blessed to have 5 octaves of bells and 4 octaves of chimes and need people to help ring these beautiful bells. Please talk to John who will share the upcoming handbell ringing schedule with you and work with you in preparing rehearsal time for as little as 1 song or as committed Kirk Ringer. Each handbell music piece offers opportunities for not only the experienced ringer, but also for an individual that may only want to ring 1 bell. Each person ringing a bell piece contributes greatly to the presentation of the music. Take this challenge: Commit to play 1 bell for just 1 song. Your help is so much appreciated! See John, or call the Music Office, 732-462-0374, for more information.

### **PRESBYTERIAN JAZZ BAND**

I am excited to introduce our newly formed Jazz Band. It is so new, we haven't even decided on a name for the group. I welcome Sean Fox, Trumpet; Danielle Sakowitz, saxophone; John Wall, Trombone; Chris Giurici, drums; Tony Sasso, Guitar, Larry Moran, Guitar, and Emily Klesitz, Bass. There are openings for many more instrumentalists. Also, I could use a helper in directing the Jazz Band. Please call the church office 732-462-0374, or see John if interested.

## *Christmas Magnets*

*Sundays December 12th and 19th, The Outreach will be selling magnets and CD's at coffee corner from 10:30-11:00 a.m. and before and after worship in the narthex. Small magnets from last year will be selling for \$1.00 and larger ones (Madonna & Child and the Nativity cutout) will be slashed from \$5.00 to \$3.00. Limited quantities of all these magnets. We will also be at the cookie sale Dec. 11th*

*We will also be selling CD's after Dec.5th, \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00 . We hope you will use these CD's as ways to invite family, friends and neighbors to our church. They*

*have a beautiful gift tag around them with all the advent/Christmas eve services in December.*





**O Come, All Ye Faithful.....**join the fun, fellowship and food at a very special CD release party Sunday, Dec.5th to be held at 10:30a.m. in Rms. A-B behind the sanctuary. Invite a friend and you both receive our very own FPC Spirit of Christmas CD for free!!

We'll have cake, cookies, and various hot and cold beverages. Best of all pick up some CD's(1st day on sale) and use them to invite your family, friends, and others to come to our church.

The CD's are reasonably priced at \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. They come shrink wrapped with a special invitation to our church both on the CD itself, from our pastors, and around the outside jacket. There is a total of 21 songs on the CD performed by the musicians & vocalist of all ages here at FPC-Freehold. You won't want to pass up this opportunity to bless yourselves and your family and friends with this inspirational and perhaps life changing CD. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity!

**SEE YOU THERE!**

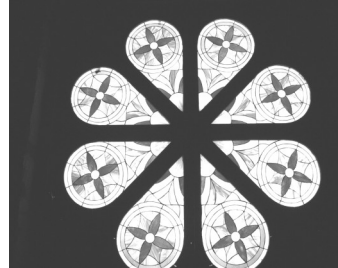
## **TIS THE SEASON.....TO INVITE A FRIEND!!**

We have special invitations available in the lobbies of both buildings for you to take along and share with others! We'd like you to keep one and give away one to a friend, family member, or co-worker and encourage them to join us for worship and/or any of the special activities. Or better yet, save the dates and give them both away! The invitation will highlight Advent and list all our activities for the Advent and Christmas season.

What better gift to give someone than the joy of Jesus through worship or other opportunities this month!



## **FPC ORNAMENT SALE**



Once again you will have the opportunity to purchase a keepsake ornament to support the Mortgage Reduction Fund. There are still some Rose Window replica ornaments, honoring our recent restoration project. The cost of the ornament is \$5. Ornaments will be available at the Cookie Sale on December 11th or through the church office.

10TH  
ANNUAL  
COOKIE SALE



**Saturday, December 11th  
10:00am - 1:00pm**

We will once again offer strictly homemade Christmas Cookies for \$10.00 per pound. Cookies can be dropped off Friday Dec. 10th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the kitchen or by 9:00 am on Dec. 11th. We need lots of Bakers and Buyers!!

Tell your friends & let's make this sale the best cookie sale yet !

For more information please contact the  
Church Office at (732) 462-0234



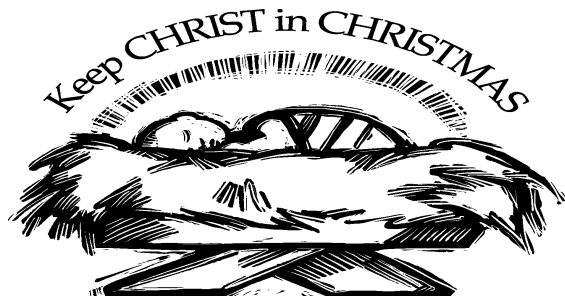
## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE GIFT PROJECT



Our church family will again be invited to share our generosity with local needy families this Christmas. Beginning on Sunday, November 28 there will be a Christmas tree in the Christian Education Building Lobby containing gift tags. Each tag will have written on it a specific item to be purchased and given to a needy individual in our community. After you have taken a tag from the tree and purchased the item, please wrap it in Christmas paper and place the tag on the outside of the package.

All gifts should be returned to the church by noon,  
Sunday, December 19

- This year we will be donating gifts for 5 local families provided for us by the Office of Hispanic Affairs
- Please share the love of Christ this Christmas by participating in this wonderful project.



## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

At their November 16th meeting:

- Debbie Keil spoke to the Session about reactivating.
- Approved use of Sanctuary Rooms A&B for a possible rental (Saturday nights).
- Heard Judy Collins concert is sold out.
- Finance shared that we are meeting our budget; The Budget Task Force will begin working on 2011 budget shortly. It was also noted that giving has been up this year.
- Celebrated the completion of the FPC music CD to be used for Outreach.
- Devotions focused on the authority given to elders (Ch. 2 Spiritual leadership of offices). As well, the elders shared how people saw faith in them.
- Approval was given for 50% of the Christmas Eve Loose offering to be given to the Church World Service Mission Group for use with their projects.
- Extended Thanks to John and Judi Cavicchio for their generosity in paying for the recording of the church Christmas CD.

## Presbyterian Women News

Christmas time is upon us and the ladies of Presbyterian Women are celebrating the joy of our Savior's birth. The circles will be gathering for luncheons and dinners, but we would love to share this time of celebration with some new faces. All women of the congregation are welcome to join PW regardless of your age and an afternoon or evening of enjoying some good food may be just the ice breaker you need. If you would like more information regarding Presbyterian Women or the circles, please call Nancee Hanley @732-409-1124.

In December, the circles will be meeting on the following days:

### Wednesday, December 8th

Morning Glories circle 11:00 am Marie Schlechtweg's home

### Tuesday, December 14th

Martha circle 3:00 pm Perkins restaurant, Rt. 9 Freehold  
Ruth circle 7:00 pm location TBA

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone who once again made the Tea in a Basket a big success. We thank all of you who provided refreshments, donated items, purchased tickets, and helped in any other way. This fundraiser makes it possible for PW to support missions such as Open Door, Family Promise, and Wycliff Bible Translators. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive congregation and so many generous PW women. God Bless You!



# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** **NEWS**

## **BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS**

On **Sunday, December 19 at 9:30am** in the auditorium, the children and youth of the Sunday School program will have a birthday party for Jesus, which will include games, crafts and food! *Each child/youth is asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a baby (diapers, receiving blankets, wipes, etc.) which will then be given to Madonna House.*

## **Adult Sunday School**

Beginning Sunday, November 28, and running through December 19, the Adult Sunday School Class will be using a study called "Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited".

All adults are invited to join us at 9:30am Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary Rooms A&B.

# **KIDS' CLUB**

On **December 5th, Kids Club (Gr. K-5) will meet from 6:00—7:00 pm.** This Month's Theme: Giving. We'll be making some beaded Christmas ornaments to give away to members of the congregation that could use a little Christmas cheer! RSVP to the Church office at 732-462-0234 or [contact@fpcfreeshold.org](mailto:contact@fpcfreeshold.org)

## **B.I.G.**

**Hey Middle School Youth (grades 6-8): Hope you'll join us on Sunday, December 5th from 6pm-7:30pm for a special Christmas Celebration! RSVP to the Church office at 732-462-0234.**



**CHAOS**, our Senior High Youth Group, will be meeting at its normal time (6-7:30 pm) on **Dec. 5, 12 and 19**. Look for details about our upcoming activities!

### ***2011 MISSION TRIP***

Preparations are underway for the 2011 Mission Trip which will be June 24-July 2 to York, Bay City, Michigan. This year 31 youth and adults will be going. Keep them in your prayers as they begin to get ready for this adventure.

### **PRESCHOOL CHILDREN RECEIVE BIBLES**

On Sunday, November 21, the Pre-School Sunday School Class assisted in leading worshipped and then each child was also given a Children's Story Bible. Those receiving Bibles were: Peter Cutrona, Timothy Nadolny, Kara Wardell, Ileana Lozano, Jake Jensen and Alex Kelly.



Koinonia is a Greek word meaning fellowship. If you are looking to commit yourself to a group where you can learn about your Christian faith, get to know other Christians on a deeper level and enjoy great fellowship, KOINONIA is for you!

We presently have a Wednesday morning group which meets weekly at the church from 9:30am-11:00am and two evening groups which meet weekly on Mondays at 7:15pm and Wednesdays at 7pm at the Bowmans. Groups will begin meeting again on Monday, January 19. We will be continuing our study of I and II Samuel.

Contact Pastor Cindy if you are not already in a group and are interested in participating.

# Please Help Our Counters

Here are some ways you can help the counters and financial secretaries quickly and accurately count and record all the tithes and offerings.

+ For your regular pledge and general offering, please use the white offering envelopes provided to you at the beginning of the year. Use the white offering envelopes only for your pledge/general offering. If you need a box, Please see our Church and Financial Secretary, Kathy McLaughlin.

+All other offering, such as Deacons, Building Preservation Fund, Per Capita, Mortgage Principle reduction, should be placed in their appropriate envelopes – green for Deacons, pink for Building Preservation Fund, etc.

+Please put your offering envelope number (it's in the upper right corner) on the memo line of your check. If you miss a week you can combine multiple weeks offering into one white offering envelope.

+If you do use the pew envelopes and wish to receive credit for tax purposes, please neatly write in your name and address on the envelope.

**The end of the year is quickly approaching. Finance Commission is requesting that any offering/donations for 2010 be received by Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup>. If you will be mailing it in, please make sure it will be in the church office by Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

*Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping to make the jobs of the counters and financial secretaries easier!*

# Do You Know Your Envelopes?

## **NEW ENVELOPE**

### **Contribution to Mortgage Fund**

These envelopes are provided for contributions to liquidate our mortgage obligation. You are asked to assist in this effort by making a regular contribution to this account. Money received will be applied to the mortgage principle; reducing our interest expense costs associated with the mortgage. Making additional principal payments to a mortgage can take years and thousands of dollars off the cost of mortgage.

### **Per Capita Envelope**

Each Presbyterian congregation is required to pay designated amounts for each member on the active member rolls, to the presbytery, synod and general assembly. This year we are required to pay \$37 per member, or over \$13,000.

### **Initial Offering Envelope**

This envelope is for you to donate toward the cost of providing the envelopes. We ask you to give \$5 per box.

### **Building Preservation Fund Envelope**

First Presbyterian Church is blessed with wonderful facilities. In order to maintain our building, however, we have set aside a special fund to be used for major projects. The congregation must approve the use of monies from the Building Preservation fund. **\*\*THIS IS NOT MONEY TO BE USED FOR THE MORTGAGE REPAYMENT.**

### **Weekly Offering Envelope**

The white envelopes in the offering envelope box are to be used for your pledges/offering for the general budget. This includes fund for the monthly mortgage payment, in addition to the funds for staff, utilities, programs and ministries of the church.

### **Deacons' Fund Envelope**

The Deacons carry out essential ministry of compassion and care for our congregation. Their Budget is not included in the general budget. Their only source of income is through the Deacon envelopes found in your offering envelope box.

# Where's **M I S S I O N** heading in **MMII???**

Will you partner with Jesus for one Mission project to end 2010?  
And what about 2011? We'll offer mission opportunities: will you  
make time to join us?

**"Let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the  
truth by our actions" 1 John 3.18**

- Nov 28**      **Mission Pots** collection of change for **Open Door**
- Dec 4, 11, 18** **Day Laborer Breakfasts & Lunches** at Reformed  
Church
- Dec 5, 12, 19** **Christmas Giving Tree** donations accepted
- Jan 9**        **Family Promise Orientation**, noon
- Jan 23-29**    **Family Promise Hosting**



**Thank You, Lord...** for the

kind hearts, good cooks and available classrooms that enabled us to  
welcome 3 homeless families to stay at our church last month. They  
were delightful women, teens and a toddler who opened our eyes to  
poverty in Monmouth County.



**Thank You, Jesus ...**for

all the food that was donated to Open Door, so poor families could  
also celebrate Thanksgiving. It was a wonderful testament to the  
love and generosity you showed us



**Thank you, Lord...**for the pocket

change we remembered to bring on the last Sunday of each month,  
so we can donate funds to the **Open Door** food pantry, to purchase  
food in bulk, keep the poor warm in their homes, and even help  
them avoid eviction for non-payment or rent.



**Thank you, Heavenly**

**Father...**for opening our hearts, so that non-native speakers of English can find a warm safe place in our church on Thursday nights, to practice their conversational skills.



**Thank you, Jesus...**for giving

us your example to feed the hungry; and the opportunity as well as the volunteers to pick-up Starbucks' Leftover Pastries, delivering to those in need!

## LOCAL MISSION

### Day Laborer Breakfasts & Lunches



Saturdays 7am – 1pm

We'll be supporting this local mission to the poor and homeless again this winter from December 4 thru March 12, 2011. The program ("Sanctuary Program") falls under the auspices of the Latino Alliance in Monmouth County. A light breakfast is served from 7-10am with a cooked lunch from 10:30 onwards. **Volunteers are needed** to pick up items from vendors, set out breakfast items, make the coffee, prepare lunch, deal with garbage etc. etc. This is truly a Christian mission for us: to feed the hungry & give drink to the thirsty, in Jesus' name. Wow!

If you can make time to serve just even one Saturday, from 7-10am or 10-1pm, you will bless others in great need, and be blessed yourself. Sign up with a friend, a son or daughter, or a spouse. Sign up early to get the date you want. Remember - Attitude is everything! Do this for Jesus!

Contacts: Sandra (732) 863-7395 or [sandraswh@verizon.net](mailto:sandraswh@verizon.net) or Yvonne Lindner.



**Orientation: Sunday, Jan 9 noon – 1:15**

Orientation is required for all volunteers, once every 12 months! It's for rookies as well as experienced volunteers. It gives you the basics of the program and keeps you up-to-date with changes, and new ways that our church is involved.

Light refreshments.... Contact Sandra (732) 863-7395 / [sandraswh@verizon.net](mailto:sandraswh@verizon.net)



*aims to provide food, shelter and comprehensive services to **homeless families** in Monmouth County in cooperation with a network of interfaith congregations, while advocating innovative solutions to chronic homelessness.*

**Hosting for 2011 begins.....January 23-29, 2011**

Jump on board to minister to the homeless, right here in our church. You are needed! Don't wait to be asked. Don't wait till the very last moment. Pick a date and a "job" and make that call -

**CONTACTS:**

Talk to Coordinator Sue Pascullo about the program (732) 942-0604. Call Tracy Mozingo to socialize one evening (732) 409-7123; Sandy Anderson to cook part of a meal (732) 637-8277; or Will Schartel to sleep over, one night (732) 446-4892.



As Teresa of Avila said :

**“Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion is to look out to the world”**

## **W o r l d   M i s s i o n**

### **CENTRAL ASIA**

Please continue to pray for **Rita Johns**, the mission co-worker we support in her humanitarian work in Central Asia. She’s very involved in women’s issues and children’s education, especially girls. It’s a dangerous part of the world....

Pray that the donated wound-closure kits will be shipped without problems to her, for distribution where most necessary; and that the wheelchairs and crutches for the kids affected by polio would bring much needed help for the poorest of the poor, in remote areas.

**Check out MISSION TRIP** possibilities on [www.pc\(usa\).org](http://www.pc(usa).org)

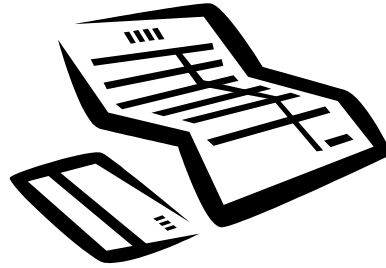
The Mission Commission is investigating the feasibility of having an adult mission trip, reasonably locally in **Spring 2011**.  
**Interested?**

If you feel your heart tweaked by this or any of the missions above, please talk to of your Mission Commission elders after worship: Yvonne Lindner, Will Schartel, or Sandra Whitehill

## ADOPT-A-BILL

Thank you for your continued generosity via the Adopt-a-Bill program. Many items and services, such as Advent devotionals, Paint for hallway, CCLI copyright license and more have been or hope to be purchased because of your extra giving.

New items are placed on the Adopt-a-Bill board in the Church Lobby/Narthex weekly. So please check the updated board. THANK YOU!



## FPC ONLINE CONNECTIONS

Do you know there are several ways to connect with our church family via the computer?

**[www.fpcfreeshold.org](http://www.fpcfreeshold.org)** is our church website, maintained by Doug McCoy. The website contains the monthly calendar, upcoming events, photos, and more!

**Weekly Updates** is a mid-week e-mail sent to those interested in upcoming activities and events in the church. To be added to the list, send your email address to [update@fpcfreeshold.org](mailto:update@fpcfreeshold.org) (Pastor David) Your email address is never shared with others.

**Thought for The Day** - emailed weekdays by the Pastors. To receive these emails, send your email address to [update@fpcfreeshold.org](mailto:update@fpcfreeshold.org).

## GoodSearch & GoodShop



### Are You Christmas shopping on line this Year?

First Presbyterian Church can earn a donation every time you search the Internet and shop online!!! [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

Search the Web with Yahoo-powered [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) and they'll donate a penny to our church each time you search.

Shop at more than 600 [www. GoodShop.com](http://www.GoodShop.com) merchants including Amazon, Best Buy and Toys R Us, and others and a percentage of each purchase will be donated to the First Presbyterian Church mortgage reduction fund. Type in First Presbyterian Church of Freehold as your charity.

You can use **Scrip/Gift Cards** to pay for your purchases, thus doubling our proceeds. Place an order by the first Sunday of the month for delivery the second Sunday of the month. Gift cards are available for many retailers including grocery stores and gas stations. A percentage of every card is returned to the church. Order forms are available in the narthex/church lobby.

## **Memorial Fund Giving Opportunities**

During the Christmas Season, you have the opportunity to give to our designated Memorial Funds, instead of or in addition to purchasing poinsettias. These funds include monies for mortgage reduction, special music, Christian Education, mission, and outreach. They are listed on the Poinsettia order form. Your generous contributions to these funds allows the church to complete special projects and provide additional opportunities. Poinsettia/Christmas Memorial Forms will be available in the Church office and in the Lobbies of both buildings. THANK YOU!



## **STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS**

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2011 is nearing completion. **If you have not returned your Pledge Card, please either place it in the offering plate during worship on Sunday, or mail it to the Church office as soon as possible.** If you have not received a pledge card, please contact the church office. Extra pledge cards are also available in the lobby of the church buildings. We are grateful for your contributions to the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian. Thank you!

## **2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Your 2011 Offering Envelopes will be available in the church narthex/lobby in December. Please pick up your box so that we can save on the expense of mailing it. Thank you!



## **ANNUAL YEAR END REPORT REMINDER**

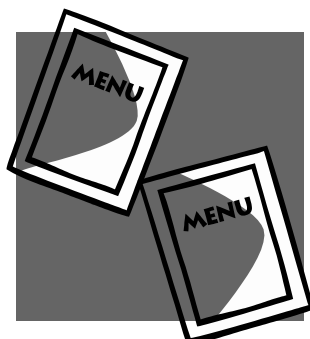
All Commission Chairs and organizational leaders should have their annual reports in to the church office by Sunday, December 26. These reports are needed so that we can prepare the Annual Report for our Congregational Meeting.



## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

On Sunday, January 23, immediately following the 11am Worship service, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of hearing reports from the Commissions and organizations of the church, approving the Co-Pastors Terms of call and receiving the 2011 budget.





## TGIFRIDAY'S BENEFIT NIGHTS

If you would like to enjoy a nice night out with your friends and family, while benefiting the Mortgage Reduction Fund, please join us at TGIFridays on

RT. 9 South in Freehold on: Thursday, December 9th and **Thursday, January 13th From 5pm-9pm.** Just tell your server that you are from First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, and 20% of the total of your bill will be donated to the Campaign.

## Church Decorating for Christmas



A big thank you to all who came out to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 21. Your gift of time and energy is genuinely appreciated. NOW, don't forget that we need your assistance in taking the decorations down on SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 after worship!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Volunteers Needed:

a. **Webmaster** to maintain our FPC website presence, post newsletter, flyers, occasional pictures etc. Should you have an interest in keeping our website current, please let us know

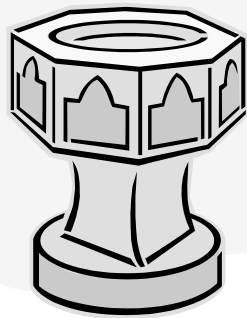
b. **Scrip Card Coordinator** needed to order and distribute cards monthly.

c. **Nursery Volunteers** needed for both services! NEED YOU! PLEASE, PLEASE SIGN UP TO WATCH OUR BABIES AND CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP FOR AT LEAST ONE SUNDAY!

d. **Power Point Operator** at 11 am Service. 1 week per month.

If you have an interest in any of the above listed volunteer positions, please call the Church office for more information at 732-462-0234.





**N e w     B a p t i s m  
P r o c e d u r e s** are now in  
place here at FPC. The  
Session takes the  
Sacrament of Baptism  
commitment very  
seriously and wants to

help those who request it to understand it more fully. Going forward, there will be two Baptism classes each year. You must attend a Baptism class before you can request a Baptismal date. The next Baptism classes will be held on Sunday, February 13th (registration deadline is Feb. 1), 2011 at 3:00 pm. Baptism Sundays will be held Sunday, February 20th, 2011 at the 11:00 am Worship. Contact the Church office if you want to attend one of the classes.

# December

## *Birthdays. . .*

12/01	Nathaniel Moss	12/17	Diane Canto
12/02	Jan Bates		Heather Schmidt
12/04	George Keseday		Holly Kurylo
	Melissa Jensen	12/18	Susan Campbell
	Payton McKinney		Rachael Evanego
	Jean Schellenger		Melanie Pascullo
12/07	Robin Fox	12/21	Anthony Norcia
	Nancee Hanley		Katherine Meola
	Milton Sacchi	12/23	Edgar Schmidt
12/10	Douglas McCoy	12/25	<b>Jesus</b>
	Lori Manderichio	12/27	Anne Kovacs
12/11	Janice Finan	12/31	Judi Pilla
12/13	Susan Stoia		
12/15	Marjory Hays		





### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>01/02</b> Brendan Hanley Erik Stout Lila Williams Dana Williams	<b>1/17</b> James Allerton Ariana Smith Grace Kenny
<b>01/03</b> Jordan Hanley	<b>01/19</b> Allen Mayhew Michael Minden
<b>01/04</b> Susan Daesener Paul Nadolny Connor Kenny Justin Pilla Donald Clayton	<b>01/20</b> Alice Funk <b>01/21</b> Stanley Brinster Lenora Chu
<b>01/05</b> Chloe Craig	<b>01/22</b> Abigail Kenny Sarah Kimberlin
<b>01/06</b> Charles Stapp Sharon MacMillan	<b>01/24</b> Patricia Mulcahy <b>01/26</b> Corinne Miller
<b>01/07</b> William Reid	<b>01/27</b> Virginia Coma Melanie Horne Amanda Hunt
<b>01/08</b> Amy Lysy	<b>01/28</b> Robert Saylor Susan Beaton
<b>01/10</b> Christine Garvey	<b>01/29</b> Margaret Bosko
<b>01/12</b> Basil Meola Danny Funk	<b>01/30</b> Elwood Bodden Julie Heinsohn Avery Glick
<b>01/13</b> Nancy Winouski	<b>01/31</b> Kriz Ramrooop
<b>01/15</b> Peter Ciok MaryKate Buffet	
<b>01/16</b> Marion Kraft Eric Hanley	

# *Special Thanks*



*Special thanks are given to Rebecca Bowman and Wendy Jaghab for the outstanding job they did creating collages from Mission Trip pictures. Sincere appreciation to Derek Stillwagon for hanging all of the collages on the back wall in the Church.*

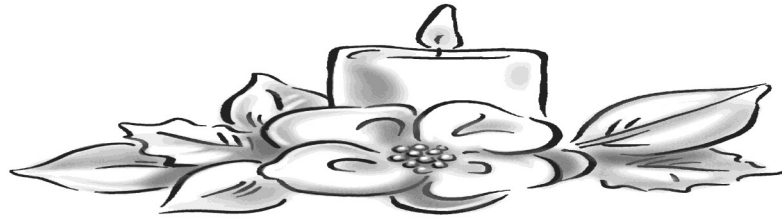
*Again, many thanks are expressed to Wendy Jaghab for the lovely oriental rugs she has donated and placed in the back hallway of the Church. She has also just beautifully redecorated our sitting area.*

*Thanks To Dona D'Auria for making special bags for all of the attendees at the Women's Retreat!*



## **ADOPT-A-BILL**

**Tom and Leslie Dresser—Candles for Sanctuary  
Caleb and Payton McKinney (Youths) - Sold books to  
help pay for the CCLI license to copy music.**



## **A Holiday Prayer**

***Those we have prayed for during Worship.....:*** Ken Van Norman; Pat Applegate; Family of Bob Walsh; Family of Bobby Wright; Jenna Jose; Gene Kurylo; Peggy Estavanik; Kathy Irelan; Naomi Fitz; Rod Springer; Recording of the Christmas CD; Typhoons in Asia; Cholera in Haiti; Christian mission co-workers; Angie Ramage; Joe Garofano; Family of Mary Summonte; Diane Rathschmidt; Ed Burke, jr.; Toms family on death of Jonathan; Jimmy Pappas; Cindy Philip: Don Clayton's dad; Eric; Bruce Smith; Erna Gigler; the family of Mino Albano; Eleanor Hargis; Susan Croft; Colin Lancaster; All the Veterans; Frank and Ian Watson on the death of Mary; Michael Gabriel; Jimmy; Eric; Anna Rasmussen; Farewell to Brinsters; Diane Rathschmidt; Ruth Brinster's cousin

*Joys:* Birth of Emmaleigh Jane Cutrona, daughter of Kim and Peter; Peter Platt's Mom; New Members; Kristin Mann—Summer Service Scholarship Recipient (NWMC); Berwin and Peggy Guttormsen's 45th Wedding Anniversary; Concert sold out; Bailey twins coming home; Mission Trip picture display; Peggy Lettieri is home; Reese Irelan; Persuads are back home.

*Hospitalized:* Peggy Lettieri (Bartley Manor) and Eleanor Hargis (Wedgewood Gardens), Diane Rathschmidt (Centra State)

**MISSIONARY PRAYERS:** Jay and Nancy Adams and Family, Germany; Jeff and Christi Boyd and Family, Cameroon; Barbara and Larry Moir, Ethiopia; Dan and Elizabeth Turk and Family, Magagascar; Ashley and Mark Wright and Family, Honduras. This year the Sunday School Classes are each corresponding with and praying for the Missionary families from around the world. Every Sunday, we will be including a reminder to pray for one of these families. This is another way we stay connected with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Sympathy is Extended to Sandra MacMillan Foster on the death of her husband, Eric.**