



**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 13 & 14  
Rev. Jack Brace  
Luke 15:11-32

**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](http://fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents).

—————Sunday, March 14—————

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday night.

—————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

**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. It promises to be a thrilling concert filled with beautiful music and sonic splendor! For ticket information call The Bach Choir office, 610-866-4382, ext. 10, or visit [www.bach.org](http://www.bach.org).

## WORSHIP WITH US DURING HOLY WEEK

—————Sunday, March 28—————

**PALM SUNDAY**

Worship at 8:45 & 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Worship at 9 & 10:30 a.m. in the Kirk Center

—————Thursday, April 1—————

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Worship at Noon in the Chapel; 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

—————Friday, April 2—————

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

—————Sunday, April 4—————

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Worship at 8, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Worship at 9 & 10:30 a.m. in the Kirk Center

**There will be no Oasis service on Saturday, April 3.**

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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

**ELDERS:** Robert Andress, James Birdsall, Beth Bloss, Lynnette Burns, Ray Davis, Gail Farnham, Debbie Field, Bob Hunsicker, Jack Jordan, Joanne Kelhart, Jim Koontz, Jan Marsh, Jeff Mohler, Betsy Mowrer, Jim Parker, Dave Post, Larry Rood, Robert Rupel, Mary Ann Skutches, Jill Smedley, Ken Wycherley

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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,  
[andypana@rcn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lizkidney@gmail.com). **W**

*Unless otherwise noted, contact Susan Smith at ext. 202 or [ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:ssmith@fpc-bethlehem.org)  
for all registration information.*

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

**Hi Neighbors:** Monday, March 8, 10 a.m.: "Victory House Today and Into the Future," Pat DiLuzio,  
Executive Director; 11:15 a.m.: "Lakshmi Cow Sanctuary," Prof. Sankar Sastri, owner.

**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](mailto:lstrayer@rcn.com). Your registra-  
tion will be confirmed via email. Come and learn how to save a life!

**"Understanding Problem Gambling: The Hidden Addiction:"** A free one-day seminar, Satur-  
day, 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](mailto:stpover@juno.com).

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfessler@rcn.com), for more info. Books: \$27. **M**

## 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**

### 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: Crazy Hat 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.

**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.

**Sunday Night Live LOGOS Dinner:** March 14, 6:30–9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

### 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 a free meal. **R**

## 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](mailto: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 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 Layton, Randy Layton, 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.

### PRAYERS FOR HELPING HANDS PARTICIPANTS

Please pray for participants of the tenth Lehigh Presbytery Helping Hands mission trip to Mississippi. A total of 36 people representing 14 churches in the Lehigh Presbytery are making the trip. There are six members from our church who are participating. They are: Clem Bonnell, Gail Farnham, Karen Jones, Kevin Kehoe, Gene Weierbach and Caleb Weierbach.

### 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)



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For more detailed program information, visit our website at [fpc-bethlehem.org](http://fpc-bethlehem.org).

## Volunteer for Bible Ventures!

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 our vacation Bible school—Bible Ventures. We can't wait to tell you what is in store this year. Come partner with us, and see kids experience a life-transforming relationship with Christ. This will truly be the most exciting time to be involved with Children's Ministry. For more information on how you can become a part of transforming lives please contact [pmoreira@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:pmoreira@fpc-bethlehem.org), ext. 253.

## 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.

## 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

Contact Andie Barbehenn, 610-867-2956, or [abarbehenn@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto: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](mailto: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. What could surpass a gourmet meal of tenderloin of beef and chicken marsala catered by Karen Hunter? Only a wonderful musical program performed by our artists-in-residence, Greg Funfgeld and Tom Goeman, with invited vocalists. This is JOY's signature event, and only \$35. Seating is limited to the first 160 people. The deadline is April 11. Sign up soon at the JOY booth in Fellowship Hall between Sunday services.

## FPC Blood Drive

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

## 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](http://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 the Parlor for the next three 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, March 3: 222 responses.

## 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.

## The Three Priorities and Six Goals of Our Vision

### DEEP CONNECTION WITH THE LIVING GOD:

- Worship attendance grows to 1500
- ✓ 1200 people read the New Testament

### DEEP INVESTMENT WITH ONE ANOTHER:

- 1200 people meaningfully connected in groups

### DEEP ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED:

- 1000 people engaged in a local, national, or international mission or service ministry
- ✓ Five new studies to resource, support, train and empower disciples
- ✓ \$100,000 in unrestricted funds to fuel the initiatives above.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF 2/28/10

	CURRENT ACTUAL	2009 ACTUAL
YTD Income	\$ 513,543	\$ 441,292
YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 379,740</u>	<u>\$ 334,680</u>
General Fund Balance	\$ 133,803	\$ 106,612