



THE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
July/August 2011

## **PASTORS' PONDERINGS**

In *Porgy and Bess*, George Gershwin penned the song, *Summertime* which included the line: "And the living is easy . . ." And none other than the Psalmist wrote complementary words in Psalm 46: "Be still and know that I am God".

Summer is upon us—time for a slower pace. Time for vacations, days at the beach, picnics on the deck, and a more relaxed style of living. What a wonderful time, then, to reflect on the goodness of God! When our busy schedules take a break, we are afforded the opportunity to think about how God has been at work, even in the hectic days that plague us the rest of the year.

If you're an early bird, get up and listen to the sounds of the birds and offer God thanks for the night that has passed for the opportunities which await you in the day ahead. Or if you're a night owl, sit out on your deck or porch on a clear night and observe the night sky, remembering the blessings given by God to you through the course of the day which is now ending. Or how about when you are laying on the beach or at poolside—be mindful of the refreshing spirit God offers to each of us.

Then to pull your week together, join us on Sunday mornings for worship as we offer praise to the God who never leaves us and never forsakes us. How awesome is our God. Moment by moment, day by day, God is at work offering strength and encouragement, refreshment and comfort.

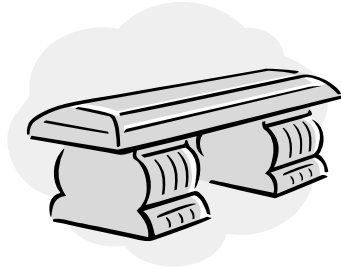
So, take time this summer to think about offering thanks to the God of all time, who has brought you to this moment and who will be with you in each moment which lies ahead. Be Still! Know that God is with you!  
Blessings on your Summer,  
Pastors Cindy and David

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

At their June 21 meeting, the Elders:

- Met with those wishing to have their babies baptized and who have also completed the Baptism Class. Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, July 17.
- Celebrated Pastor Cindy and David's 15th Anniversary at FPC.
- Discussed revamping the Usher structure.
- Learned that we have now received \$482,000 from the Rew Estate.
- Received an update on the Property Purchase. An Estate sale will be held at a future date prior to demolition.
- Approved reaching out to local high school bands and choirs from the area to perform at the Church; they would perform with our Church musicians.
- Celebrated the success of the Jazz Vespers and the Potluck Dinner which followed.
- Discussed the possibility of a Mission trip for College-age Young Adults next year.
- Spent time discussing solar energy for the Church. Once final decisions are reached concerning the neighboring property, Session will revisit the issue.
- Elected Corporate Officers - President Wendy Jaghab, Vice President Ted Schulz and Secretary Susan Beaton.

## **SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP/VESPERS**



Summer is a great time to be renewed and refreshed in our faith. Join us for a brief evening Worship service (a Vesper service) in the Prayer Garden (or Second floor of the Sanctuary if it rains) on **SATURDAYS, July 16th and August 6th at 6:00**

**p.m.** At the August 6th Service, Communion will be served. We will meet in the garden between the two buildings; chairs will be provided. Let us worship God together out in God's creation. Come Casual. Our Jazz vespers, which was held on June 18, was an uplifting evening shared by 55 worshippers.

## **TGI Friday's Proceeds Night**

Join us at the TGI Friday's on Rt. 9 South, Freehold on Thursday, July 14th and August 11th from 5pm-9pm. Tell your server that you are from First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, and 20% of your bill will be donated to the Church Mortgage Reduction Fund.

## **SUMMER KOINONIA**

Our Small group Bible Study/Fellowship groups will combine and meet on July 20 and August 31. Look for announcements in the weekly email update or the Sunday Bulletin. Koinonia is a great opportunity to share your faith, to develop friendships, to receive and provide support through the Christian Family. Contact Pastor Cindy for more information.

## **MISSION TRIP UPDATE**

As you read this newsletter, 18 youth and 7 adults will be on the Mission Trip to Bay City, Michigan from Friday, June 24 - Saturday, July 2. They will all be assigned tasks to do from visiting the elderly to cleaning, painting and beautifying home residences. Each day we will gather with other youth and adults as we worship, sing and share in small group devotions. Please pray for our youth and adults as they serve others in need. Pray that the love of Christ will radiate through our group by the way we serve, act and speak. Look for the Sunday worship when the youth will share their experience in worship.

Along the way they will be spending one night in Mt. Lebanon, PA at the Southminster Presbyterian Church and one night at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Boardman, Ohio. In addition they will take in a Pirate's Game, visit the Pittsburgh Zoo, ride the Incline. While in Bay City they have an evening free during which they will sail on a Tall Ship on the Saginaw Bay. Coming home they will again stay at Southminster and then stop in Seven Springs, PA to go hydrobiking and alpine tubing.

Those who are participating in this year's mission trip are:

### **Youth**

Rebecca Bowman	Chloe Craig
Nicole Funk	Nikki Giurici
Kyle Horne	Melanie Horne
Brian Jenkins	Connor Kenny
Emily Klesitz	Sam Matino
Katie McCoy	Caleb McKinney
Lucas Mozingo	Melanie Pascullo
Ryan Sahlin	Danielle Sakowitz
Paige Sulzberg	Zack Stoia

**Adults:** Pastor Cindy, Chris Giurici, Wendy Jaghab, Doug McCoy, Larry Moran, Donna Spendley and Judie Stillwagon

**Over \$2100 was raised at the pancake breakfast! Thank you!**

## **MUSIC NOTES**

### ***Positions Available***

All positions are available for a daytime handbell group which will start in September. Interested persons must have a desire to learn more about handbells and music or to engage in small group ringing opportunities in worship services. Both short and longer term positions are available with flexible scheduling. Benefits include greater proficiency playing handbells and choir chimes, learning new music repertoire and the satisfaction of inspiring others during worship. Interested parties may call or e-mail Susan @ 732-308-3560 or susala829@hotmail.com. No prior experience or resumes required, however enthusiasm and a willingness to learn will be rewarded.



During the Summer we will have various groups and individuals sharing special music with us during our worship services. Recently we have had Kim White, The Mens' Choir, The Jazz Band, and Debbie and Larry Moran share their musical gifts. Special thanks to all of our worship leaders and to John Cavicchio our Director of Music.

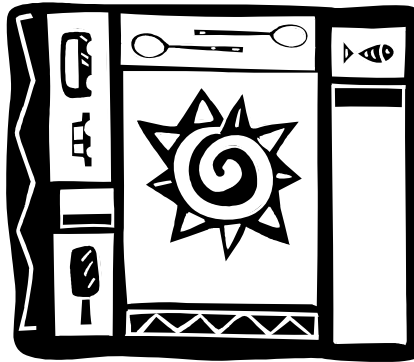
The Music Calendar for Fall and Christmas is now being prepared. Please contact John @ [732-462-0374](tel:732-462-0374). If you would like to present a vocal, handbell or instrumental solo, duet or ensemble.

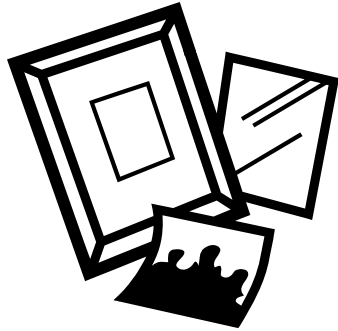
## **NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE AND CAMP JOHNSONBURG**

This year's New Wilmington Mission Conference will be held July 24-31 on the Campus of Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND. There are programs for Children, Youth and Adults, as well as great opportunities to meet people from around the world. If you would like to go, Contact Pastor Cindy ASAP! A group from the church will be attending. Scholarships are available!!

There are also brochures available in the church office for those who may be interested in attending Camp Johnsonburg, which is our Presbytery Camp, located in northern New Jersey.

The Christian Education Commission offers scholarships for attendance at either of these summer programs. Contact Judie Stillwagon for more information.





## Historic Records

The Past, Present and Future of FPC (as sad as it may seem) just ends up on scraps of paper. However, it is paper and pictures that tell the rich history of our church. This is Like the Bible, an accumulation of letters saved over time, which presented the epic account of God's relationship with His most precious creation, humankind.

Over the nearly 175 years of our church history, dozens of members have taken the time to keep our records safe. The time and technology have come for our church to take a more proactive attempt to keep these records safe for future generations. Over the past year a small group of church members have been sifting through our church historic records in an attempt to organize them for easy access. The major problem they have encountered is lack of a suitable storage cabinet for the many pictures that are on file.

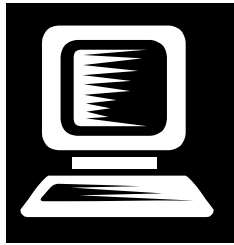
After much research, a cabinet has been found but there are insufficient funds to make the purchase. Memorials & Special Gifts has a Historic Records fund which currently has \$1832.50. It is estimated that an additional \$1000 is needed to purchase the fire-proof cabinet and to properly treat the documents for long term storage. Our goal is to have the records properly treated and filed prior to the church's 175th anniversary in 2013.

You can help today to keep FPC's history alive for future generations. Special donation slips can be found on the adopt-a-bill board in the Narthex. All donations/checks should be made payable to Memorials & Special Gifts/ Historic Records.

## **CHURCH E-MAIL WEEKLY UPDATES**

Did you know that you can receive weekly updates about church events and news via your email? Currently over 160 members and friends of the congregation are on the church e-mail list. To be included, please send an e-mail to [update@fpcfreeshold.org](mailto:update@fpcfreeshold.org). Your e-mail address is not revealed to others; you can unsubscribe at any time. In addition, a Thought-for-the-day is also sent each weekday to those who so desire it.

What are you waiting for? Feel like you're out of the loop? Then sign up today to be included in the FPC weekly e-mail updates!



## **COLLEGE ADDRESSES**

**College students:** as you prepare to return to campus for the fall, please make sure the church office has your updated address and e-mail information so that we can keep in touch!

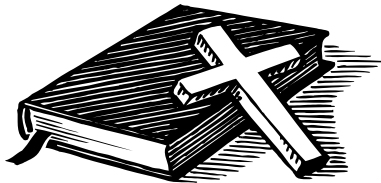
## **13th ANNUAL CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Mark your calendar now!  
September 23-25, 2011

St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, Pa.  
The cost is \$180 and reservations are  
needed by Sept. 4th. Registration forms are  
in the church office. Women who need some  
time away for spiritual reflection, fellowship with other  
Christian women, and lots of fun-- this retreat is for YOU!!



Theme: We Think We Know God, But.....  
Retreat Leader: Gayle Kerr



## **PROPERTY PURCHASE UPDATE**

On Friday, June 17, we closed on the purchase of the property adjoining our church parking lot, on Brinckerhoff Avenue. You may now park there on Sunday mornings—just be careful of the poison ivy!

Future plans include the demolition of the structures (house and Shed) and the upgrading of the lot to provide additional parking. Monies for this project have come from the very generous bequest we received from the Rew Estate. To date we have been given over \$480,000. The purchase of the property and associated costs have totaled to over \$230,000 to date. Please look for more information in the coming weeks concerning the plans for that lot.

## SPECIAL GUEST PREACHERS

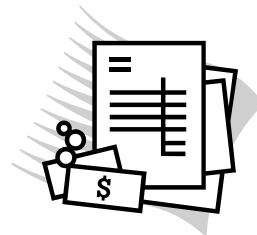
July 24th	Mike Minden
July 31	Yvonne Lindner
August 14	Rebecca Bowman
August 21	Judie Stillwagon

Thank you to our guest preachers  
for leading us in worship!

## GIFT CARDS

Do you buy gas for your car? Shop for groceries? Dine out? Did you know that you can purchase gift cards which you can use to make your purchases, at no extra cost, from the church? For each gift card you purchase, the church receives a percentage of the total, which will be used for the Mortgage reduction. On the last Sunday of the month order sheets will be in the bulletin. Fill out the form and return it to the church office on or before the first Sunday of the month, with your payment, and you will get your cards by the second Sunday! For more information, contact Kathy McLaughlin at 732-462-0234

## Adopt-a-Bill



Thank you to all who have contributed to the Adopt-a-bill program. Through your generosity, the church office carpeting was cleaned, lemonade and cookies were provided for the Memorial Day Celebration, new banners were donated for the Jazz Vespers and flowers were donated to plant in the urns around the church. THANK YOU!

# MISSION MATTERS



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Our faithful CWS ladies will continue to put together **Hygiene Kits** until all the items have been used. The kits will be sent to replenish those kits that have already been sent to disaster areas in the USA and overseas. Thank you for your generosity and desire to help those in dire need. We are collecting combs and nail clippers.

## FOOD HARVESTING

If you would like to help out in these food harvesting ministries, for just a few weeks over the summer, talk to Kathy in the office (732) 462-0234 and keep reading.....



We're amazed at all the wonderful Mexican food that's being donated to the needy by **Chipotle Mexican Grill**: rice, chicken & steak. Volunteers from FPC collect leftovers twice a week and deliver it to Feed All God's People, at St. Peter's for their free lunches.

Our volunteers also continue to harvest leftover pastries from **Starbucks** in Raceway Mall every night of the week. Relief summer help would really be appreciated....We are pleased to announce that The Olive Garden in Freehold has joined our food harvesting ministry. The collection is once per week and delivered locally to St. Peters. As our work to feed the hungry grows, so does our need for volunteers to help get this food to the needy. The volunteer opportunities are not difficult, nor time consuming, and the rewards are immeasurable.



Prayer requests from **Rita John**, our mission co-worker in Central Asia

- Strength for 3 weeks of youth summer camps
- For usual summer drug smuggling & skirmishes to decrease this year
- For a decrease in corruption
- For key volunteers to help out in 2012: disability specialists, English teachers, agriculturalists
- For the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort her in that harsh environment



**Family Promise<sup>®</sup>**  
of Monmouth County

***Can you believe it's  
been 10 years?***

This summer we'll celebrate 10 years of hosting homeless families at our church from

**Family Promise!** My, how time flies!

What were you doing ten years ago? And how often have you served our neighbors who happen to be homeless? Have you slacked off lately? A little?

Could be time to renew your spirit of service to others.....

**NEXT HOSTING..... June 26 to July 2**

Mark your calendars now & resolve to help! All hands on deck!! It's the summer, so some people will be away on vacation. Jump in and lend a hand. To cook part of a meal, call Anne Kovacs; to sleep over, call Will Schartel; to be an evening host, call Tracy Mozingo or Sue Pascullo.

***Special note!***  
***Family Promise***  
***Co-Coordinator Needed***

*to replace Susan Campbell who will be moving this summer. Flexibility needed to meet families at church each evening. For details, talk to Susan herself or to Sue Pascullo. Can you help? Contact Ted Schulz if you are interested in this position.*

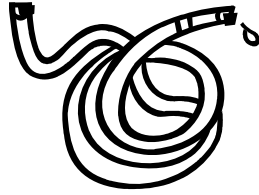
**OPEN DOOR**  
**School's out – but hunger doesn't take a vacation!**



Be a dear - please bring in a couple of cans of food for Open Door, any Sunday, but especially the **first Sunday** of the month. You can add "Open Door" to your shopping list, as a memory jogger. You can put the food in the newly refurbished Open Door bin at the back of the Sanctuary before worship.

And we'll always take your loose change or a couple of bucks on the **last Sunday** of each month. Look for the Mission Pots before and after Worship.

If you can eat well – why not pass the blessing along to someone else?



## ADOPT—A —GARDEN

Thank you to all who continue to make sure our grounds look so beautiful!!

If you are around church this summer and the gardens look dry—there are hoses around for you to water them. Also, feel free to pull some weeds!

## PRAYERS FOR KRISTIN MANN

This Summer, Kristin Mann is spending 6 weeks in South Korea as a Summer Service Participant through the New Wilmington Mission Conference. She is joining 4 other young adult women and an adult guide in exploring the work of the Christian Church in that country. Please pray for her and for the work she is doing. You can follow her travels at <http://nwmcss.blogspot.com>



## *Presbyterian Women FPC Cookbook*



The ladies of PW are compiling a cookbook and would love to include all of the delicious recipes from the great cooks right here at FPC! How do you do that? Recipe forms are available in the narthex, outside room A/B, and in the Christian Ed building. After completing your form(s), please return it to any of the following ladies: Nancee Hanley, Doreen Alne, Patsy Saylor, or Marie Schlechtweg. We are hoping to have the cookbooks available for purchase for the holidays, so please turn in your recipes by July 31st. If you would like more information, please contact Nancee Hanley @732-409-1124.

## Usher Meeting

On Sunday, July 17th at 10:30 am, there will be a meeting of all those who are currently serving as Ushers and all those who are interested in serving as ushers. This meeting is mandatory for all who want to continue with this ministry. Please contact the Church office if you would like to be added to the Usher list.

## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

May 2011

### **Cash Receipts**

Giving	\$31,225*
Facility Use	7664
Invest.& Interest	<u>376</u>
	\$39,266

**\* Please remember to keep your giving up to date during the Summer months; the church's bills continue even while you're on vacation! Please also pay your Per Capita!**

### **Cash Disbursements**

Personnel Expense	\$14,304
Commission Expenses	\$4,876
Mortgage Expense	8,329
Utilities	2093
Other Expenses	<u>2456</u>
	\$32,948

Operating Surplus \$6318

# **Stewardship Principles**

**Live Genuinely** means putting your faith into action. This is the tangible demonstration of what is sincerely on our hearts and where our treasure is, not simply a verbal expression.

The Macedonians set an example that Paul called to the attention of the Corinthians. **"I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others."**

2 Corinthians 8:8

## **RECENTLY IN OUR PRAYERS**

Ken Van Norman; Pat Applegate; Naomi Fitz; Betsy Morgan; Judie Stillwagon; John Matheson; Carl Penson; Liz Kirchner; George Craig; Mrs. Cella on death of husband; Kristin Mann; Helen Burke; John Hoogland; Mike Horne; Gary Carter; Roger Degeest; Somjai Cannon; Jane Shotton; Joe Wright; Christine Veni; Mildred Rasmussen; Murray Ross; Patti Vasile; Cameron; Annette; Beth Sulzberg's mother, Sally Musson; George Kane; Family and friends of Clarence Clemons; Vinnie Roslyn; Mission Trip Participants



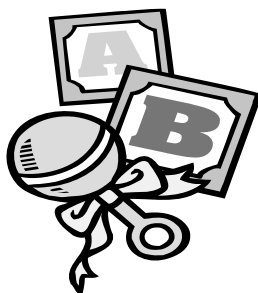
**JOYS:** New Elders and Deacons; All Confirmands were in Worship; Those Elders and Deacons who have completed their terms; Betsy Morgan; Liz Kirchner and George Craig; Emily Klesitz; Steven Szendi; Liz Kirchner and George Craig; Team Welcome; Bowman's 15<sup>th</sup> Year at FPC; Jazz Vespers and Mens' Choir; Graduates

**REHAB and NURSING HOME:** Virginia Ijas (Wedgewood, Freehold) and (Sunrise, Jackson)

## **THANK YOU**

We want to share our deep gratitude to the Session and to all of our church family for the recognition and celebration of our 15th Anniversary at First Presbyterian. It has been our privilege to serve along side of you and to be with you in times which have been life changing. God has continued to bless our congregation as we have been faithful, together, in our service to Him. Thank you!

*Pastors Cindy and David*



## Nursery Volunteers

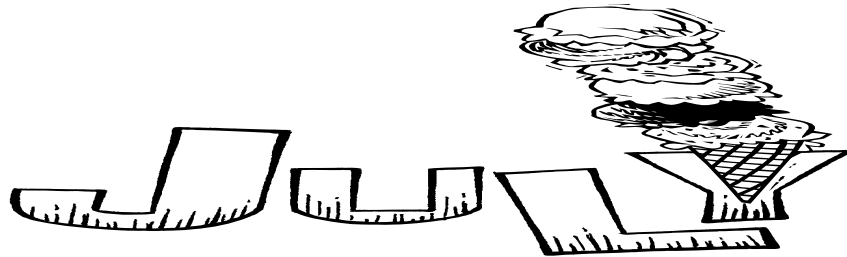
We are planning the Summer/early Fall 2011 volunteer schedule for the nursery. We are in need of several volunteers to help provide childcare in the nursery during services with our childcare attendant, Shirley. If you would like to assist in the nursery, please contact Julie Heinsohn at 732-303-0544. \*\*We are especially in need of volunteers for the 11:00 services in the fall.\*\*

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## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

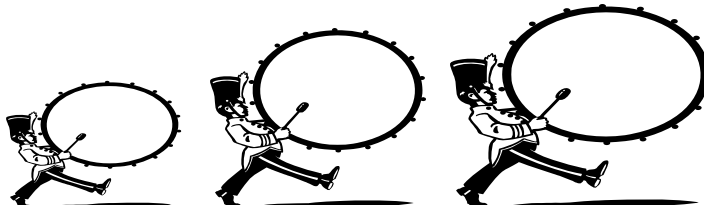
On **Sunday, September 11** we return to our two worship service Schedule. That day from **9:30am-10:45** am there will be Sunday School Registration and a time of fellowship in the Auditorium. Come enroll your children and youth in Sunday School and share in a time of fellowship with coffee and light refreshments.





## Birthdays

07/01	ELEANOR SCOTT TROY SMITH KATHLEEN ROOT	07/17	MICHELLE MILLER
07/03	JAMES BALLEW WILLIAM KELLY	07/18	TOM DRESSER HEATHER SCHULZ
07/04	CHRISSEY WILLIAMS	07/19	PATRICIA KIRK
07/05	STEPHEN AFFRONTI	07/20	RICHARD COMO SKYLAR ANTHONY
07/06	ERIN CONRAD	07/23	PATRICIA NOXON LIA PRENDERGAST
07/09	JOSEPH CALLAERT MICHAEL HORNE	07/27	KATHRYN HEY SCOTT COMO BRYANNA KIMBERLIN TIMOTHY NADOLNY
07/10	JEAN BOYSEN	07/28	SARAH BARRENA SYDNEY BARRENA MICHAEL BICKERTON ANITA JOHN
07/12	JOYCE HOFFMANN	07/30	CLAUDIA CRAIG PAIGE SULZBERG
07/13	MARION VINYARD GEORGE SMITH	07/31	ROBIN BURDGE ERIC RICE
07/14	BRENDAN HUNT KAITLYN NORCIA JULIE WALKER		
07/15	COLIN LANCASTER VICTORIA KIMBERLIN DANIELLE SAKOWITZ		
07/16	SHANNON BEITH		





# AUGUST

## Birthdays

08/02	PAULINE PATTON	08/16	JUDITH MILLER
08/03	LYLLIANA D'ARMETTA		ZACHARY ZEHNDER
	JAKE D'ARMETTA	08/17	VIRGINIA YANCHUS
	RILEY D'ARMETTA	08/18	NICHOLAS D'AURIA
	RYAN D'ARMETTA.		LAURINE PIZZA
08/04	BHAGMATTIE PERSAUD		CHRIS PERSAUD
08/05	AIDAN LOZANO	08/21	SUSAN DAVISON
08/06	CHRIS SASSO	08/23	REBECCA BOWMAN
	MICHAEL STOIA	08/24	TYLER GARVEY
08/07	THOMAS MORRICE		CJ TOLERICO
	PEYTON GLICK		JAMIE COMO
08/09	JUDI CAVICCHIO	08/27	NAIMI BOOTH
	KATHY RAMROOP		LESLIE DRESSER
08/10	BURT BATES		PAULINE
	ERIC SCHMIDT		KLEMANOWICZ
	HAYLEY RAUH	08/28	DOUGLAS ROCHAT
08/13	MARIA ALNE		DONNA WARDELL
	FIONA LOZANO	08/29	SUSAN CROFT
	NICOLE WINOUSKI	08/31	ELIAS ABILHEIRA
08/14	SUZANNE DISOGRA		CARA WARDELL
	OLGA LITTLEFIELD		
08/15	ROBERT COMO		
	NICOLE FUNK		
	BILLY FUNK		
	JACKLYN KATZ		

