



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. Jack Brace

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 20 & 21

In the Kirk Center

Rev. Manuela Kauer

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-11

In the Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Christopher Thomforde

OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F

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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.

—————Sunday, March 14—————

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.

BAPTISMS

10:15 a.m. Traditional: Casey Erin Gallagher and Kevin Michael Gallagher, daughter and son of Corinne C. (WanLiew) and Kenneth R. Gallagher. Elder: Betsy Mowrer.

10:30 a.m. Contemporary: Justin Michael Schaffer, son of Patricia A. Logan and Jimmie M. Schaffer. Elders: Bob Andress, Larry Rood.

—————Friday, March 19—————

"NEW LIFE" ART EXHIBIT

See details on the back page.

—————Sunday, March 21—————

GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Christopher Thomforde, President, Moravian College

Preaching in the Sanctuary.

SERVICE FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

11:40 a.m. in the Chapel.

BACH CHOIR OF BETHLEHEM—SPRING CONCERT

Held in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 21, the 325th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, at 4 p.m. This grand occasion will be celebrated with a concert for choir, organ, percussion and a large brass ensemble. Festive music for voices and instruments by Gabrieli, Heinrich Schutz, Bach, Marcel Dupre, Samuel Barber, Paul Hindemith and John Rutter will make for a very exciting birthday celebration. Greg Funfgeld conducts, Thomas Goeman is the organist, members of The Philadelphia Brass are joined by colleagues and friends.

For ticket info call The Bach Choir office, 610-866-4382, ext. 10, or visit www.bach.org.

WORSHIP WITH US DURING HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28

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

9 & 10:30 a.m. in the Kirk Center

Rev. Alf Halvorson preaching

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Rev. Manuela Kauer preaching

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4

8, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9 & 10:30 a.m. in the Kirk Center

Communion served in all services

Rev. Alf Halvorson preaching

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 1

Noon in the Chapel

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Communion served in both services

Rev. Jack Brace preaching

Ministry Contacts

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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

DEACONS: David Africa, Marie Boltz, Jane Derbenwick, Dennis Dodds, Terrence Dolan, Norma Ferguson, Jean Foust, Elaine Gable, Rich Gorton, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah McIntyre, Dick McKenna, Janet Pope, Pam Swank, Rachel Taylor

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAYS—10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Fundamentals of leading a small group: Last week 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 Effective Families. Jan. 31–May 23 in room 420. Email Andy Montero, andypana@rcn.com. **M**

Women's Ministries Study: The Prodigal God: Room 206. 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**

WEDNESDAYS: (continued)

The Parable of the Prodigal Son and the Elder Brother: Noon in Fellowship Hall and 7 p.m. in the Parlor. 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.

Women's Bible Study: “The Prodigal God” by Timothy Keller, 7–8:30 p.m. in room 212. Book and guide: \$21.50. 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 Willans, 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**

“The Prodigal God” Books For Sale: Books: \$12.50; Discussion Guides: \$9.00. Limited quantity of books are available. Contact the main office if interested.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

Hi Neighbors: Monday, March 15, 10 a.m.: “Moravian Heritage Community,” Jim Whildin, Architect; 11:15 a.m.: “Building For Our Future,” Barry Pell, Architect.

CPR Classes (Heartsaver and AED): There are still five openings for the following dates:

Saturday, April 24, 8:20 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Monday/Tuesday, April 26 and 27, 7–9 p.m.

First come, first served. To register, email Linda Strayer at lstrayer@rcn.com. Your registration will be confirmed via email. Come and learn how to save a life!

“Understanding Problem Gambling: The Hidden Addiction:” A free one-day seminar, Saturday, March 27, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (lunch provided). Fellowship Hall. This year our church, in partnership with other local churches, will begin a faith-based program designed to help compulsive gamblers. We are calling our outreach “Sure Bet Living.” Are you concerned about compulsive gambling? Do you know someone who needs help? Could you help? Would you like to help us? To register contact Sure Bet Living, 610-866-2075, or stpover@juno.com.

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

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: St. Patrick's Day. **R**

Youth Inquirer & Mentor Dinner: March 14, 6–7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. **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.

Sunday Night Live: 6:30–9 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.

Youth Inquirers Sundays: 6:30–9 p.m. in the H.S. Step Room.

YOUNG ADULT

College Age Luncheon After Worship: March 21, 11:45 a.m. in The Commons (former Youth Lounge below the sanctuary). A chance to meet other college students and have a free meal. **R**

Youth Ministry Summer Intern Positions: Applications are being accepted for summer intern positions. Deadline for the applications is March 31. Information and applications are available in the Youth Office.

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," 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, check out the www.fpc-bethlehem.org/activeoutreach 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.

PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL TRIP

Please continue your prayers for those traveling to the Holy Land 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, Loey 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.

WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

Money is one of God's gifts to people. "Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil— this is the gift of God." (Ecclesiastes 5:19)

To find out how to apply these Bible principles to your life visit

www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifestewardship

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



DadVentures Night

March 26 from 6–9 p.m., is a night for dads and kids to get together for an evening of food, fellowship and Easter fun. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be served in The Commons (former Youth Lounge then we'll have an Easter egg hunt, fun and games. Cost: \$5 per dad and \$3 per child (to cover dinner). RSVP to Andy Montero, andypanda@rcn.com, 610-419-0254, or Will Darrigrand, 610-614-0899, or wddarrigrand@orasure.com.

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 perform throughout the evening. Amy Courts is currently touring with Jennifer Knapp and Derek Webb. Please join us on March 19, from 6:30–9:30 p.m. in the Kirk Center for the exhibition opening and reception.

Inquirers Class Begins Wednesday, April 28

If you would like to find out more about the Presbyterian faith or are considering membership at FPC Bethlehem, please join our Spring Inquirers classes on Wednesdays, April 28–May 19, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. For more info or to register, contact Yovita at ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org or ext. 206.

Looking for Wheels!

Our two church-owned vans, used by many of our church groups, need to be replaced. If you have a van in good condition that you are willing to donate to our church, please contact Barry Kessler, 610-653-6394, or barry@kesslerchemical.com. You would be helping your church family, plus it's a tax-deductible contribution.

Tired of Winter and Cold?

Dreaming of fun times in the warm and sunny outdoors? There's still time to register for Kirk Camp!

Week One: June 13–18

Week Two: June 20–26

Contact Andie Barbehenn, 610-867-2956, or abarbehenn@fpc-bethlehem.org.

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.

Lilies to Beautify Our Church on Easter Sunday

Honor a relative or loved one by making a donation toward the lilies that will beautify our Sanctuary and Kirk Center on Easter Sunday. Please put your donation in the Easter lily envelope (found in the pew racks in the Sanctuary and on the tables in the Rotunda) and place in the offering plate, or send it to Marie Boltz, 1850 Felicity Lane, Hellertown, PA 18055. **Deadline: March 28.**

JOY Candlelight Dinner

Friday, April 16. Gourmet meal of tenderloin of beef and chicken marsala catered by Karen Hunter. Hear a wonderful musical program performed by our artists-in-residence, Greg Funfgeld and Tom Goeman, with invited vocalists. This is JOY's signature event is only \$35. Seating is limited to the first 160 people. **Deadline: April 11.** Sign up soon at the JOY booth in Fellowship Hall between Sunday services.

Playground Fundraiser

The climbing equipment on our preschool playground is over 20 years old. We'd like to invite you to help raise the funds needed to purchase and install new equipment. Since September, 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!

Notes from Israel

Pastor Alf and fellow travelers are sending email to us daily from their travels in the Holy Land (March 8–20). We are posting it to our website as it comes in so that you can read it too! Logon to www.fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents/emailfromisrael to view this fascinating travelogue!

Networking for Life

If you have not yet completed the Networking for Life Survey, please go to www.fpc-bethlehem.org and click the Networking for Life survey link on the home page. If you do not have Internet access but would like to take the survey, please contact Bill Grue-newald at 610-217-2524. Number of respondents since March 10: 232.

Women of FPC

Did you get your mission opportunity tea bag? Don't be left out of this great helping hands happening.

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.

Easter Child Care Volunteers Needed

Children's Ministry is looking for joyful hearts and loving hands to help care for our little ones during the Easter services. Contact Stacey Judge at 610-317-6162, ext. 237, if you are able to volunteer.

College Care Packages

Once again we will mail out care packages to our young people in college or the military. Help us show these young people we care by volunteering to bake three dozen cookies and bring them to the church by noon on Monday, April 12. Leave cookies in the main church office reception area marked “College Ministry.” Please call the Youth Office, ext. 216, if you can bake or if you have an address for a college/away-from-home student or young person in the military in your family.

Youth Stock Sale

Stock certificates are \$10 per share and are available for purchase in the Links, Fellowship Hall and outside the Kirk Center after worship or in the Youth Office during the week.