



First Presbyterian Church  
BETHLEHEM PENNSYLVANIA

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

in the Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Sunday

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

in the Kirk Center  
10:30 a.m. Sunday

Rev. Jack Brace

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

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 bulle-  
tins 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 7 & 8**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson

**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.

**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 marks the miraculous manifestation of God in human form  
in the person of Jesus Christ to the gentiles as represented by the Magi.

## 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 underem-  
ployed. Mondays, 7 p.m. in Room 408. Con-  
tact 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. For more info visit [www.fpc-bethlehem.org/foradults#hm](http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/foradults#hm). The last meeting of HnM for 2011 will be Dec. 18. HnM will then resume on 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.

*"I took the Crown Financial class to encourage my son to attend. I thought it would help get his upcoming married life off to a good start. In addition to helping my son, the class brought me so much closer to God as I studied the principles of whole life stewardship...using my time, talents, and treasures as God would have me." —Irene Dorville*

**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. To register, contact Diane Ungerer at [dianeungerer@aol.com](mailto:dianeungerer@aol.com) by Jan. 15. Books are available for \$12 for those who would like to read the first seven chapters before joining this class—email Dave Wersinger at [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.

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

**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.

**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 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 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.

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## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Primetime:** Sundays, 10:15–11:30 a.m. in the Commons and Step Room.  
Please note: Primetime will not meet Jan. 1.

**Youth Club Extreme (YCX):** 5:45–8:15 p.m. Winter term begins this week. This week's theme: Airplane Night. Registration forms available in the literature racks and our Web site.

**7–7 Party:** Jan. 13–14. Details and registration forms are available in the information racks and on the Web site.

### HIGH SCHOOL

**High School Sunday AM:** 10:15–11:30 a.m. in the H.S. Hospitality and Step Rooms.  
Please note: HS Sunday AM will not meet Jan. 1.

**Sunday Night Live (SNL):** will not meet Jan. 1.

**Youth Inquirers:** resumes Jan. 8, 6:30–9 p.m. in the H.S. Step Room.

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

## 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

**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.

### 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.*

**DEACONS:** Marie Boltz, Jeanette Claesens, Jane Derbenwick, Terrence Dolan, Bobbi Edwards, Jean Foust, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah McIntyre, Dick McKenna, Susan Paden, Timothy Strayer, Yvonne Segreaves, Pam Swank, Rachel Taylor, Ruth Young

**Please Pray for Families who have lost a loved one:** 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).

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## Deacons Funds

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 Deacons Fund to the memo line and give or send your check to Pastor Manuela. Thank you.

## Meals Ministry

The "Meals Ministry" has supplied 136 meals from February 2011 to date. The meals were prepared and delivered with the caring love of many volunteers who reached out to members of our church family when they returned home from a hospital stay, suffered disruptions in their lives or were unable to prepare meals for themselves for a short period of time.

The tremendous success of this ministry has created a need for more volunteers to consider taking part in this very rewarding and fulfilling ministry. Many of those helped this year have said that the visits and caring conversation, even briefly, was just as sustaining as receiving a meal.

We are making an appeal for more caring people to become a part of this ministry. Meals can be provided according to your schedule, and you can either prepare or buy a meal for those in need.

Please consider sharing your time and talent with members of our congregation. You can do this by contacting Carol VanArtsdalen, [cvanartsdalen@yahoo.com](mailto:cvanartsdalen@yahoo.com), or 610-867-1185, or Lyn Russo, 484-851-3116, or [lynramsey@hotmail.com](mailto:lynramsey@hotmail.com).

## Remember to Recycle

Recycle stations are located throughout the building. Each bin is clearly labeled by category (plastic, paper, etc.). Please do your part and remember to recycle!

## 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.

## 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

## 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).

Current scholarship recipients must re-apply for additional funding. The fund's source is the Barry Brandt Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in the 1960's.

## "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.

## 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.

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).

## Save The Date!

Church-wide gathering of Presbyterian Women in Orlando, FL, July 18–22, 2012. For more information or registration, visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).



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