

# The Presbyterian

**March 2011**

## **PASTORS' PONDERINGS**

The season of Lent begins on March 9th this year. This journey through the days before Holy Week and Easter does not come without sacrifice. In many ways it is a call to walk through the darkness with the God who is the light that leads us, letting go of those things that keep us from the abundant life offered to each of us through Jesus Christ.

It is often only after we have walked through the darkneses of our lives, that we begin to see the goodness of God. This journey teaches us to trust in God's guidance; it makes us more sensitive to the pain of others; it humbles our proud, self-reliant nature and it opens us to new possibilities. Within our Christian journey, we use this time to reflect on the cross and its meaning for our lives and to give up those things in order to spend time in prayer and service.

Think about it. Is there anyone who takes up their cross and carries it who is the same at the end of the journey as they were at the beginning? As we walk through whatever darkness we find in our lives, we find that the cross reminds us to look for God in the shadows. When we have survived our own cross, we begin to realize that we can survive again and again and again—the cross teaches us hope.

This Lenten season, the God of hope calls us out of the caves of our souls to commit ourselves to lives of faith and trust and new beginnings—or to starting over again. We are encouraged to move beyond the past—its shame, its narrow rigidness, its hurt and pain.

What will you let go of in order to strengthen your faith? How much of yourself are you willing to open to the working of God's Spirit? Is your journey with Christ stuck in the past, dying from lack of nourishment, slowed down by fear and lack of commitment, pushed aside by mixed up priorities?

There is no better time than now to begin to take steps to nourish your faith, to examine your priorities, to make a commitment to grow in your love for Jesus Christ! Put the worship of Christ, the study of God's Word, the service to God's people and the building up of Christ's church at the top of your list in the coming weeks!

Blessings on your Lenten Journey,  
Pastors Cindy and David

## Session Highlights



At its February 15th meeting, Session:

- The Elders were updated on the process to purchase the adjacent property. At this time we have bid \$220,000 and have paid \$3000 to have two oil tanks removed. The property owner must now have the soil tested to see if there is any contamination. Once those results are known, we can proceed.
- Met with two families having their children baptized (Kim Cutrona and Johanna Gudaitis). Both have participated in the new Baptism Class and will have their daughters baptized on February 20th. The new Baptism process has gotten off to a very good start.
- Spent time discussing Spiritual Leadership and in prayer for the needs of our church family.
- Thanked the Deacons for their continued care of our homebound members, for whom they most recently delivered Valentine bags.
- Noted that Paul Heinsohn will take the lead on Endowment Education for the congregation, especially in light of the recent large bequest from Mr. Rew.
- Talked about the need for all members to continue to think about ways to invite people to worship.
- Clarified that the proceeds from the Cookie Sale (over \$1400) will be used to update the Sanctuary Sound System.
- Approved the Special Music Committee to proceed with Booking the Vienna Boys Choir for Saturday, December 3, 2011.

# **LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

## **MID-WEEK COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

The schedule for the midweek Ecumenical Lenten Services sponsored by the Freehold Clergy Association is:

Wednesdays at 12:30 PM with a lunch served before and after worship (12 noon and 1 PM)

**March 16th:** St. Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church

**March 23:** Place needed

**March 30:** First United Methodist Church

**April 6:** Hope Lutheran Church

**April 13:** West Farms United Methodist Church

**Good Friday:** 12:30 Service at First Baptist



Lenten Service  
Schedule

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

On Wednesday, March 9 we will have a special Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary. During the service Communion will be celebrated and ashes will be offered. This service is “child-friendly”. Please join us and bring a friend. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the church season of Lent.

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

Lenten Devotional booklets for use with your personal prayer time are available in the lobbies of both buildings during Lent. Lent began this year on Ash Wednesday, March 9th and runs through Holy Week. There are 40 days in Lent, because Sundays are not counted—they continue to be days of celebrating the Resurrection.

Please also join us for worship each Sunday at 8:30am or 11:00am and at Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Our next new member class will be held on Sundays, March 20, 27, April 3 and 10th at 9:30am. Childcare and Sunday School are available at the same time for infants and children.

This class is for all those interested in learning more about our church family; there is no obligation to join. Contact Pastor David at the Church Office if you are interested in participating in this class.



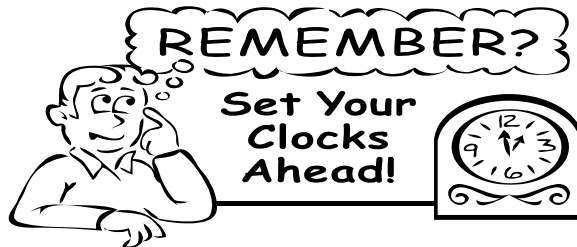
New Members Are Joining



**Community  
Lunch**

Don't forget our monthly community luncheon, which will be held on March 25, Friday, from 11:30 to 1:30. As usual a donation of \$7 will provide a choice of two - salad bar, homemade soup, sandwich - plus beverage and dessert. Take-outs are available at the door.

COME AND BRING FRIENDS! The price is certainly right - \$7 for a delicious luncheon, and we don't add in a tax or expect a tip. In addition, you can sit and visit with friends for as long as you want - we don't mind. HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE 26TH!!



**SPRING  
HAS  
SPRUNG**

**Daylight Savings  
begins March 13**

**2011 Offering Envelopes**

If you haven't picked up your 2011 Offering Envelopes in the Sanctuary Narthex, please do so as soon as possible to save us the expense of mailing them.



## Adult Sunday School Class

On Sunday mornings at 9:30pm, all adults (post-high school and older!) are invited to join us for our Adult Sunday school class in Rooms A & B; no prior knowledge is necessary. Through Lent, beginning Sunday, March 13 we will be examining the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. So, grab a cup of coffee at the Coffee Corner and join us!

## KOINONIA

Koinonia is the Greek word for fellowship/study. Our groups meet to study the Bible, pray for one another, become better acquainted with each other, and most importantly, to grow in our faith. The groups meet: Wednesday mornings, 9:30am-11am at the church; Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9pm at Bowmans; Monday evenings, 7:15pm-9pm at Bowmans. Please contact Pastor Cindy at 732-462-0234 if you are interested in making the commitment to participate in one of the Koinonia groups.

## KIDS CLUB



On Sunday, March 13 (Note Date change) all kindergarten—5th graders are invited to join us from 6pm-7:30pm for KIDS' CLUB! This month's theme is "Fellowship".

Join us for fun and games, games, games!

Reservations required; call the church office not later than Tuesday, March 8, Cost is \$3 per child.



## **BIG**

If you are in 6th-8th grade, we hope to see you at our next meeting of BIG! Join us on Sunday, March 13, 6pm-7:30pm for a night of "Guess Who?" Fun, fellowship and faith all mixed together. Reservations required—call the church office.

## **CHAOS**



Our Senior High youth have been busy! The weekend of February 25-26, 19 youth and 3 adults participated in the 30 Hour Famine, raising funds for World Vision's work among the hungry children of our world. They also attended a Michael W. Smith/Amy Grant Christian concert, along with 3 additional members of the congregation.

CHAOS meets weekly at the church, 6pm-7:30pm. All Senior High youth are invited and encouraged to attend! Once again this month, the youth will also take one of their meetings to do mission work locally; stay tuned for more information.

### **MISSION TRIP UPDATE**

The youth and adults who are participating in this year's Mission Trip to Bay City, Michigan have been busy with their preparations: they have had one training session; they have helped with the Sanctuary breakfast/lunch program, and they are raising funds by helping with the next scrapbooking event at the church. Please continue to pray for the group as they prepare for their time of service.

### **CONFIRMATION UPDATE**

Its hard to believe that the Confirmation Class is winding down. The youth have participated in a retreat on the Ten Commandments, viewed the "Passion", met with their parents in a joint class and will have a retreat on Faith during March. Please pray for the confirmands: Doug Anderson, Jordan Hanley, Ryan Sahlin and Danielle Sakowitz.

### **PROJECT PEANUT BUTTER**

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to make the Project Peanut Butter campaign a huge success. 61 jars of peanut butter were collected and delivered to Open Door. These will greatly help local families meet their lunch time needs. Additionally, over \$600 was raised to send to Project Peanut Butter. Our congregation, Sunday school students, and the Eisenhower Middle School staff truly proved that God is at work here in Freehold. This money will be a true blessing to those children in Malawi and Sierra Leone suffering from severe malnutrition. Thank you again for your generosity.



## THANK YOU!

Christian Ed would like to thank the Sunday school children and the congregation for the outpouring of generosity and the items donated for Jesus' birthday party. The following is the thank you note we received from Madonna House for the gifts.

Dear Friend of Madonna House,  
Thank you for your donation of all the wonderful baby items our children need. Your generosity will impact the life of many of the thousands of children that we serve over the course of the year. Your gift blesses our mothers with necessities that they can not provide for their children, provides hope, and touches the life of a child in a very meaningful way.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2Cor.9:12

Thank You! Love, Rebecca and the volunteers

## Summer Camp Information



If you are interested in attending Church Camp at **Camp Johnsonburg** (our Presbytery camp) this summer, information is available in the Church office. There are camping opportunities for youth 7-17.

Information is also available on the **New Wilmington Mission Conference**, a Presbyterian Conference, on the campus of Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA. This year the conference will be held July 23-30. This conference is for all ages—children, youth, young adults, and adults. Please see Pastor Cindy for more information.

Pastor David co-ordinates the program for children entering Kindergarten—third grade. He is looking for “recruits” to assist with the program. If interested, contact him; volunteers go to conference for \$70.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)**

As a recent sermon told us, we need to share God's love. Likewise, this message was also the key message of the Sunday school lesson I was to teach. We know of God's love, but it is important to share that God loves us with others. As I contemplated both the sermon and my lesson, I thought about the ladies of PW and the many ways they do this. Recently, our congregation had the privilege of hosting a family for Family Promise. The ladies of PW had an evening with the family and it was an honor to spend that time with them. PW ladies serve funeral luncheons and deliver the flowers from Sunday's services to housebound or ill congregants. Each circle has a monthly mission project ranging from Open Door to items for our troops or families that are experiencing difficult economic times. We are also friends to one another and provide support to one another in good times and bad. When I think about God's love, I simply have to look around at the faces of my fellow Presbyterian Women.

In March, the circles will meet on the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 8th**

Martha Circle 1:00 pm church

Ruth Circle 7:30 pm Diane Canto's home

**Wednesday, March 9th**

Morning Glories Circle 9:30 am Marie Schlechtweg's home

**Monday, March 7th**

Coordinating Team meeting 7:00 pm church

## **NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS**

Below outlines the process & criteria that is used to nominate Church Officers:

- During the month of March Nomination Forms are made available so that members of the congregation may suggest individuals they feel would make a good elder or deacon.
- Once all the suggestions are completed, the nominating committee meets to prepare a slate of candidates for nomination.
- The first step is to review each candidate based on recommended criteria from the Presbyterian Church and recommendations from session.
- The criteria that is followed includes:
  - Nominees are not chosen as a reward for loyalty to the church, status in the church or community, to convert them or cultivate interest in the church or because they expect to be nominated
  - The nominating committee must try to be as objective as possible. They survey all possibilities and gather the data carefully. Judgments have to be made.
  - General qualifications for church officers include:
    1. Church involvement
      - a. Regular attendance at public worship
      - b. Active participation in other church activities
      - c. Offices held and services rendered
      - d. Evidence of commitment to the church and its mission
      - e. Understanding of and commitment to Presbyterian polity
    2. Christian Living
      - f. Evidence of grace and compassion in common life. Involvement in the ecclesiastical affairs of the church is not sufficient – there must be evidence of maturity and effectiveness of ministry in the world.
    3. Personal Qualifications
      - g. Cooperativeness
      - h. Willingness to learn
      - i. Ability to follow through on assignments
      - j. Openness to new ideas
      - k. Maturity of judgment
      - l. Feels free to express own ideas
      - m. Readiness to listen
    4. Particular Qualifications for a particular office
      - n. Occupational background and experience
      - o. Service in other organizations

## ← Mission Corner →

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"  
Micah 6 v8

March 12	Last Day Laborer Breakfast/Lunch @ Reformed Church
March 19	Pasta Dinner & Fun Night fundraiser
March 27	Mission Pots collection for Open Door
April 10-16	Family Promise hosting

### Thank you.....

...for the **\$177** you donated on January 30 for the Open Door Mission Pots. ©

...to all those church members & others who feed and clothe the needy & homeless for the **Day Laborer Breakfasts & Lunches** on Saturday mornings through the winter. What a great way to show God's love! ©

...to the volunteers who pick up **Starbucks' leftovers** in Freehold Raceway Mall every evening, delivering them to feed the needy the next morning. ©

...to the helpers who enable foreign learners feel welcome in our **English Conversation** classes every week, as they practice their conversational skills in a safe environment. ©

### Local ADULT MISSION TRIP

We're still working on having a very local adult mission trip, one Saturday –on/around **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If interested, talk to one of your Mission Commission elders after worship: Yvonne Lindner, Will Schartel, or Sandra Whitehill

**SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS** from our mission co-worker **Rita Johns** for March are posted outside Room A/B. Because of security issues in **CENTRAL ASIA** we must protect her identity & location by never posting details on the Internet. But please remember to lift her in prayer!

# Got Blessings?

- then you'll want to pass them on to others, right?

Why not bring a few **cans of non-perishable food** for people who just can't afford to put food on the table? **Open Door** food pantry is overwhelmed by requests from people who are barely making it.

**Open Door** needs help with the leftover **food pick-up from Wegmans**. Two strong people are needed, with a truck or SUV, and a couple of hours to spare. Picks-ups are available several times a week. If you can help once a week, talk to FPC member Mary Randolph at (732) 625-3896 or any of the Mission Commission.



**Family Promise®**  
of Monmouth County

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

It's not too soon -

We're hosting homeless families **April 10-16** & we really need **YOU!**

***If not you, Who? If not now, When?***

Take the first step to put your faith into action - right here in our church. It doesn't take a Mother Theresa to get involved with Family Promise...Decide what you'd feel most comfortable doing, then pick up the phone and call. Remember, you're always placed with another volunteer, no matter which 'job' you choose.

### **NEW DINNER COORDINATOR!**

Anne Kovacs has generously offered to take on the above position, in addition to the grocery shopping job she shares with Sue Craig. Anne is the person who will be recruiting cooks for dinners. Why not call her before she calls you?

#### **CONTACTS:**

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

### **ORIENTATION April 3, noon**

All volunteers must have attended Orientation before they volunteer, within the last 12 months. Please make sure you comply. It only takes 75 minutes, and light refreshments are provided.

### **OLD ELECTRONICS NEVER DIE....**

Jenn, a local Girl Scout, is collecting your old, working, electronic - games (Gameboys) and cell phones, to be given to the Family Promise guests. The collection box is in the narthex. Please support her in this project. Any questions – contact Susan Pascullo [susiekp@optonline.net](mailto:susiekp@optonline.net)

### **HEY - RUNNERS OUT THERE!**

Want to run the NJ Marathon, Half-Marathon or the 2-Person Relay on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** in Long Branch? Team Family Promise will be participating, and will help you with weekly runs, training plans & coaching. If you raise money for Family Promise, they will pay your entry fee. Full details direct from [TeamFPMC@verizon.net](mailto:TeamFPMC@verizon.net)

### **SERVERS WANTED**

**March 19** 4:30 – 8:00pm for the fundraiser Pasta Dinner & Fun Night. Special openings for teens!  
Contact Sandra [sandraswh@verizon.net](mailto:sandraswh@verizon.net)



# Pasta Dinner & Fun Night

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

**March 19, 2011**  
Program Starts at 5:30

**PASTA DINNER**

Salad  
Bread  
Home-made sauces  
Home-made desserts  
Beverage

**ENTERTAINMENT**



**Live Music** by our talented musicians

**Chinese Auction** with fabulous items\*

**Visit by Elmo** .....with surprises!

*Bring the kids or some friends & enjoy a great evening out!*

*Arrive by 5:30 to enjoy the start of the program!*



All proceeds help support homeless families

*Call the office in advance from Feb 27 to reserve tickets (732)*

*462-0234 \$10 Adult / \$5 Child 4-12 / Under 4 free*

\* Donated items (received as of copy deadline) include a 5 x 7 rug, gift certificates from Colts Neck Spa, Pattersons Greenhouses, Sweet Lew's & a certificate for carpet cleaning.

## **FUNDRAISERS FOR OUR MORTGAGE REDUCTION**

Please continue to remember the various ongoing fundraisers being held to raise money for our mortgage reduction fund.

**TGIFriday's proceeds night** will be **Thursday, March 10 from 5pm-9pm** at the TGIFriday's on Rt. 9 South, Freehold. Come, have dinner, and tell your server that you are from First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, and 20% of your bill will be donated to the Mortgage Reduction Fund. Also, write First Presbyterian Church of Freehold on your bill.

**GIFT CARDS** continue to be sold, with a portion of each sale coming back to the Mortgage Reduction Fund. Gift Card order forms are available in the lobbies of both buildings. You can choose gift cards from a wide variety of businesses: grocery stores, gas stations, department stores, restaurants, and more. It costs you nothing extra and the church receives funds back. Orders are placed the **first Sunday of every month (March 6th) and are distributed the 2nd Sunday (March 13th)**. Contact Kathy McLaughlin for more information, at 732-462-0234.

**SPIRITWEAR** order forms are available in the Christian Ed. Lobby or through the church office. A great selection of sweatshirts, tee shirts, tote bags, etc. are available with the Presbyterian Church symbol and First Presbyterian Church of Freehold Printed on them. Through the generosity of Mr. Sew & Sew (Tom and Dona D'Auria) the proceeds from the sale of Spiritwear goes toward the Mortgage Reduction. Samples of the clothing are in the lobby of the Christian Ed building.

**GOODSEARCH/GOODSHOP** [WWW.GOODSHOP.COM](http://WWW.GOODSHOP.COM); Shop online and earn money for the church. Go to [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com); Enter: First Presbyterian Church of Freehold as your charity. Then click on the icon of the online store where you want to shop. FPC earns anywhere from 1% to 30% for the Mortgage Reduction Act, and it costs you nothing extra! Some of the online stores include: Barnes and Noble, Macys, Eddie Bauer. Check it out today!! Also, use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) for your internet searches and earn money for the church.

## **Per Capita**

Here are some things per capita has bought for our congregations:

Pastoral support and consultation from the Executive Presbyter at a time of crisis, such as the illness or death of a pastor

Assistance from the Executive Presbyter and the Committee on Ministry to help resolve conflicts in churches

Staff support for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as they care for and oversee church members God is calling to ministry

Consultation and training for clerks of Session as they fulfill their responsibilities

Financial management and auditing services that help churches be assured their mission dollars are carefully managed

Of the \$36.00 per capita paid on behalf of each member:

\$11.00 is passed on to Synod and General Assembly

\$17.00 pays for Presbytery personnel expenses (2 full-time and 3 part-time employees, working at 20% fewer staff hours than 2 years ago)

\$5.00 pays for rent and utilities for the Presbytery Center

\$3.00 is returned directly to churches in the form of various services, \$2.25 of which is legal fees

Please use the envelope marked Per Capita in your envelope box to pay your share of this cost that our church incurs on your behalf. We are asked to pay \$36 per member this year. If you have any questions about Per Capita, please talk with the Pastors. Thank you for your generosity!!



## Church Kitchen Etiquette

Since the Custodian only cleans the floor in the kitchen, it is up to those who use the kitchen to keep it clean and organized for the next user.

- +Towel dry all silverware and stack in proper drawer. Lock the drawer.
- +If you use dish towels or tablecloths, please have a Committee member take them home and wash and/or iron them and bring them back as soon as possible.
- +If there is left over food and you know it will be used within a few days, mark it with the Organization's name. If not, have the someone take it home after the affair.
- +Empty teapots and dry them.
- +Please put things back where they belong so the next function will be able to find them.
- +If you dirty the stove, microwave or refrigerator, it is up to YOU to clean them before leaving or make arrangements to clean up another time.
- +Do not put garbage in anything but plastic bags, no paper bags or boxes; the Custodian must be able to take the garbage to the street without it tearing.

Your cooperation is appreciated.  
Kitchen Committee

Once again there are plastic containers that have been brought in and left in the kitchen. Please remember to take these home with you.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

03/01	Nicole Giurici Julie Giurici	03/14	Matthew Murphy
03/02	Vivian DeHart Peter Cutrona	03/15	Lynne Reid Melissa Evanego
03/03	Andrew Ijas Kelly Santangelo Charles Campbell Anthony Scarcella Jared Evanego John Ostermiller	03/16	Phillip Miller Tracey Tolerico Aubree Prendergast Vincent Jackson, Jr. Ashtyn Ackerman
03/05	Charles Lloyd Gail Kurylo	03/18	Debbie Moran Scott Fox Sean Fox Cody Fox Colbie Kennedy Alexandra Bellotti
03/06	Beryl Cottrell Cathleen Lloyd Amy Hartzell	03/19	Ryan Sahlin
03/07	Shirin Platt Tom D'Auria Ed Chan	03/20	Mark Bellotti Alyson Bellotti
03/09	Helen Matthews Diana Ostermiller	03/21	Riley Nolan Susan Pascullo
03/10	Samantha Daesener Logan Hoogsteen Jackson Hoogsteen Cathryn Tolerico	03/22	Betsy Morgan Douglas Lloyd Rachel Pope
03/12	Juliet Klesitz Mario Scarcella	03/23	Jeanne Kudlack Laura Ackermann Janice Keseday
03/13	Brian Kovacs Berwin Guttormsen Kayla Ciok	03/25	Bill Canning Joh'ni Kimbirlin Ryan Jackson Nicole Jackson
		03/26	Jennifer Norcia Jake Rauh
		03/27	Kevin Amuquandoh
		03/28	Sue Craig Paige Feldmann
		03/29	Candice Guinan Lori Lysy
		03/31	Alison Prendergast



The following are prayer requests from recent worship services: Ken Van Norman; Pat Applegate; Naomi Fitz; Middle East; Conflict in Egypt; Mary Pilla's family; George Kane; Robert Bracken's Family; Claire

Colangelo's Family; Joh'ni Kimberlin's brother; Judy Shahinian; Rick Weber; Marty Fitz; Augie Daesener; Susan Croft; Bev Dame; Chloe, Ciok Cousin's newborn; Marty Fitz; Barry Leff; Daniel Rudolph; Jillian Pizza; Ellen; Felicia D'Auria; Roy T. DeVoe's Family

**HOSPITALIZED:** Bev Dame

**JOYS:** -Eleanor Hargis recuperation  
-Peggy Letterei's recuperation  
-Ann Rasmussen  
-Morgan Taylor

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**  
Emmaleigh Cutrona, daughter of Kim and Sal, and Jenna Gudaitis, daughter of Johanna and Jason who were baptized on February 20.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Colin Lancaster on the death of his wife, Mary.

**MISSIONARY PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:** Barbara and Larry Moir, Ethiopia; Dan and Elizabeth Turk and Family, Madagascar; Ashley and Mark Wright, Honduras; Bob and Stacy Bronkema and Family, Moscow.

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.

## **Church Fundraiser –**

*for our Mission Trip*

### **The Next Scrapbook Event**

**Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 10 am—5 pm**  
in FPC's Auditorium.



**Bring your scrapbooks or photo projects to work on at this event! *New scrapbookers are welcome!* Bring photos and we'll get you started. *Non-scrapppers are invited too to work on solutions of photo storage, displays and slide-in albums.***

#### **The \$30 registration fee includes:**

a donation to the church, goody bag, grand prizes, hourly prizes and raffled items, lots of ideas, tool demonstrations, Make n'Take, breakfast snacks, lunch, beverages, desserts, supplies available for purchase, table space & 7 uninterrupted hours to work.

Come equipped with photos. Albums and supplies will be available for purchase or bring them if you have them. Call Alice Funk if you have any questions 603-352-4611 or email [alicefunk@rocketmail.com](mailto:alicefunk@rocketmail.com)

Send in your registration form to save your seat today.

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#### **Registration for the All-Day Scrapbook Event – April 9th**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch preference: Pizza or Italian Sub (*Please circle one*)

Enclosed Fee: \$30/ person payable to "Alice Funk"

Attend Beginner Lesson at 10:30 am: Yes No

*Send to: Alice Funk, 427 Hurricane Rd., Keene, NH 03431. Confirmation of your registration and other follow-up materials will be sent to you prior to the event.*

# Stewardship Principles

## Sacrifice Proportionately as Christ sacrificed for us.

For our sake Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and the resurrection. We are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's word and blessings.

**"...gave according to their means, and even beyond their means."** 2 Corinthians 8:3

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 2011

Income	\$39,120
Expenses	<u>\$33,390*</u>
Operating Surplus	\$ 5,730

*\*An additional \*\$10,000 was used as deposit on Adjacent property.*

Expense Highlights:

- Mortgage \$8329 (\$870,130 remains)
- Utilities \$2937
- Personnel \$14,649
- Telephone/Internet \$307

During January \$101 was received from TGIFriday's Proceeds night and \$395 for Mortgage Reduction.

Dear Friends,

I can not find enough kind words to express my thanks to all of you for your prayers, lovely cards, phone call and visits. It's really amazing how much all of these things can make a person feel so much better. My faith in God is shown through your thoughtfulness.

My sincere thanks again and God bless all of you.

*Anna Rasmussen*



## LENTEN PRAYER

Lord, I believe in you: increase my faith. I trust in you: strengthen my trust. I love you: let me love you more and more. I am sorry for my sins: deepen my sorrow.

I worship you as my first beginning, I long for you as my last end, I praise you as my constant helper, And call on you as my loving protector.

Guide me by your wisdom, Correct me with your justice, Comfort me with your mercy, Protect me with your power.

I offer you, Lord, my thoughts: to be fixed on you; My words: to have you for their theme; My actions: to reflect my love for you; My sufferings: to be endured for your greater glory.

I want to do what you ask of me: In the way you ask, For as long as you ask, Because you ask it. Lord, enlighten my understanding, Strengthen my will, Purify my heart, and make me holy.

Let me love you, my Lord and my God, And see myself as I really am: A pilgrim in this world, A Christian called to respect and love All whose lives I touch.

Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, Greed by generosity, Apathy by fervor. Help me to forget myself And reach out toward others.

Make me prudent in planning, Courageous in taking risks. Make me patient in suffering, unassuming in prosperity.

Let my conscience be clear, My conduct without fault, My speech blameless, My life well-ordered. Put me on guard against my human weaknesses. Let me cherish your love for me, Keep your law, And come at last to your salvation.

Teach me to realize that this world is passing, That my true future is the happiness of heaven, That life on earth is short, And the life to come eternal.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.