



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bethlehem Pennsylvania

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

in the Kirk Center
Oasis 6 p.m. Saturday
9 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

in the Sanctuary
8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Alf Halvorson

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND
PAGERS DURING WORSHIP.

Childcare is available in the Children's
Center for all worship services
for infants to age two.

Adults with special needs
9:45 a.m. in room 216

Large print bulletins and Children's bulletins and worship bags are available. *Please ask an usher.*

Tapes and CDs of this morning's Traditional service are available in Fellowship Hall.

Please notify ushers if you are a trained First Responder for medical emergencies.

PREACHING NEXT WEEK

March 6 & 7

Rev. Alf Halvorson
Proverbs 6:6-11;
John 15:9-13;
Philippians 2:12

OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F
PHONE: 610-867-5865
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fpcocasis.com

Our Vision Statement

First Presbyterian Church is a community following Jesus Christ and serving in creative worship, intentional discipleship, compassionate care and active outreach to the world.

THE Heartbeat

The Heartbeat is also available online at fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents.

INQUIRERS RECEIVED TODAY

First Contemporary and Traditional services

Vitalis Awungwa	Mike Munn	Jane Sheats	Linda White
Susan Evans	Julie Nichols	James Siverly	Scott White
Linda Green	John Renfer	Jonathan Tompkins	Jack Winters
Dustin Hartman	Tracey Renfer	Michelle Tompkins	Jacomina Winters
Ing Mills	Ed Schlegel	Dave Ungerer	
Alyson Munn	Doug Sheats	Diane Ungerer	

PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL TRIP

Please pray for all journeying to the Holy Land for an educational/devotional trip in early March with Alf: Dave Africa, Ann Arend, Chips Arend, Eldred Atkinson, Sara Atkinson, Becky Briggs, Mac Briggs, Hartley Daniels, Rose Daniels, John Dudding, May Dudding, Duane Dunham, Glenna Dunham, Louise French, Evelyn Grander, Russ Grander, Kristen Halvorson, Matt Halvorson, Shari Halvorson, Susan Jones, Barry Kessler, Betsy Laylon, Randy Laylon, Bob Mack, Eva Mack, Bill Marsh, Jan Marsh, Ginny Murphy, David Post, Lois Post, Jerry Roe, Sally Roe, Becca Sandahl, Cody Sandahl, Anna Schillings, Arlene Shelly, Evelyn Stravino, Vince Stravino, Lee Wei, Robert Wei, Gerald Wertman, Phyllis Wertman, Sally Wily.

NETWORKING FOR LIFE MINISTRY

This is a new ministry created to respond not only to the current job-loss situation, but also to cultivate deeper relationships for our church members with each other and the surrounding community.

In order to solicit your input and build a database, we recently launched an online survey. If you haven't already done so, we ask that you please take the time to complete it so we can begin to target employment needs and opportunities for our members. You can access the survey at fpc-bethlehem.org. It only takes a few minutes, and you'll be helping members of your own church family in an important way.

A computer station will be available in Fellowship Hall for the next four Sundays for those with limited Internet access. Please stop by, and take a few minutes to complete the survey online.

Survey respondent results as of Wednesday, Feb. 24: 213 responses.

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

The climbing equipment on our preschool playground is over 20 years old. We'd like to invite you to help us raise the funds needed to purchase and install new equipment. Since September, 2009, the preschool has participated in the Giant Food Store's Cash for Causes fundraiser. Gift cards are purchased at face value for gas or food, payable by check or cash. The preschool receives 5% for each sale. You can purchase your Giant gift cards in Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Your cards can be picked up the following Sunday or during the week at the preschool director's office on Thursdays, between 11 a.m.-noon. Thank you for your support!

Ministry Contacts

<i>Phone: 610-317-6162</i>	<i>Ext.</i>
<i>Alf Halvorson, Pastor/Head of Staff</i>	213
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<i>Diane Kulp, Resource Coordinator</i>	238
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<i>Kathie Welker, Admin. Assistant</i>	228
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Weekday Preschool & Extended Care
610-867-2956

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Trinity Choir: Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.

Carol Choir: Tuesdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.

Middler Boys & Girls Choir: Tuesdays,
4:15–5:30 p.m.

High School Chorale: Tuesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir: Thursdays, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Job Seekers Arise! Mondays, 7–8 p.m.,
room 408.

Christian 12-Step Support Group:

Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m., room 206.

Singles Support Group: Second and fourth
Sundays of the month, 11:45 a.m., Parlor

TRUSTEES: Clement Bonnell, Sue Cady,
Douglas Cappellini, Shannon Cawley, Jim
DiSario, Barry Kessler, Jim Largay, Geoff
Marsac, Jim Mautz, Don Mengel, Don
Mongeon, Evelyn Stravino

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAYS—10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals of leading a small group:

Jan. 10–Mar. 14 in room 416.

Email mike_hughes@live.com for more info.

**“Your Whole Life, The 3D Plan for Eating
Right, Living Well and Loving God”** Jan

17–Apr. 4 in the Chapel. Email Jan Marsh,
janmarsh@verizon.net for more info.

Going Deeper with the Sermon: Room 412.
Ongoing Bible study and discussion following
the sermon topics. Join us anytime. Contact
Bill Freeman, ext. 207, for more info.

DadsZone Study: The 7 Habits of Highly Ef-
fective Families. Jan. 31–May 23 in room
420. Email Andy Montero,
andypanada@rcn.com. **M**

**Women's Ministries Study: The Prodigal
God:** Room 206 (across from church office).
Cost for book and guide: \$21.50. For info call
Rachel Taylor, 610-419-2147. **W**

TUESDAYS

For Moms Only: Through May 18, 9:30–11:30
a.m. in room F3/F4. Contact Molly Anderson,
mlnye@msn.com. **W**

“Lord I Want to Know You:” by Kay Arthur.
Jan. 5–May 4, 2010, 12:30–2:30 p.m. **W**

WEDNESDAYS

Women's Bible Study of Genesis: 9:15–
11:30 a.m. Email Liz, lizkidney@gmail.com. **W**

**The Parable of the Prodigal Son and the
Elder Brother: Noon in Fellowship Hall and 7
p.m. in the Parlor.** Feb. 24–March 31. Jack
Brace, Bill Freeman and Cody Sandahl lead a
series during Lent that takes a deeper look at
the parable of the prodigal son and the elder
brother. The material is supplemental to “The
Prodigal God,” so you'll find plenty to talk about
whether you are reading the book or not.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

Hi Neighbors: Monday, March 1, 10 a.m.: “Paris in the Springtime” Travelogue, Madeline and Bob Brown.

Meals Ministry: Provides ready-to-eat meals to our FPC families in need. To make a meal request, contact Carol VanArtsdalen, 610-867-1185, or cvanartsdalen@yahoo.com. If you would like to provide meals to families in need, contact Lyn Russo, 484-851-3116, or lynramsey@hotmail.com. Meals can be home-cooked or purchased from carryout services.

Free Blood Pressure Check: This Sunday morning, Feb. 28, in the North Link.

MM = Marriage Ministry · M = Men's Ministry · W = Women's Ministry
CC = Childcare available · R = Registration required

WEDNESDAYS: (continued)

Women's Bible Study: “The Prodigal God”
by Timothy Keller. Feb. 24–April 21, 7–8:30
p.m. in room 212 (in the south wing across
from the Adult Resource Library). Book and
study guide: \$21.50. He brings a different
perspective to the familiar parable of the
prodigal son. Come discover his message of
hope and salvation and which role you play in
the parable. Register with Susan Smith, ext.
202, or ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org or call
Karen Sweeney, 610-838-7353. **W**

THURSDAYS

Men's Small Group: 6:30–8 a.m. in the
Parlor. Book Study: contact Bill Freeman, ext.
207. **M**

“The Prodigal God:” 7–9 p.m. in room 416.
Email Jim Parker, adventurex2@verizon.net. **M**

FRIDAYS

“The Faith:” by Charles Colson. 6:30–8 a.m.
in room 416. Contact John Bell, john@hot-shot-inc.com for more info. **M**

“Book of Galatians:” 6:30–8 a.m., in the
Youth Lounge. For more info email Tom Wil-
lans, twillans@att.net. **M**

**“The Prodigal God—Recovering the Heart
of the Christian Faith:”** 6:30–8 a.m. in the
Parlor. Email Steve Fessler, sfessler@rcn.com, for more info. Books: \$27. **M**

SAVE THE DATE

Women: Save April 24, 2010, for Beth
Moore simulcast from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at
Bethel Memorial Baptist Church in Easton.

*Unless otherwise noted, contact Susan Smith
at ext. 202 or ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org
for all registration information.*

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday School: 10:15–11:30 a.m. for ages 2 through those in 5th grade.

Preschool Faith Friends: Sundays, 8:45–10 a.m. for ages 2 through 4 years old only.

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School: Monday, July 19—Friday, July 23

Within a few short months our church will be filled with the sights and sounds of children participating in fun games, crafts, activities, singing and—most importantly—learning about God's love every day. Details are coming soon!

Hospitality Team

"CALLING ALL BAKERS!" Children's ministry is looking for a few good men and women to serve on their hospitality team by providing goodies on Sunday mornings for the teachers. For more information, please call Nikki at 610-866-8973.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Primetime: Sundays, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge and Step Room.

Youth Club eXtreme: Wednesdays, 5:30–8:30 p.m. This week's theme: Hollywood Night. **R**

Middle School Retreat at Camp Brainerd: March 19–21. Deadline for registration is March 10. Pick up a brochure with registration form in the literature racks or download it from the youth/middle school page of our website. **R**

HIGH SCHOOL

H.S. Sunday AM: 10:15–11:30 a.m. in the H.S. Lounge and Step Room.

Youth Inquirers and Sunday Night Live: will not meet this week due to H.S. Retreat.

Sunday Night Live LOGOS Dinner: March 14, 6:30–9 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Want to be part of the following 2010 Short Term Mission (STM) trips?

Applications available on the web

Lehigh Presbytery Helping Hands "Work Trip," Long Beach, Mississippi, March 6–14; Oakville, Iowa, April 24–May 2

Appalachia Hearts and Homes, Dunlow, West Virginia, June 19–27

Allegheny Indian Reservation (AIR), Salamanca, NY, July 10–18

High School Outreach Camp, East Asia, July 15–26

Christo Rey & Hogar La Casita, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 22–31

Brainerd Work Weekend, Camp Brainerd, Stroudsburg, PA, Aug. 20–22

To find out how you can be a part of the STM mission experience, come to one of the informational meetings scheduled on Feb. 21 and 28 from 10:15–11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. You can obtain an application at these meetings, on the [Active Outreach](#) page of the website, or by contacting Jack Brace, Pastor for Mission & Outreach, 610-867-5865, ext. 250, or jbrace@fpc-bethlehem.org.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

Don Mongeon and family for the loss of his wife, Shirley; the family of Estelle May Rabuck for her loss; Robert Ross and family for the loss of his mother, Rose Ross; Sue Merrill for the loss of her husband, Neal; the family of Lester Erich for his loss; Mary Lou Grimes and family for the loss of her husband, Alan; the family of Barbara Green for her loss.



WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION

For Sunday morning worship cancellations as well as cancellations during the week, check these sources:

- Church office: 610-867-5865
- Website: www.fpc-bethlehem.org
- FM radio stations B104 (104.1) and WZZO (95.1)
- AM radio stations WAEB (790) and FOX1470 (1470)
- WFMZ channel 69 News (TV)

Your specific ministry extension may also have cancellation information.

All youth activities will be canceled when Bethlehem School District closes or dismisses early due to weather conditions.

Please stay safe this winter and call the church before you venture out.

WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

God grants to people the ability to earn that which is His already: money and wealth.

"Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all."
(1 Chron. 29:12)

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Volunteers!

What if you changed the way you looked at children's ministry? We have. It's a new time for FPC Bethlehem's Children's Ministry, and one of the ways to get involved is with Bible Ventures 2010. We can't wait to tell you what is in store this year. It is not just about making another craft and teaching lessons for a week—it's about transforming lives. Come partner with us, and see kids experience a **real** relationship with Christ. This will truly be the most exciting time to be involved with Children's Ministry. For more info on how you can become a part of transforming lives, please contact Priscilla Moreira, Children's Discipleship Coordinator, ext. 253.

K-group Project Opportunity

This is an opportunity to help out our Share-Care Deacon Ministry by providing car care items for its annual basket auction in April. We have a list of 25 items (such as chamois, car wash, sponges, tire brush, flashlight, etc.) and are seeking people willing to purchase them. Please contact Joan Glover, jlg1738@rcn.com, or 610-861-0741, for more details.

Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program

March 18–May 20, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in room F4. All materials provided at no charge. Designed to develop the speaking and leadership skills of young people (8th–12th grade), enabling them to meet the demands and challenges of today's world. Participants will learn to prepare and present a speech, conduct meetings, listen effectively and evaluate what they have heard in a workshop setting. Building confidence and interpersonal communication skills are prime objectives. Register with the church office or with John Bell, john@hot-shot-inc.com, or 610-972-0955.

Adult Resource Library

Two copies of "The Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller and the discussion guide are available in the Adult Resource Library. We encourage you to come in and make use of them, but we ask that they not be removed from the library.

Free BELLY OFF! DIET Intro Sessions

Jeff Csatari, author of the BELLY OFF! DIET, is offering three free intro sessions from 7–8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2 in the Parlor. This program is open to the public, so bring a friend (or two)! Learn fitness and nutrition tips and sample workouts. Short bodyweight workout for beginners—wear loose-fitting clothing. Books available at publisher's discount. For more info, contact Jeff at 610-967-7808, or jeff.csatari@rodale.com.

Free Tax Help

Free assistance preparing federal, state and local income tax returns is available to low- and middle-income people. Membership in AARP is NOT required. This counseling service, sponsored by AARP and IRS, provides trained volunteers who help in preparing tax returns and applications required for PA property tax or rent rebate, as well as PACE and PACENET. Anyone interested in using this service should bring last year's tax returns and all pertinent info detailing income and expenses for 2009 to a designated location. For a list of locations and hours, pick up a FREE TAX HELP flyer in the main office reception area and in the literature racks.

Women of FPC

Coming on March 7 and 14—a missionary opportunity for you. Tea at home, help someone out—Watch for it. For more info email nordon@ptd.net.

Prayer and Share Together for Emotional Wholeness

Two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for women with loved ones who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those who are afflicted themselves. Both meeting Monday, March 8, 7–8:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem—counselor on Overcoming Depression; and Tuesday, March 9, 7–8:30 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, Allentown—Dr. Henry Cloud CD. Call Linda 610-395-8756 for info.

Experience "New Life" Art Exhibition

The FPC Creative Arts Team is excited to invite you to New Life, an art exhibition based on our Lenten theme "The Seven Deadly Sins." The multi-artist exhibit will showcase themed works of art, ranging in style and technique from emerging to established artists, each with a unique aesthetic language and fascinating interpretation on the "New Life" theme. In addition, Nashville vocal artist, Amy Courts is returning to FPC Bethlehem and will be performing throughout the evening. Amy Courts is currently touring with Jennifer Knapp and Derek Webb. Please join us on March 19, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Kirk Center for the exhibition opening and reception.

Tired of Winter and Cold?

Dreaming of fun times in the warm and sunny outdoors? There's still time to register for Kirk Camp! Great teaching, beautiful beach, time for study and play, unbeatable community, frogs, and lots of fun!

Week One: June 13–18

Week Two: June 20–26

For more information call Andie, 610-867-2956.

Craft Workshop

Beginning March 2, 10 a.m. in the parlor, If you are interested, please come and bring any new ideas, lunch will be served. Call Darlene LeFevre at 610-679-0166.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Circles will meet on Thursday, March 4, to continue our study of the book of Joshua. For information contact your Circle leader or Kay Thompson, 610-264-3628.

FPC Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 10, from 4–8 p.m. Sign up by calling Joan Glover at 610-861-0741.