

The Presbyterian

May 2011

PASTORS' PONDERINGS

In a month we will mark our 15th anniversary as co-pastors here at FPC; Anniversaries are often a time to look back and reflect on the years gone by. This year, as in all of our years at First Presbyterian, we are deeply grateful for each of you and for how God has continued to be at work in our midst, inspiring us to grow in Christ's love.

Among those things that we celebrate from this past year, are:

- * The generosity of the congregation in providing funds for the mission and ministry of the church while also paying down the mortgage. Our 2011 Stewardship Campaign was successful in inspiring members to maintain or increase their giving to the church.
- * The many people involved in mission activity locally.
- * The redevelopment of the music program under John Cavicchio.
- * The hard work of those serving on Commissions.
- * The many volunteers who "make things happen", such as maintaining our buildings, teaching Sunday School, assisting the church secretary and participating in the music ministry.
- * The leadership of the Session as they have sought God's guidance and direction.
- * The compassionate care offered by the Deacons.
- * The continued upkeep of our building and grounds, making our facilities more welcoming.
- * The successful fundraising efforts including the Judy Collins Concert, Adopt-a-Bill, Gift Cards and more.
- * The number of people involved in Koinonia and Sunday Morning Adult Education opportunities.
- * The continued focus on growing spiritually and the need to deepen one's faith in order to share Christ's love.

The list could go on, but suffice it to say that there is much to celebrate and to be thankful for here in our church family.

In the year ahead, may we continue to grow in love for Christ and for one another!

Blessings,
Cindy and David

Session Highlights

At their April 19 Meeting, the Elders:

- * Heard Statements of Faith and welcomed New Members into our church
- * Heard from Property Commission about ongoing plans to repair the gutters and some spots on the church roof
- * Learned that the sound system in the sanctuary has now been upgraded, thanks in part to the donations from the Christmas Cookie Sale.
- * Were informed of the Custodian position vacancy and of the resignation of Annalisa Carcaldi as our Sunday Childcare provider. Shirley Garafano has been hired as to replace Annalisa. Annalisa's last day will be May 1.
- * Spent time talking about discussing how each of us has a part to play in the body of Christ (the Church) and that each part is important.
- * Noted that the May 3 Commission Meetings will be the last for the current commission leadership.
- * Approved the use of monies from a special gift for the hiring of Amanda Golbek to provide Pastoral Care from September 2011 – May 2012

Session
Highlights



FINANCIAL UPDATE

With Summer coming, please keep your tithes and offerings up-to-date. The current surplus is necessary to pay for our \$8,300 a month mortgage payment, in addition to other expenses. Please help us to prevent a deficit balance this summer! Your generosity is appreciated!



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning on Sunday, **May 15** we will start our Summer worship schedule with **one service each week at 9:30am and no Sunday School**. Child care will continue to be available throughout the summer months. We will resume our two Sunday morning services the Sunday after Labor Day!



Confirmation

Our Confirmands are finishing up their year of study and will meet with the Session on May 1. On Sunday, May 22, they will lead us in worship and be welcomed into membership. The Confirmands are: Doug Anderson, Jordan Handley, Ryan Sahlin and Danielle Sakowitz. Come celebrate an important step in the lives of these youth as they profess their faith in Jesus Christ.

APRIL RECAP



-We had wonderful Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday services; thank you to ALL who participated, and to "Especially for You" florist for donating the Palms and to Higgins Memorial Home for the Maundy Thursday participation.

-The One Great Hour of Sharing offering was received to assist with Disaster Relief in Japan. At this writing over \$2500 has been donated.

-Plans are moving forward for the purchase of the neighboring property on Brinckerhoff; when more information becomes available, we will let you know.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Congregation at the April 17th meeting elected the following Elders and Deacons.

Elders Class of 2014

Susan Beaton Nancee Handley
Yvonne Lindner Ted Schulz
Linda Zaveta

Deacons Class of 2014

Gail Kurylo Chris Giurici
Ryan Sahlin Dona D'Auria

Elder Class of 2013

Sam Matino

Deacon Class of 2013

Jordan Hanley

The new officers will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, May 29 at 9:30am. Prior to their ordination/installation they participate in Officer training and share their Statements of Faith with the Session.

Thank you to the following who are completing their terms of service:

Elders: Alyson Craig, Bill Kelly Sandra Whitehill and Katie McCoy.

Deacons: Dawn Schellenger, Kelley Santangelo Dorothy Munnery and Rebecca Bowman.



The At-Large members of the Nominating Committee for 2012 are:

Samantha Daesener
Tammy Ciok
Susan McKinney
Patsy Saylor
Donna Spendley

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School year is drawing to a close. On Sunday, May 15 at 9:30am we will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year with presentations by all of our Sunday School children, as well as the awarding of attendance pins to those who have had perfect attendance or who have missed 3 or less Sundays, the awarding of the Senior Scholarships and the recognition of the Christian Ed. Staff.

Thank you to all who have made this another successful year of Christian Education at First Presbyterian!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Adult Sunday School class, which meets at 9:30am each Sunday in the Auditorium, is finishing up the year with a discussion of the Resurrection of Christ and the story of Judas. Pastor David will be leading the discussions. The last Sunday will be May 8.

CALLING ALL 6th-8th GRADERS



Our last BIG of the year will be Sunday, May 1 12:00pm-3pm We will be going to Point Pleasant to play mini-golf and to enjoy the boardwalk. (Rain or Shine) Friends are welcome! All Middle School Youth are encouraged to attend! Please call the church office to RSVP by April 27th!!

MISSION TRIP

Preparations for this year's Mission Trip to Bay City, Michigan are winding down, with plans for a **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on June 6.** Tickets are available from any of the youth who are participating. There are two seatings: 8:30 am and 10:45 am. Tickets are \$5.00 for 4 year olds through adults. **GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH'S MISSION WORK!** We have 25 youth and 6 adults traveling to Bay City, Michigan this year! The next Mission Trip Training will be on Sunday, May 15 at 10:30am.



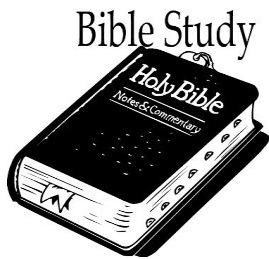
CHAOS

On Sunday, May 1 our Senior High Youth are bidding farewell to Amanda Golbek our seminarian, and wish her well in her ministry. THANK YOU TO Amanda for her leadership this year. We will meet at 12:00pm to go to Hoagie Haven in Princeton. The youth have been busy with Bible Study, mission projects (including picking up trash on the beach) and weekly meetings.

KIDS' CLUB-Our last one of the year!! May 1st at 6pm- This month's Theme:Caring. Join us for games and a fun craft.

KOINONIA

Our three Koinonia groups will soon be finishing their study of the Prophets for the summer; The Monday group will end on May 23 and the Wednesday groups on May 25. However, this summer a group, open to anyone, will meet sporadically at the Bowman's home. All men and women are invited to join us for Bible Study and fellowship. Contact Pastor Cindy at the church office if you'd like to participate this summer.



FOCUS on MISSION



CALENDAR DATES

May 1 & 8

Mothers' Day Cards

May 29

Mission Pots collection
for Open Door

June 26-July 2

Family Promise hosting

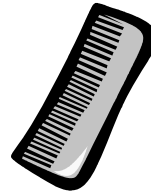
What's Mission doing these days?



Mothers' Day is May 8th. Mothers' Day Cards are being offered for a free-will offering after worship on May 1 & 8. Give as generously as you can. The funds raised will support the "**Healthy Women Healthy Families**" program of PC(USA) to address the needs of women in 4 African countries. \$10 will pay for a mosquito net & prevent someone from dying of malaria!

\$1 will pay for a shot for a baby.

If you're wondering what to give your Mom, how about making a donation in her name & giving her one of these beautiful cards? She'll love the idea!



Our Church World Service Group is busy this Spring putting together **Hygiene Kits for Church World Service**. They need **combs & nailclippers** to complete their kits. I'm sure we can all afford to donate several items, so let's do it! You can leave your items in the baskets around church and in the Christian Education Building during May. Remember – the kits will be used by victims of a future disaster, somewhere in the world. You can help with this!

In addition to supporting Rita Johns in Central Asia through our denomination, we're now also supporting **Benjamin Sarmiento** in **Bolivia, South America**. Our **\$38/month** will provide him with Bible studies, academic support and help for his parents. He'll be 9 years old on May 21. Remember to pray for Benjamin on his birthday. *Feliz cumpleaños, Benjamin...*



We're sending a check for **\$3,750** to PC(USA) headquarters for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, so we can personally reach out to help victims of disasters like the Japan earthquake & tsunami disaster of March 11. Thank you for your loving generosity!



Good news! The **wound-closure kits** that were donated to us, to be sent where they might be needed most, are finally on their way. They were delivered to **Brothers Brother in Pittsburgh**. That non-profit organization accepts excess medicines & medical equipment and delivers them to Central America, Haiti & sub-Saharan Africa. So the kits will eventually be used by doctors & nurses in very poor parts of the world, possibly as birthing kits.



The Lord works in mysterious ways! We'll be collecting even more unused food in a few days, this time from the newly-opened **Chipotle Mexican Grill** in Freehold. They invited us to pick up their leftovers two mornings a week, as part of their harvesting program. We're very happy to partner with them and deliver the food to the poor. Pray that we'll have eyes to see where the need really is.

What's Happening with Family Promise?



LAST HOSTING.....

We only had one family during our last hosting, who were delightful: Mom, Dad & 2 little boys. Thank you to all our volunteers! Thank you to Gabby Kovacs & Zach Spendley who took the Junior Orientation last month. Yeea - future volunteers!!

HOUSING FOUND / FURNITURE NEEDED.....



A family we had previously hosted, Nancy & her 3 grandkids, has now found permanent housing and is in need of some furniture. If you can help with any of these specific items, please call Susan Pascullo & she will give you Nancy's number to call directly.

Items needed: microwave, living room chair, bunk beds + mattresses, kitchen & bathroom trash baskets, computer table, tv stand, 2 small desks, 2 desk chairs.

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

COMMISSIONING OF KRISTIN MANN **FOR SUMMER SERVICE**

On Sunday, May 29th during the 9:30am worship service we will be commissioning Kristin Mann for her Summer Mission service in South Korea. Kristin, a Senior at Kutztown University, was chosen as a Summer Service Scholarship recipient from the New Wilmington Mission Conference. She will spend nearly two months this Summer participating in the mission work being done by the church in South Korea.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following men and women have completed the new member class and shared their Statements of Faith with the Session. They will be received into Membership on Sunday, May 1 at the 11am service.

Paul and Sandy Anderson are residents of Colts Neck and are the parents of two sons: Doug who will be confirmed this year and Ronnie who is in 6th grade. Paul is the Executive Vice President and General Manager of Hunter Roberts Construction Group; Sandy is an active wife and mother!

Erin and Ken Conrad are hoping to move to Freehold soon from East Windsor. They are the parents of 4 month old Kayla. Erin is a teacher at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North and Ken is Director of Client Services for Pinpoint Data.

Alan and Melissa Cook reside in Jackson with their 4 month old son, Kyle. Alan is a New Jersey State Trooper and Melissa is a Senior Medical Writer with Corelab Partners, Inc.

Art and Joyce Hoffmann (the parents of Melissa Cook) live in Ocean. Art is the CEO of AH Hoffmann, LLC an environmental services company and Joyce is a teacher-aide with the Ocean Board of Education.

Tammy Kane, a resident of Manalapan, is married to Damian and is the mother of First Grader Tyler and 4 year old Dylan. Tammy is a teacher with the Shrewsbury Boro Board of Education.

Sheila Knazick, the wife of Curtis Knazick is a resident of Freehold Township. She has one daughter, 4th grader Hayley. Sheila is Director of Operations for Storage King, USA.

Claudia Radeke, a recently new resident of the Villages in Freehold is a retired Education Administrator and the mother of grown children.

Greg Rochat lives around the corner on South Street, Freehold. He and his wife, Alevtina are the parents of 8 month old Douglas. Greg is a union electrician with Bullet Electric.

Mary Jo Welsch is a retired teacher who lives with her husband, Jack in Monroe Township. Her children are also grown. Mary Jo comes to us from Western Pennsylvania.

Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to these new members and to welcome them into our church family!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



away at college.

If you are currently enrolled at a College, the Christian Education Commission has available an annual Scholarship to show our support for your education. All College students should have received an application—if not, please contact the Church office. The College Scholarship Application is due June 1 for any current college student who has been active in a Christian ministry, church, etc. while

80 + Luncheon

On Sunday, May 1st, at Noon, the Deacons will be celebrating the lives of our members who are 80 + years old. God has blessed us with many individuals who have given years of ministry to FPC. We are truly blessed!



ADOPT-A-BILL BOARD

The Commissions continue to post bills on the Adopt a Bill Board in the Narthex. This program offers you a way to contribute toward the purchase of a particular item. Recently, visitor pins, camp scholarships and devotional materials have been provided for through the Adopt-a Bill program. Check it out!

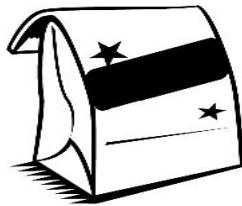
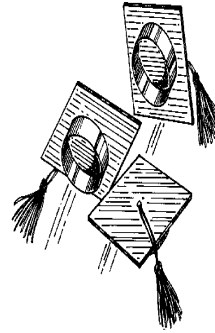


SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

The Property Commission invites and welcome everyone to join us on Saturday, May 7 for our Spring Clean up. Come for an hour or all morning: 9am-noon. We will be weeding, trimming, cleaning windows and gutters, dusting . . .etc. So, we hope to see you there! Coffee provided!

CALLING ALL GRADS

In June's Newsletter we will be publishing a list of all 2011 graduates of High School, College, Graduate School or other institutions of Higher Education. If you would like to be included in this list, please call the church office with your information before May 15.



***Community
Lunch***

*Join us for our
First Presbyterian Church
Community Luncheon*

Friday, May 27th

11:30pm - 1:30pm

Christian Education Building

You have a choice of **two**:

Sandwich, Salad or Homemade Soup
Dessert & Beverage included with your
\$7.00 donation.

Proceeds benefit the Property Commission



JAZZ VESPERS

Join us on Saturday, June 18 at 6pm for our first Summer Vespers, which will be a very special Jazz Vespers. This service will include instrumental music, singing, prayers and scripture reading. Mark your calendars now!



Farewell Annalisa; Welcome Shirley

After 6 years, Annalisa Carcaldi our child care attendant, will be leaving us. We are grateful for the love and care she has shown our children. On Sunday, May 1 we will say good bye and thank-you to her! On that same day, we will welcome our new child care attendant, Shirley Garafano. Shirley is a resident of Manalapan and is the mother of Karen Giurici. She worked for 25 years in a Long Island elementary School as a Teacher's assistant. Please stop by the nursery and welcome her!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The ladies of Presbyterian Women have been busy this year studying the book of Revelation, hosting the Tea in a Basket, and aiding a multitude of missions. They have enjoyed one another's company, yet with all of this activity and fellowship something is still missing. Know what it is? YOU! It is not too late to give a circle a chance. Please consider visiting one of the circle meetings this month and see all of the wonderful things PW has to offer.



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

Tuesday, May 10th

Martha circle 1:00 pm church

Ruth circle 7:30 pm Kelley Santangelo's home

Wednesday, May 11th

Morning Glories circle 9:30 am Barbara Lloyd's home

Monday, May 9th PW Coordinating Team meeting 7:00 pm church



Calling All Cooks!!

Presbyterian Women is preparing a cookbook for publication and we would love to include all of the delicious recipes from the congregation. Whether it's at the Cookie sale, the community luncheon, or another function here at FPC we are always hearing what great cooks we have here. So let's put it in writing. How do you submit a recipe? Recipe forms will be available in the narthex, behind the sanctuary by rooms A/B, and in the Christian Education building. Simply take the number of forms you need, write down your recipe, and then turn it in to Nancee Hanley, Doreen Alne, Patsy Saylor, or Marie Schlechtweg. If you have any questions please contact Nancee Hanley @732-409-1124 or nch_2005@yahoo.com.

EASTER THANK YOUS

A very special thank you to Charles and Barbara Lloyd, Beth, Andrew, Joseph and Timothy Nadolny, Laurie Klesitz, the Deacons and all who volunteered to deliver the Easter Lilies to our home bound members. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to John Cavicchio and to all of our church musicians for sharing their gifts during the Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services.

Thank you to Especially For You Florist for donating the Palms for Palm Sunday

Thank you to Higgins Memorial Home for their participation in the Maundy Thursday Service.



MISSING

We are missing several music DVDs produced by Group. They were borrowed from the Christian Ed office and have not been returned. They feature songs and motions for many popular Kids' songs. If you have borrowed them, please return at your earliest convenience. THANK YOU!



To My Church Family:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the calls, cards, and food sent to me during my recuperation from surgery. With all your prayers, love and God's will, I am doing well.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Bless you all!

Marie Schlechtweg

In Our Prayers: Ken Van Norman; Pat Applegate; Naomi Fitz; Bethany Hudleston; Gene Kurylo; Olga Littlefield; Dawn Beloy; Rose's family; Judy Cavicchio's Mom; Nancy DeMarco; Bob Russo's Family; Susan Beaton's sister, Ellen Beversee; Kathy Root; Family and Friends of Tara Hansen; Bev Dame; Marie Schlechtweg; Marie Kseniak and Diane Canto on the death of Barry Mortensen; Winnie Burlew; Don Noxon; Lillian McCoy; Galieuski family on death of Mary Jane; Bill Lanzaro; Burt Bates; Lisa and Bill Keyes on death of son.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Bruce Winland and his Family on the death of his mother, Audrey Winland.

REHAB: Olga Littlefield (Meridian, Wall); Winnie Burlew (Health South, Tinton Falls); Virginia Ijas (Wedgewood, Freehold)

JOYS!!! JOYS!!! JOYS!!!

Mary Jane Schaeffer's new twin grandchildren; Wedding of Alexis Rodriguez and Jose Martinez; Alyson Craig's Dad; Horne's 20th Anniversary

MISSIONARY PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK: Bob and Stacy Bronkema and Family, Moscow. Jay and Nancy Adams and Family, Moscow. Jeff and Christi Boyd, Germany. Barbara and Larry Moir, Ethiopia. Dan and Elizabeth Turk and Family, Madagascar.

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.

MAY
BIRTHDAYS

5/01	DONNA SPENDLEY JASON HOFFMAN KATY LINDNER BRETT MORRICE	5/16	CELESTE ALMEIDA ADELIA WARDLE STEVEN COMO
5/03	DOREEN ALNE	5/18	JAMES GARVEY ALEXA WINOUSKI
5/05	ELIZABETH KELLY LYNN COMO	5/19	JAN MUNDY DONA D'AURIA BETH NADOLNY JOHN KIMBERLIN
5/06	DEREK MUNNERY DIANE RATHSCHMIDT	5/22	KATHY MURPHY
5/07	LINDA SCHMIDT MARY RANDOLPH	5/23	CHRISTIE GLICK LINDA SAKOWITZ
5/08	ANDY STAPP BRENDA FITZGERALD	5/24	NICHOLAS MOSS
5/09	BRIAN SCHULZ STEVEN SCHULZ LUCAS MOZINGO	5/25	BILL HOOGSTEEN
5/13	HOPE JENSEN	5/28	MILDRED RASMUSSEN
5/14	ANNA GEDDIE	5/29	DAVID WARDELL
5/15	SUSAN WALKER ILEANA LOZANO		





CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS+

Presbyterian Women give thanks
and blessings to our congregation for
generously contributing **\$931.00** to our Blankets+
February 2011 campaign. These funds will aid
many victims of disaster around the world.

Jan Mundy
PW Mission Coordinator

Stewardship Principles

Commit Intentionally means making a statement
about your intent and following through.

As members in the body of Christ, we are asked to make a
commitment

of our time, talents, and resources
as a faithful response to God and as a statement
of support for God's work.

**"...arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have
promised."**

Corinthians 9:5



Save the Date !!! Please join us as we gather for Fellowship and Outreach on MEMORIAL DAY and watch the parade with your FPC family !! On Monday, May 30th, the Outreach Commission will be holding an Open House before the parade. Doors will be open at 8:30am, organ music will be playing, tours will be given, bathrooms will be open ! Light breakfast and seating for FPC members will be available. Please join us.

