



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  
JANUARY 14 & 15**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson  
Scripture: Phillipians 2:1-4

**OFFICE HOURS:**

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F  
2344 Center St. Bethlehem, PA 18017  
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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).



## Epiphany

Sunday, January 8

This day commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

## Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 16

The church will be closed in observance of the holiday.

## The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Sunday, January 29

A luncheon will be given by Youth Ministry at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.  
The meeting follows at 12:30 in the Sanctuary.

Luncheon tickets will be available on Jan. 15 and 22 in the North and South Links and Rotunda (outside the Kirk Center) or in the church office during the week. Seating will be available the day of the luncheon on an "as available" basis. We do not take phone reservations. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (up to age 10).

Proceeds from the dinner will help support youth mission trips this summer.

## 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 underemployed. Mondays, 7 p.m. in Room 408. Contact Rita Neuhauser, [rneuhauser@rcn.com](mailto:rneuhauser@rcn.com), 610-868-7305. Next meeting: Jan. 9.

### 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. 15, 2012.

**Crown Financial Course:** Sundays, Jan. 8–Feb. 12, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in Room 408. Want to start off the New Year making financial decisions God's way? Take the Crown Financial Journey to Freedom class and learn to apply God's wisdom to everyday financial decision making. To register or for more info, call Dean or Linda at 610-395-8756.

*"This class is a great way to learn how to develop and manage a budget and make your dreams come true by setting goals."*  
—Lou and Sue Mickleyle

**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 Ungerer at [dianeungerer@aol.com](mailto:dianeungerer@aol.com) by Jan. 15 to register. Books available for \$12 for those who want to read the first seven chapters before joining this class—email [david.wersinger@stvinc.com](mailto:david.wersinger@stvinc.com).

**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.

**Women's Bible Study: Becoming a Woman of Freedom:** by Cynthia Heald. Tuesdays, Jan. 10–March 27, 2012, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in Room F1/F2. Discover how Jesus Christ gives meaning to life and freedom to become who we were created

to be. Cost \$10. Contact Linda Scott, [lscott@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:lscott@fpc-bethlehem.org) or ext. 216 to register.

**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. Morning, afternoon and evening circles. Current study: The Beatitudes. Contact Norma Dellorto, [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@leberandes.com](mailto:mike.baittinger@leberandes.com), or 610-360-0791.

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

**"Disciplines of a Godly Man"** by R. Kent Hugs: 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 Bíblico en Español (Spanish Bible Study):** This Bible study will not take place in January, however, join us for a Spanish-speaking informal time at Mexico Lindo at 720 Mail St., Bethlehem on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. Starting in February, we will continue to have our regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. in Room 420.

## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

### Sunday School for K–5th Grade

First Hour: 8:45–10 a.m. in the Children's Center (north wing)

Second Hour: 10:15–11:30 a.m. in the Children's Center (north wing).

For more info contact Priscilla Moreira, 610-867-5865, ext. 253, or [pmoreira@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:pmoreira@fpc-bethlehem.org). Registration forms are required.

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## 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: Rock n' Roll Night. Registration forms available in the literature racks and our website. **R**

**7–7 Party:** Jan. 13–14. Details and registration forms are available in the information racks and on the website. Registration deadline is Jan. 8. **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):** 6:30–9 p.m., H.S. Hospitality and Step Rooms.

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

**Youth Inquirers Retreat:** Jan. 27–28. **R**

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### 2012 Short-term Mission Opportunities:

- Haiti: March 3–10
- Toronto: May 19–26
- Brainerd: 3rd or 4th weekend of August
- Helping Hands: dates to be determined (multiple trips being planned)

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: Sundays, Jan. 22 and Feb. 5 in Room 212 at 10 and 11:30; Saturdays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 in the Kirk Center Gallery after the 6 p.m. worship service.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

**Prayer and Square Quilters and Knitters:** Meets Friday, January 13, in Room 408, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Call Ellen Inghrim for information at 610-838-5622.

**Free Blood Pressure Check:** Sunday, Jan. 8, in the North Link from 9:45–10:15 a.m.

**Hi-Neighbors:** Monday, Jan. 9: Coffee hour begins at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Program 1 & 2: "Gianni Schicchi," Comic Opera by Puccini, Paul Reitmeir.

**Centering Prayer:** Mondays, beginning Jan. 9, 2012, 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.

**Winter Quiet Day:** "Come away with me to a quiet place and rest." (Mark 6:31) Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. The day begins in the parlor and allows two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon for reading, reflection, walking, resting, journaling (please bring a journal) and prayer throughout the church building and grounds. Child care will be available if needed. A light lunch will be provided for an optional donation. To register, email Kathie at [kwelker@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:kwelker@fpc-bethlehem.org) or call 610-867-5865, ext. 228, by Friday, Jan. 6. At the time of registration, please include your name, phone, and the names and ages of children needing child care.

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

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### 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:** Mike Hughes and family for the loss of his father; Carole Rose and family for the loss of her brother, Michael Verini; Joyce Metteer and Amy Metteer-Storer for the loss of their son and brother, George; Ann Rahn and family for the loss of her husband, Hilton; Hans Stoll and family for the loss of his mother, Lucy Stoll

### 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/wholelifestewardship](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/wholelifestewardship).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Super Couples Dinner

Friday, Feb. 3 (Super Bowl Weekend), 6:45–9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Couples young, old, married, engaged or thinking about it—you are invited for an evening of wonderful food (catered by Bob Wingrove), great music (by Ted “Mr. Piano Man” Rewak) and a message of encouragement from Pastor Alf. Cost: \$50 per couple.

Register by Jan. 30 by emailing Larry Rood, [l.rood@rcn.com](mailto:l.rood@rcn.com); or Bob Address, [rdbobdog@aol.com](mailto:rdbobdog@aol.com).

### Deacon Fund

Many come through our church doors seeking financial help in these difficult times. Some are part of our FPC family and others are from our Bethlehem community at-large. Needs are varied and urgent. Funds that are specifically used to meet these kinds of needs are heavily used. Some of the most common requests include rent, utilities, heating oil, car insurance and groceries. Can you help these dear people who are temporarily financially distressed? We are blessed; let us be a blessing.

Please write your check to the church, adding Deacon Fund to the memo line and give or send your check to Pastor Manuela. Thank you.

### 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

### “Heaven is for Real”

(New in the Adult Resource Library)

A 4-year-old boy tells an astounding story of his trip to heaven and back. He met his unborn sister who was lost through a miscarriage. He sat on Jesus’ lap and was given homework assignments. This book will change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child.

### Denominational Matters; Fellowship of Presbyterians

An email was recently sent by Pastor Alf to all members of FPCB providing “The Fellowship of Presbyterians” draft of Theological Essentials and a document put together by Pastors Cody and Jack regarding how our current Book of Confessions and Book of Order guide us Presbyterians in how we approach and use Scripture. Seven copies of these documents are now available for reading in the Adult Resource Library. We welcome your feedback.

### JOY Movie Night

“The King’s Speech,” Friday, Jan. 27, 6 p.m. This true story about King George VI received two top Oscars and Best Film of the Year award.

\$5 per person cost includes pizza, ice cream, popcorn and a beverage. Pastor Alf Halvorson will lead a group discussion after the movie. Family and friends are welcome. Register at the JOY booth in Fellowship Hall between traditional services or mail your check to First Presbyterian Church. Write “JOY Movie Night” in the memo line. Registration deadline is Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012.

### Missing Books

About 15 copies of the book “Christians and Muslims From History to Healing,” written by Dr. Kenneth B. Cragg, are missing from the Church Parlor. Please call Chips Arend, 610-861-8185, if you can assist in locating these copies.

### 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.

### Leadership Enhancement Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 28 (snow date: May 5), 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; Lehigh Presbytery Mission Center Conference Room. Facilitated by Jan Marsh. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women, Lehigh Presbytery.

This conference will teach you five modules to share with your Session, women’s ministry area, ministry team or organization.

Flyers with more information and directions are located in the literature racks. Register by calling Robin at the Presbytery Office: 610-391-9020.

### Prayer and Share Together for Emotional Wholeness

Two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for those with loved ones struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those afflicted themselves. Both meet Monday, Jan. 9, 7–8:30 p.m. at Truth for Women Center, Bethlehem and Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7–8:30 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, Allentown. DVD: “What am I going to wear?,” Nichole Johnson, Christian comedian. Call Linda, 610-395-8756 for directions/information.



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