



First Presbyterian Church  
BETHLEHEM PENNSYLVANIA

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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

### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND  
PAGERS DURING WORSHIP SERVICES.

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

Adults with special needs  
9:30 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 FEBRUARY 11 & 12

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson  
Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

### OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F  
2344 Center St. Bethlehem, PA 18017  
Ph: 610-867-5865 | Fax: 610-867-9782  
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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.

### Core Values

Following in the example of Jesus Christ set before us, we are committed to be scripturally guided, prayerfully grounded, relationally connected, serving intentionally and loving unconditionally.

# THE Heartbeat

The Heartbeat is also available online at [fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents](http://fpc-bethlehem.org/newsevents).

FEBRUARY 5

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Donations will be received for the Souper Bowl of Caring after each worship service on Feb. 5. All donations will go to New Bethany Ministries and Victory House to help feed the poor and homeless in the Lehigh Valley.

## Reilly: Worship and Free Concert

Based in Philadelphia (PA), Reilly is known for their unique blend of rock and dueling violins. Their energetic live show and spiritual depth has landed them attention by the music industry and a growing number of loyal fans throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Chris Strayer of Purple Door Festival says "If Reilly's hearts, music and lyrics are not enough, the dueling violins will blow you out of your seat! This is my new favorite live band."

Reilly will be with us Feb. 11 and 12, leading contemporary worship along with a free concert after worship (7:45 p.m.) on Saturday, Feb. 11.

FEBRUARY 19

## Combined Services

8:45 and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Special guests: the Princeton Theological Seminary Chapel Choir

## Jesus was in a Small Group

He was in a group of 13 that met often, sharing the words of God, fellowship and food. Little is known about the group's dynamics except he needed the group as much as they him. First Presbyterian Church seeks to Know God, Love People, and Serve the World, and one of the key ways we do that is by being meaningfully connected in small groups. Get connected. Find friends. Grow closer to God. To join (or lead) a small group, contact the small group committee at 610-317-6162, ext. 219, or [koinoniagroups@yahoo.com](mailto:koinoniagroups@yahoo.com). When you are ready, Judy and Richard Williams, Holly and Mike Hughes, or Alan and Donna Barney will help you connect.

## AccessACS

FPCB members may now search for other members and edit personal information through a new service, AccessACS. To get started in AccessACS, it is necessary to create a new user account. To create your account, log on to the following URL then complete the next three steps: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=150098>.

1. Below the sign-in blanks you should see: "Need a login? Click here." Click as indicated.
2. Next, you will be asked to enter your email address plus your first and last names. These three data elements must exactly match the information in the church database.
3. Click the "Find Me" button.

If you have any difficulty, please call Kathie, Yovita, Linda, or Susan in the church office at 610-867-5865.

## Ministry Contacts

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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.

### Christian 12-Step Support Group:

Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m., Room 408. Contact  
May, 610-252-2641, or Bill, 610-866-6547.

**Job Seekers Arise!** Prayer and Christian  
support for those unemployed or underem-  
ployed. Mondays, 7 p.m. in Room 408. Con-  
tact Rita Neuhauser, [rneuhauser@rcn.com](mailto:rneuhauser@rcn.com),  
610-868-7305.

### Single Adults Learning Together:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month,  
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in the parlor. Contact  
Carolyn Johnson at [cvdennis@earthlink.net](mailto:cvdennis@earthlink.net)  
for more info.

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

**Hearts and Minds:** Sundays, 9 a.m. in the  
parlor. HnM invites vigorous discussion and  
diverse viewpoints on a variety of issues  
related to faith and spirituality. Visit  
[www.fpc-bethlehem.org/foradults#hm](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/foradults#hm)  
for  
more info. Meetings resume Jan. 22, 2012.

**Crown Financial Course:** Sundays, Jan. 8–  
Feb. 12, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in Room 408. Call  
Dean or Linda at 610-395-8756.

**DadsZone Book Study:** “Raising a Modern-  
Day Knight” by Robert Lewis. Dads, join us  
Sundays, Jan. 15–Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. in Room  
420 for this tale of raising sons. Registration is  
not required. Contact Andy Montero, 610-419-  
0254, or [andypanada@rcn.com](mailto:andypanada@rcn.com), or Gary Kessler,  
610-758-9398, or [garyk66@gmail.com](mailto:garyk66@gmail.com).

**Marriage Ministry Spring Book Class:** “Do  
You Want to Get Well?” Sundays, Jan. 29–  
March 18, 2012, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in Room  
400. Join us as we continue to study James  
Spence’s powerful book. Email Diane Unger-  
er at [dianeungerer@aol.com](mailto:dianeungerer@aol.com) by Jan. 15 to  
register. Books available for \$12—email  
[david.wersinger@stvinc.com](mailto:david.wersinger@stvinc.com).

**Women’s Bible Study: “Becoming a Wom-  
an of Freedom:”** by Cynthia Heald. Tues-  
days, Jan. 10–March 27, 2012, 9:30 to  
11:30 a.m., in Room F1/F2. Cost \$10. Con-  
tact Linda Scott, [lscott@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:lscott@fpc-bethlehem.org)  
or ext. 216 to register.

**For Moms Only:** Tuesdays, Sept. 13–May  
22, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. in Rooms F3/F4.  
Child care provided. Contact Molly Anderson,  
[mlnye@msn.com](mailto:mlnye@msn.com), 610-837-2667, or Linda  
O’Brien, [obrienlmc@aol.com](mailto:obrienlmc@aol.com), or 610-419-  
1427 for more info.

**Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible:** by Liz Curtis  
Higgs. Wednesdays, Jan. 25–March 28,  
9:30–11:30 a.m. in Room F3/F4. Join us in  
this women’s Bible study about five flawed  
women loved by a flawless God. Cost: \$12.  
To register, email [lscott@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:lscott@fpc-bethlehem.org)  
or call ext. 216.

**Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings:** First  
Thursday of the month, through June. Morn-  
ing, afternoon and evening circles. Current  
study: The Beatitudes. Contact Norma Dellor-  
to, [nordon@ptd.net](mailto:nordon@ptd.net), or 610-814-0245, for  
more info.

**Thursday Morning Men’s Group:** Meet for  
breakfasts at the Blue Sky Cafe in South  
Bethlehem at 7 a.m. Contact Mike Baittinger,  
[mike.baittinger@leberandesa.com](mailto:mike.baittinger@leberandesa.com), or 610-  
360-0791. **M**

**Men’s Thursday Group Study:** Book of Ro-  
mans. Thursdays, 7–9 p.m. in the Commons.  
All men welcome. Contact Greg Perlman, 610-  
217-9093, or [gregperlman@yahoo.com](mailto:gregperlman@yahoo.com). **M**

**“Disciplines of a Godly Man”** by R. Kent  
Hughes: Fridays, 6:15–7:45 a.m. in the parlor.  
Book is \$12. For more info, email Larry Rood,  
[l.rood@rcn.com](mailto:l.rood@rcn.com). **M**

**Estudio Biblico en Español (Spanish Bible  
Study):** The first Saturday of each month,  
7:30 p.m. in Room 420. Contact Kathie  
Welker at [kwelker@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:kwelker@fpc-bethlehem.org) or  
610-317-6162, ext. 228.

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

**Youth Club Extreme (YCX):** 5:45–8:15 p.m. This week’s theme: Valentine Night. Registration  
forms available in the literature racks and our website. **R**

### HIGH SCHOOL

**High School Sunday AM:** 10:15–11:30 a.m. in the H.S. Hospitality and Step Rooms.

**Sunday Night Live (SNL) and Youth Inquirers will not meet this week.**

**High School Retreat:** Feb. 24–26 at Camp Brainerd. Please pick up a registration form in the  
information racks throughout the church or download it from the Web site. **R**

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## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

### Second Graders Receiving Bibles Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012

Jamilie Lata Atiyeh	Kevin Richard Givone	Caleb Stocking Saks
Elizabeth Bloys	Tommy Herstich	Anthony J. Sarkozy
Casey Jacklyn Bruchak	Zachary Janes	Ava Noelle Schantz
Brent Buttles	Kyla Kim	David Patrick Schrap
Matthew Richard Byrnes	Kayla Helen Lebby	Hayden Patrick Shiban
Peyton Cosover	Anna Lilo Mayer	Ellie Nadine Spencer
Makenna Cunningham	Trevor Mikuta	Adrianna Stettner
Noah Edward Denton	Olivia Minutillo	Jake Stoner
Adam DePaolis	Ainsley Moore	Alexandra Tomsic
Raven Winter Dias	Joseph Patrick Moser	Kelly A. Turpening
Talon Sky Dias	Jackson R. Moyes	Malachi Watson
Gabrielle Febbo	Tristan Michael Putnam	Shelby Grace Werkheiser
Brendan Ferguson	Kaia Lim Reenock	Meghan Alice Whitby

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### 2012 Short-term Mission Opportunities:

- Toronto: May 19–26
- Brainerd: Aug. 17–19
- Haiti: Fall 2012
- Argentina – November 2012 or January 2013
- Helping Hands: Joplin, Missouri, April 14–22 (week one) or April 21–29 (week two); Camp Brainerd, March 4–8.

We are also working on additional short-term opportunities, so please come and learn what exciting opportunities God may have for you in this New Year: Sunday, Feb. 5 in Room 212 at 10 and 11:30; Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Kirk Center Gallery after the 6 p.m. worship service.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

**Hi-Neighbors:** Monday, Feb. 6: Coffee hour begins at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Program 1 (10 a.m.): "Gideons International," Bob Apple; Program 2 (11:15 a.m.): "Today's Salvation Army," Major Roger Duperree.

**CPR:** Come learn the **new 2010 CPR standards** on Saturday, Feb. 18, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. To register contact Linda Strayer, 610-865-2441, or [lstrayer@rcn.com](mailto:lstrayer@rcn.com). Become certified in CPR or renew your certification: **Register now:** First come! First Served!

**Centering Prayer:** Mondays, 7–8 a.m. in Room 412. Join us for a time of centering prayer and offer yourself to God. Centering prayer allows you to be available to God, to say "yes" to His presence and allow Him to work within you.

**Welcoming Prayer:** Saturday, February 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Room 416. Welcoming Prayer is a prayer consenting to God's presence in the ordinary action and emotions of daily life. This Day of Quiet will introduce the Welcoming Prayer and provide opportunity to practice a prayer path to further deepen our relationship with God. To register, contact Kathie Welker at [kwelker@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:kwelker@fpc-bethlehem.org) or by Monday, February 6.

**Prayer and Square Quilters and Knitters:** Will meet Friday, Feb. 10, in Room 408, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Call Ellen Inghrim for more information at 610-838-5622.

## 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](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org)
- FM radio stations B104 (104.1) and WZZO (95.1)
- AM radio stations WAEB (790) and WFOX (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.*

**TRUSTEES:** Clement Bonnell, Shannon Cawley, Vickie Clark, Jim DiSario, Barry Kessler, Jim Largay, Rob Littner, Geoff Marsac, Jim Mautz, Don Mengel, Don Mongeon, Lisa Titus

**PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:** Bev Harrar and family for the loss of her mother, Mary Frances Scuggs; Randy Laylon and family for the loss of his mother, Orpha; the family of Aage Lindholm for his loss; Conrad Bare and family for the loss of his wife, Carolyn; the family of Janice Anderson for her loss; Candi Hoffman and Bea and George Finkbeiner for the loss of their son and grandson, Peter Hoffman; the family of Betty Patterson for her loss; Ray Bush and family for the loss of his mother, Florence

## WHOLE LIFE STEWARDSHIP

"I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity."  
—John Wesley, English evangelist, founder of Methodism

"Do not be overawed when a man grows rich...for he will take nothing with him when he dies."  
—Psalm 49:16–17

Learn more at [www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifewardship](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifewardship).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FPC Giving Tree a Blessing to Many this Christmas

The following letter was recently received in gratitude to our congregation for their generosity to the local community this past Christmas season:

*Dear First Presbyterian Church:*

*Every year I like to send a note to say thank you for your generosity with your Giving Tree program. This year I don't even have the words to express how grateful our program is. The need for Christmas gifts this year was at its highest. When I was running out of options, your church stepped up and took more names without hesitation. It's because of those in your congregation that we were able to help so many of our families have a Merry Christmas.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tiffany Rossanese*

*Department of Human Services,  
Northampton County Early  
Intervention Unit*

### Turn Over a New Leaf in 2012

In fact, turn over a lot of leaves by joining the Presbyterian Women's Book Group the third Thursday of the month from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at members' homes. Good Books! Intriguing discussions! Great Friendships!

February's book: "Unbroken," by Laura Hillenbrand. March: "The Street Lawyer," by John Grisham.

Call Nancy Marsac, 610-868-9022.

### Looking to Travel But No Farther than Your Chair?

"The Chronicles of Narnia," by C.S. Lewis, Vol.1 through 7, can transport you to another land. The Children's Library now has the complete collection. Written for ages 10 to 100, these timeless classics can be read and interpreted at any age. From "The Magician's Nephew" to "The Last Battle" join the adventures of Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy, and be taken to another world.

### Books continue to walk out of our library

From our spring 2011 inventory, 152 books were missing. Many have returned, but 93 are still missing. What is more disheartening is that three of our very recent acquisitions have walked out of the library without a trace. Books are in the library for everyone to use. So, please return them ASAP. If you don't have a library borrower ID, fill out a form which is on the computer desk and write down the name and author of the book you are taking. Instructions on how to use the library system are next to the computer.

### Prayer and Share Together for Emotional Wholeness

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 meet on Monday, Feb. 13, 7–8:30 p.m. at Truth for Women Center, across from Panera, Bethlehem; and Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7–8:30 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, Allentown. DVD by Sheila Walsh: "Valentine's Day—Heart Full or Heartsick."

Call Linda at 610-395-8756 for more information.

### Now Recruiting for the 2012 FPC Softball Season!

Come out and join a fun, competitive, co-ed, multi-church, Christ-centered softball league. This is the fourth season for the three FPC teams, and we're looking for an FPC 3-peat for the championship!

Sign up January through March. Practice starts in April. The season runs late April through July. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome. Games are played at 6:30 p.m. at the Hanover Township Community Center, typically one game per week on Mon., Tues. or Thurs.

Please contact Josh Anderson at [joshua\\_anderson@merck.com](mailto:joshua_anderson@merck.com) or call 610-360-4868 for more details.

### Christian Education Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available to church members pursuing a career in professional Christian service, such as ministry, children's education, mission work or music. Applications for funds needed for the 2012–13 academic year are now available in our church office reception area or email [barry@kesslerchemical.com](mailto:barry@kesslerchemical.com). The application deadline is Feb. 13. Current scholarship recipients must reapply for additional funding. The fund's source is the Barry Brandt Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in the 1960's.

### Help the FPC Preschool Playground Fund

You can all help—and it only takes a minute. If you have a Giant Bonus Card, you can register it online or by phone with their A+ program. That's all you need to do. After that, every time you shop and use your Bonus Card, the preschool will get a percentage. To register online, log on to [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) or call 1-888-448-4642. Our school code is ID#06007. Thanks for your support!

### Think Summer. Think Sun. Think Kirk Camp!

Kirk Camp 2012 registration begins Sunday, Nov. 20, in Fellowship Hall from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Look for posters and registration forms soon! Questions? Call Andie at 610-867-2956.

First week: June 17–22

Second week: June 24–30



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