

The Presbyterian

June 2011

Pastors' Ponderings

Over the past month we have been blessed with the reception of 13 new adult members and 4 confirmands. As these men and women have shared their faith, we have been reminded of what the church is all about.

Each of us plays an important and unique role in the ministry and mission of our church family. United by our faith in Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to work together to grow in Christ's love and to share Christ's love beyond our church walls.

What is it that God has given you to use in the ministry of the Church? Can you pray? Do you have the resources to buy food for Open Door? Are you able to teach God's Word to youth? Can you sing? Do you have a passion for helping meet the needs of others? Would you like to insure that the Freehold Community is aware of the wonderful work of our congregation?

What is it that you will share with your church family in the weeks ahead?

We have been blessed with the gifts of so many through the years—people just like you who were willingly to do something with what God has blessed them.

Won't you prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do? There is no time like the present to be involved!

See you during the Summer!

Pastors Cindy and David

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At their May 17 meeting, the Elders:

- Heard the statements of faith of the new elders and deacons and approved their ordination and/or installation for May 29. They are Deacons: Dona D'Auria, Chris Giurici, Jordan Hanley, Gail Kurylo and Ryan Sahlin. Elders: Susan Beaton, Nancee Hanley, Yvonne Lindner, Sam Matino, Ted Schulz and Linda Zaveta. Elders going off were thanked and recognized: Alyson Craig, Bill Kelly, Katie McCoy and Sandra Whitehill
- New Commission assignments were shared.
- Were given a presentation by CleanEnergy on Solar panels for the church; the Session will discuss more about this option at their June Meeting
- Learned that the closing date for the purchase of the neighboring property will be June 14.
- Approved a recommendation to put the Scholarship Fund in a Vanguard Account so that it can accrue more interest
- Made plans for the summer planning retreat which will be August 7 at 10:30am



SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

It is that time of year again when we switch to our Summer Worship Schedule. **From May 15 through September 4 we will have one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am with no Sunday School;** Our two services will resume on Sunday, Sept. 11 and Sunday School will begin September 18.

We hope you will worship with us when you are in town this summer! **YOUR PRESENCE IS VALUED! REMEMBER OUR SANCTUARY IS NOW AIR CONDITIONED!**
See you Sunday at 9:30am!

VESPER SERVICES AT **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

As we get busy during the summer, why not take 45 minutes out of your schedule and worship God through our informal Saturday evening Vesper Worship Services? The services will be held in the prayer garden if weather permits or in the Sanctuary if it rains. A Vesper Service is a worship service held in the evening. During the service we generally sing several hymns/praise songs, read scripture and share a brief meditation, and offer prayers; the service is casual. Mark your calendars for:

Sat. June 18, Sat July 16 and Sat. Aug. 6.
Vesper services begin at 6pm.

Our June 18 Vesper Service will be a Jazz Vesper featuring our own Jazz musicians and several guests from the Spanish Church which uses Rooms A & B on Saturday nights. Following the service we will have a Potluck dinner at 7pm in the Auditorium. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.** Come to the Service and bring along a favorite salad, dessert or entrée—enough to feed 8 people. We will provide the paper products and the beverages.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON
JUNE 18!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM

On Sunday, May 15 at the 9:30 am worship service, the Sunday School Classes shared what they have learned this year. Also, attendance pins were given to those who have perfect attendance or who have missed 3 or less Sunday School Classes.

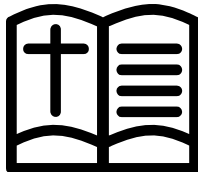
Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards (meaning they have not missed any Sunday School) this year are: Rebecca Bowman, Alex Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly, Christopher Sasso, Leah Spendley and Zach Spendley.

Those missing 3 or less Sundays: Timothy Nadolny, Andrew Naldony, Joseph Naldony, Cassandra Rudderow, Charlie Rudderow, Nick D'Auria, Jordan Hanley, Danielle Sakowitz and Shane Guinan.

These children and youth deserve our congratulations!

Also, the Christian Education Staff was recognized for their hard work this year. The staff includes Rotation Teachers, Sunday School Teachers, Youth Group Leaders and Sunday School Office Staff. Thank you for a job well done!! Special thanks to Becky Kindig and Amanda Golbek for their leadership this year.

We are extremely grateful to the Christian Education Volunteers who have given so much of their time and love this year; over 40 women and men shared in the teaching and leadership of our Sunday School and youth programs. THANK YOU!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Help Support Our Youth Mission Trip



Join us June 5, 2011

TWO SEATINGS

8:30 am -AND- 10:45 am

(before and after the 9:30 worship)

\$5.00 per person

children 3 and under eat ***FREE!!***

In the auditorium

(Sugar-Free syrup available)

Reservations are required

Call the church office 732-462-0234

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Eighteen youth and seven adults from our congregation will be traveling to Bay City, Michigan on Friday, June 24 to participate in GROUP's Week of Hope. During the week they will be serving on teams which will visit in nursing homes, work with children, serve in soup kitchens, and a variety of other mission projects in the Bay City Area. They will be working with youth from all over the country.

On Sunday, June 19 we will commission the Mission Trip team during worship.

Please pray for the safety of the participants, and also that they would see and share the love of Christ. They will return to Freehold on Saturday, July 2nd.

Participants: 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 Mazingo, Melanie Pascullo, Ryan Sahlin, Danielle Sakowitz, Zach Stoia, Paige Sulzberg. Leaders: Pastor Cindy, Chris Giurici, Wendy Jaghab, Doug McCoy, Larry Moran, Donna Spendley, Judie Stillwagon.

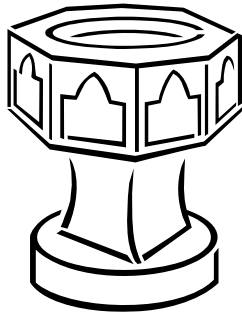
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Annually, a scholarship is awarded to graduating High School seniors who have been an active member of the church and who have completed the necessary application. This year the scholarship was awarded to Rebecca Bowman and Katie McCoy.

COMMISSIONING OF KRISTIN MANN

On Sunday, June 19 during worship we will be Commissioning Kristin Mann for her mission trip to South Korea. Kristin is one of five young adults who will be traveling to South Korea in June and July to observe and participate in mission work through the New Wilmington Mission Conference. Kristin was chosen for this honor through an application and interview process. Please Keep Kristin in your prayers.

BAPTISM CLASS



The Session takes the Sacrament of Baptism as a very serious commitment and wants to assist those who request it to understand it more fully. Periodically classes will be held for those wishing to have their child baptized. The next class will be held on Sunday, June 12 at 10:30am. If you would like to attend, please call the church office at 732-462-0234 to reserve your place. Our next Baptisms will be on Sunday, July 17 during the 9:30am worship.



Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, May 22 we welcomed the confirmands into the FPC family and as they professed their faith in Jesus Christ.

The following youth completed the Confirmation program and are welcomed into our Church family :

- **Doug Anderson** is the son of Paul and Sandy, older brother of Ronnie. Doug is completing his freshman year at Freehold Township High School. He is involved in Boys Scouts and enjoys sports, especially golf and basketball
- **Jordan Hanley** is the daughter of Nancee and Robert, and older sister of Brendan and younger sister of Eric. Jordan is completing her freshman year at Freehold Borough High School and loves to sing. She currently sings with our Praise Team
- **Ryan Sahlin** is the son of Kim White and Keith Sahlin and is finishing his freshman year at Freehold Township High School. Ryan is involved in Boy Scouts and loves sports!
- **Danielle Sakowitz** is the daughter of Linda and Mark Sakowitz. Danielle is completing her freshman year at Colts Neck High School and is involved in music activities, including Band. She recently earned her Girl Scout Silver Award.

WELCOME 2011 CONFIRMANDS!

Thanks also to their sponsors: Julie Heinsohn, Paul Heinsohn, Dave Wardell and Donna Wardell and to Confirmation Assistant Wendy Jaghab.

MISSION MATTERS

CALENDAR DATES

June 26-July 2
June 26

Family Promise hosting
Mission Pots

Mother's Day Cards

What a Great Success! You donated \$452 for the "Healthy Women Healthy Families" program run by PC(USA), and we added \$100 from our budget. So the total donated was **\$552**. **Thank you** for your love!

Thank you! for all the soap, combs and nailclippers you left in the baskets for



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.



Thanks are extended to our church for the warm welcome extended to the small band of foreign speakers who've been attending **English Conversation** to improve their spoken English. Grateful thanks to the volunteers from our church who came and chatted up a storm!

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....

Thanks are due to Tom & Dona D'Auria for delivering the non-perishable food left in our **Open Door** bins each week . Remember to bring a couple of food items to church with you each week, so needy people will have enough to eat.

We heard from **Benjamin** – the boy we support in Bolivia,



who had his ninth birthday last month !
He tells us he loves to sing. Look for his letter (with translation) and the picture he drew outside room A/B.



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



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?

HEY!
How about serving on the Mission Commission for a change?



“Serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13

GOD AND CHURCH

This past year, 5 Middle-school youth have met on a monthly basis with Pastor David to complete the God and Church Award, which is part of the God and Country Program. These five youth are: Kayla Ciok, Emily Klesitz, Lucas Mazingo, Zach Spendley, and Zach Stoia. They have learned about the beginnings of the Christian Church, the story of our congregation and how they can be an active participant in our church family. On Sunday, June 19th they will receive their medals during the 9:30am worship Service. Please offer them your congratulations!



CARILLON

If you happen to be in the neighborhood of the church mid-day or at 5pm, listen! Due to the hardwork of Alan Bailey our Carillon is playing again! THANK YOU ALAN!!

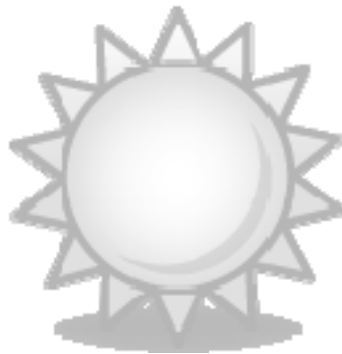
What is a carillon? A carillon is a set of fixed bells. In our case, the carillon is a motorized system that plays through speakers which are mounted in the steeple. The music is made by rolls similar to that which used to be found on player pianos.



Each day two hymns are played during the designated times. After 5 or more years of not functioning, thanks be to God that our presence is being made known again through the carillon!

SUMMER KOINONIA

Our Small group Bible Study/Fellowship groups will combine and meet on several occasions throughout the summer. 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.



New Member Class

If you are interested in becoming part of the First Presbyterian Church family, a new member Class is being scheduled for Sunday, June 19 10:30am-2pm. Please let Pastor David know if you would like to participate in this class.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES



Please offer your congratulations to the following graduates. At the time of this newsletter, these were the only graduates shared with the church office:

High School

Rebecca Bowman will graduate from Freehold Borough High School and will be attending Elizabethtown College, Elizabeth, PA in the Fall.

Julie Giurici will graduate Manalapan High School and will be attending Brookdale Community College.

Nicole Giurici will graduate Manalapan High School and will be attending St. Peter's College.

Shane Guinan is graduating from Jackson Liberty High School. He is attending Rutgers in the fall to study Molecular biology with an Emphasis in Molecular Genetics with a Double in Political Science.

Katie McCoy is graduating from Howell High School and will be attending Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania majoring in Music.

College

Matthew DiSogra received a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of North Carolina – Charlotte. He will be attending Graduate School at UNC this Fall.

Lori Walker received a BS degree in Economics from Duke University.

Christie McCoy graduated from Eastern University, Wayne, PA with a BA in Political Science. She is currently applying to graduate schools for a Masters Degree in Education.

Kristin Mann graduated summa cum laude from Kutztown University with a BS degree in Elementary Education.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

	<u>April</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	\$36,127
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$35,757</u>
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	\$370

Your continued generosity to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church is deeply appreciated. We need you to continue to give generously to the ministry and mission of FPC!

With summer coming, PLEASE keep your offering up to date. If you will not be able to be at worship, you can mail your offering to the church office. Please help us prevent a deficit balance this year.

Stewardship Principles

Contribute Regularly means practicing our Stewardship on a daily basis.

By doing so this becomes a lifestyle.
Paul instructs us: **“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn.”**

Corinthians 16:2

NEW COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

As the Session restructures for the coming year, the Commission Leadership will be:

Christian Education:	Judie Stillwagon, Chair Karen Giurici Nancee Hanley
Christian Outreach:	Helen Burke, Chair Julie Heinsohn Sam Matino
Finance:	Wendy Jagab, Chair
Mission:	Ted Schulz, Chair Will Schartel, Yvonne Lindner
Property:	Mike Minden, Chair
Worship:	Larry Moran, Chair Leslie Dresser Linda Zaveta
Clerk of Session:	Susan Beaton

The Elders, as spiritual leaders of our congregation, lead by their example of worshipping regularly and taking the opportunities to grow in faith. Please pray for our church leaders.

All commissions generally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the church.

If you would like to serve on a Commission, please contact the Chairperson of that Commission; their phone numbers are on the cover of this newsletter. Serving on a Commission is a wonderful way of meeting other church members and offering to the church your skills and gifts.



Service is for one year at a time; please consider serving as a Commissioner this year.

Commissions meet on **Tuesday, June 7 at 7pm.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Nursery Volunteers

We are planning the Summer/early Fall 2011 volunteer schedule for the nursery. We are in need of 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.

ADOPT A GARDEN

Help is needed to water and weed our beautiful church gardens! This is a great job for moms and kids, or teens needing community service hours. Call the church office if you can help. Adopt a section of the garden and make it bloom this summer!



Lemonade on the Lawn----

Who? YOU and a friend(s)

What? Lemonade on the lawn (+ cookies)

When? June 12th -after worship

Where? The lawn outside church

Why? Celebrating our team greeters, summer, and friends (old & new)

Team Greeters will be recognized during the worship Service. Please come out and celebrate this special group.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The ladies of PW have been very blessed this year to study the word of God, join together with good friends, and help others through mission projects. They are concluding their year with individual circle luncheons and a dinner. Although the circles are taking a short break to enjoy the lazy days of summer, they are looking forward to meeting again in the fall and studying the Beatitudes and hope that all of the ladies of the congregation will join them.

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

Wednesday, June 8th

Morning Glories circle 11:30 am Edith Bailey's home

Tuesday, June 14th

Martha circle 3:00 pm Perkins restaurant

Ruth circle place and time TBA

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.



Fall Women's Retreat

Mark your calendar now! September 23-25, 2011
at 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

A big thank you to:

- Those who have helped each week collate bulletins (Dorothy and Derek Munnery, Lenora Chu, Patsy and Bob Saylor, Eleanor Hargis, Bev Dame and Susan McKinney, Clare Balog, Robin Fox and Theresa Como)
- For all those who have collated the newsletter throughout the year.
- Jan Mundy and Anna Rasmussen for dusting and straightening the Sanctuary weekly.
- The property commission for all the building projects they do throughout the year when needed.
- Donna Spendley for taking the newsletter each month to the Post Office
- All those who have participated in the music program this year (Kirk ringers, Praise team, and Chancel choir)
- All those who have given their time and energy to serve on commissions and for those who participate in the programs of the church.
- The Deacons for all their tireless devotion in caring for our members' needs. Please, when requesting transportation or services of our deacons be mindful of their other obligations and commitments. This is a voluntary service so please consider using family, friends and neighbors as well.
- Alyson Craig, Bill Kelly, Katie McCoy and Sandra Whitehill completing their service as Elders and Rebecca Bowman, Dawn Schellenger, and Kelly Santangelo who are completing their service as Deacons.

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Do you play the piano or another instrument? Do you enjoy singing? Do you and a group of your friends want to play a bell trio? Would you like to sing with a "pick-up" choir that rehearses the morning before worship?

If you answered YES to any or all of these questions, please contact John Cavicchio, our Director of Music at 732-462-0374. During the summer we will have a variety of opportunities for you to share your musical gifts. Don't be shy! Share your gifts with God and your church family!

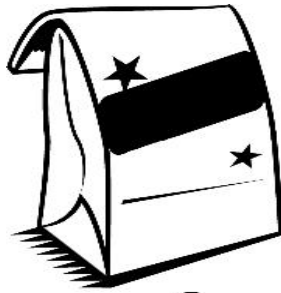


SUMMER PREACHERS

For the last several summers we have been blessed to have members of the congregation preach when the Pastors are on vacation. This summer the following man and women will be sharing their gifts with us:

Mike Minden, Yvonne Lindner, Rebecca Bowman and Judie Stillwagon.

Pastor Cindy provides a training session to assist the guest preachers with their preparations. Please pray for these people as they share God's Word with us!



*Community
Lunch*

Community Luncheon

Friday, June 24th

11:30pm - 1:30pm

C.E. building Auditorium

You have a choice of two:

Sandwich, Salad or Homemade Soup

Dessert & Beverage included with your

\$7.00 donation.

Proceeds benefit the Property Commission



PRAYER REQUESTS...

*The following have
been prayed for during
Worship recently:*

Ken Van Norman; Pat Applegate; Naomi Fitz; Becky Kindig; Don Noxon; Olga Littlefield; Winnie Burlew; Kathy Irelan; Tornados in the South; Cheryl Quandt; Death of Bob DiSogra's Cousin, John Baratta; Kim White's Cousin, Nikki Hilton; Death of Kim White's Uncle, Charlie Hampton; Joe Palumbizio; Sam Taylor; Melanie and Kyle's Grandfather, Don Ortiz; Sara Woodruff; James Volpe & Family; Sarah Townsend's Family; Bruce and Georgette Ellis; Barbara Guinan; Cindy Schartel and her Mother, Pat; Carl Penson; Bruce Crossen; Becky Kindig; Family of Charles Diaz; Carolyn Gritski; Ellie; Doug Sheeran; Pat.

Joys!!!

Chloe Craig; Dave Kiessling; 80 Plus Luncheon; 13 New Members joined; Donna Spendley; Elaine and Bob Nash; CE Staff and Students; Wedding of Denise Sharkey & Gerry Miguel

Rehab Virginia Ijas (Wedgewood, Freehold)

MISSIONARY PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK: Ashley and Mark Wright and Family, Honduras; Bob and Stacey Bronkema and Family, Moscow; Jay and Nancy Adams and Family, Germany. 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.



Birthdays celebrated in June

06/01 DAN NOXON
06/02 CAMERON MOSS
CHRISTIAN
KELMANOWICZ
06/04 CINDY BOWMAN
HOLLY HEINSOHN
06/06 POLLY HARTZELL
ROBERT NASH
06/07 RUTH BRINSTER
JENNIFER KELLY
LEAH SPENDLEY
BROOKE CAMPBELL
06/09 PAUL HEINSOHN
KYLE SCHLAGETER
06/10 BEVERLY DAME
KATHLEEN ALVAREZ
SUZANNE MEOLA
06/12 CLARE BALOG
CALEB MCKINNEY

06/15 PEGGY GUTTORMSEN
06/16 DEREK STILLWAGON
MEG SULZBERG
06/17 STEVE MINDEN
MIKE SZARAWARSKI
06/18 LORI MC COY
EMILY NORCIA
06/20 ELLEN RAUH
GABRIELLE KOVACS
06/21 THOMAS ALNE
06/22 JASON MORAN
06/23 MELISSA JOHN
06/24 HAL MCCULLOCH
06/25 LINDSAY BEITH
SHIELA KNAZICK
06/26 PAUL ANDERSON
06/28 DOROTHY
CROTCHFELT
06/29 DOUG ANDERSON
GARY DAVISON
COURTNEY MORRICE
06/30 SUSAN MCKINNEY
VERONICA GREEN
CHRIS ZEHNDER

