

tidings!

*We are people who expect to learn from God's Word, expect to work as God's hands,
expect to encounter God in all people, and expect to rejoice in God always.*

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

WHEN THE CHURCH IS THE CHURCH

There is nothing like it on earth. When the church *is* the church; that is to say, when the church lives into its best self as the provisional witness and foretaste of Jesus' Kingdom; people and families and neighborhoods and cities and regions are blessed. On Tuesday, February 15, twenty some members and friends of FPCA joined about three hundred other citizens of Allentown and the Lehigh Valley for a worship service of hope and healing for those most acutely affected by the gas explosion on 13th Street. The service took place at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. As a congregation, First Pres had already raised about \$5,000.00 for emergency relief for victims and their families. Money is very, very important in times like these both in the immediate circumstances and down the road. As rebuilding plans and strategies are being considered and discussed, I would invite you to pray for the mayor and city officials who will collaborate around plans and proposals for what is to come in and for that neighborhood. Continue to pray for the families who have been displaced and for the Hall (Mr. and Mrs. Hall met at a First Presbyterian Church Spaghetti Dinner at our former location on 5th Street) and Vega families who continue to grieve the horrific deaths of their loved ones. On behalf of the Session and staff, I want to thank you for your prayers and for your generosity in terms of the financial gifts that have been offered for all involved. They are making a difference – you are making a difference.

To be sure, the church is the church when it redistributes wealth but it is also the church when it is present with those who suffer. Watching and listening to our own Rick Ensley as he spoke at the hope and healing service was a privilege and blessing for me and all who were in attendance. Rick was one

of the first responders to the explosion in his role as an Allentown Fire Fighter and stood strong in his dress uniform. He also stood as an Elder; as a spiritual leader of our church and our community. He told me through tears right before he spoke, "This really hits close to home for me" referring to the fact that he and his family lost their home to a fire not too long ago. Even with the way this tragedy landed painfully in his own history, he was able to offer words of comfort and hope; he lived into his leadership role and expressed himself beautifully. He finished by quoting the fortieth Psalm: "I waited patiently for the Lord. He inclined to me and heard my cry. He lifted me up out of the pit; out of the miry bog." I also had the chance to be with our new friends Antonio and Jill Arroyo who lost everything in the explosion. Jill was introduced to me by FPCA member, Donna Henry. Donna is a friend and co-worker of Jill's at Phoebe Home. I invited Antonio and Jill to speak at the service. With courage, fortitude, and heartache, Mr. Arroyo eloquently thanked all who gathered for the prayers and the support he and his family had received. Touched by his words, the entire congregation stood and applauded. It was not a cheer of approval, the kind you would give after your team scores a touchdown or after the orchestra plays their final piece, but a cheer of solidarity. What we were saying through our resounding applause was, "We are with you because God is with you and we are not going anywhere." That is the church at its best. This is the church we have been called to be.

See you in worship and the world,

Tony

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE -- MARCH 9, 2011

March 9th is the first day of Lent, the traditional season of prayer, fasting and self-examination that prepares us for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Please spend a part of Ash Wednesday in worship in our sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. Consider this month the spiritual discipline of fasting. Give up a meal, eat a simpler meal, or fast for 24 hours, remembering during your fast the hungry you are praying for and keeping your focus on God. Consider donating the money you save to the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank.

Ponder reading a text appropriate to your reason for fasting. One item from the PC(USA) Global Food Crisis website regards women and hunger. Women suffer twice the rate of malnutrition than men. Girls are twice as likely to die from malnutrition than boys. Increasing women's education is associated with a major reduction in child malnutrition. You can find the article about women and food

crises in Malawi and Kenya at: http://actionaidusa.org/assets/pdfs/food_rights/report_women_and_food_crisis_paper300.pdf

Pray for:

- an end to inequitable inheritance laws and other practices that limit access to land and credit for women.
- the voice of women with traditional knowledge of seed varieties and sustainable farming practices to be heard.
- greater access to women for education and farm technology.



PCUSA materials on fasting are available at: <http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/foodcrisis/pdfs/fasting101.pdf>

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

During the time of the early church, the apostles decided to choose among their faithful disciples those who would be sent into the community to minister to the needs of the people. "And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit..." *Acts 6:5* NRSV. Our Stephen Ministers are named after St. Stephen, one of the first deacons in the early Christian church commissioned by the apostles to care for the needs of people in the Christian community. Stephen Ministry training combines sound theological principles with contemporary psychology. Currently, our Stephen Minister trainees have completed seven courses of instruction, with thirteen remaining. The



skills they are learning and practicing will prepare them to provide a very high level of Christian care giving to those who are hurting in this congregation and our community.

Course topics have included: *Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours, The Art of Listening, Distinctively Christian Caring, Process vs. Results in Care-giving, and Assertiveness, Relating Gently and Firmly.*

One trainee recently commented, "The training is intense because it explores some serious life issues, but it is also a growth-producing and enjoyable experience."

Moving forward the trainees will learn about *Maintaining Boundaries in Care-giving, Crisis Theory and Practice, Confidentiality, Using Mental Health Professionals, and Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief.*

We ask that you continue to pray for our Stephen Ministry training class in the weeks to come and watch for updates in future issues of Tidings and weekly bulletins.

FIRST FRIDAYS

"First Friday" are luncheon discussions presented through the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, Muhlenberg College, Seegers Union, Rooms 111 & 112. The next offering is March 4, 2011, titled "Cities of Peace", with Ms. Ellen Frank, speaking about her exhibit at The Martin Art Gallery (runs from March 16—April 16). These programs are free & open to the public. Bring your lunch or buy lunch at Seegers Union. Soft drinks can be purchased in the room. Be sure to leave ample time to locate on-street parking. Visit the Institute's web site at: www.ijcu.org.

YOUTH TALENT SHOW

Mark your calendars for the Annual Youth Talent Show coming up on Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m. The Youth Choir will be participating again this year, as well as other phenomenal acts! Don't forget to invite your family and friends! Youth interested in participating in this year's Talent Show can sign up during Church School or Sunday Night Fellowship within the next few weeks. The Talent Show is offered as a free gift to friends and members of our church as a thank you from our youth for your ongoing support of them.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! VBS will take place June 27th-July 1st this year. Stay tuned for more details. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Lindsay Harren-Lewis (610-395-3781 Ext. 15 or Lindsay.harren-lewis@fpcallentown.org).

PLANNED GIVING: PLAN ON GIVING...

Planning should be an essential part of your and your family's financial security.

Thoughtful decisions about the allocation of your assets--both during your life and after your death--can have an extraordinary future impact on you, your heirs, and our Church. Philanthropic financial and estate planning can offer a meaningful way to benefit First Presbyterian Church of Allentown. The recent Federal tax law changes may also provide you or your heirs with significant income tax, capital gains tax, and state inheritance and federal estate tax benefits.

Which assets can you use to make planned gifts? Cash and life insurance policies are among the easiest assets to give during your lifetime or through your will or a trust, but other kinds of assets (certain appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds; retirement plans; real estate; and the like) are also conducive to such gifts. These gifts can be made outright. Or they can be made through a trust or other legal arrangement whereby you or your heirs retain the income and capital gain from the asset during your life. Many options are available to you.

If structured carefully with the help of your legal and financial advisors, such gifts to our Church--whether made now, or through your Will, certain kinds of trusts, or charitable gift annuities--will qualify for charitable tax deductions for purposes of income, gift, or death tax. Those deductions will reduce your tax liability, as well as maximize the amount benefiting our Church. Certain planned gifts made between now and December 31 of this year will generate immediate tax deductions for purposes of your 2011 tax return.

It is important to remind ourselves that the uses and benefits to the Church of our planned gifts are distinct from those of our annual Stewardship to the Church. Stewardship is the primary way of providing our financial support to the Church and its operations on an annual basis. Planned gifts allow you to identify and support existing or future needs, programs, or initiatives within the Church which are important to you.

The Planned Giving committee will provide further planning ideas and information in upcoming issues of Tidings. If you have questions in the interim, please contact committee chair Bruce Davis, co-chair Luther Campbell, or Pastor Mike Drake through the Church office.

KELLER SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURES AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Brochures and applications are available for the 2011 Natalie Theresa Keller Scholarship, intended to assist those who desire to pursue a career focusing on the nurturing of children. This might include, though is not limited to, day care, childhood education, health care, social work, or ministry. The scholarship is not limited to members of First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, nor those just beginning the education process. Community service, church activities, and other activities and interests will be considered. The amount of the award is determined each year by the scholarship committee, with a minimum award of \$1000.

Application forms are available at the Welcome Centers and the church office lobby. You can also download the application from the church's website (www.fpcallentown.org). The deadline for completed application forms and letters of reference is April 15. Applications will be reviewed by May 15, followed by personal interviews with the most qualified applicants. The scholarship(s) will be awarded in June.

ASH WEDNESDAY — MARCH 9

**Worship Services with the
Lord's Supper**
10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Reverend Tony Sundermeier

Grace Hochella, soloist (10:00)

A full brochure of activities will be in the next issue of Tidings.

LENTEN DINNER SERIES

Join us for the 6 week Lenten Dinner series starting Tuesday, March 15. A light evening meal will be served, 5:00-5:30 p.m., followed by a short Lenten message from an invited guest, 5:30-6:00 p.m. A donation is requested. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Atrium."



ATTENTION ALL DEACONS AND ELDERS – PAST AND PRESENT!

It is time to plan the upcoming "Extending the Table" celebration which will be held on March 6, 2011. (March 13 – snow date). As you may remember from the past this is a time when we share Communion during our Sunday worship service and then after worship we "extend" communion to the homebound members of First Presbyterian Church. Would you be willing to be a part of our day together? Whether you were ordained by First Presbyterian Church or another congregation we would be happy to have your help. We will gather following worship on 3/6/11 in room 115. We will serve a light lunch at 12:15. After lunch we will pair you with another deacon or elder, provide you with a communion kit and a brief liturgy you can use with people you visit, and give you maps and directions to your destinations. Normally, visits are concluded no later than 3:00 pm. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this meaningful ministry! PLEASE NOTE!!!! If you are able to help extend the sacrament to our homebound members on March 6—

PLEASE SEND ALL RESPONSES TO BOTH JANE DAVENPORT at davenport@ptd.net AND TODD SIEGFRIED at tdsiegf@rcn.com. (We are trying to compile and update our e-mail address for all of our Deacons and Elders – please include or correct your current e-mail addresses)

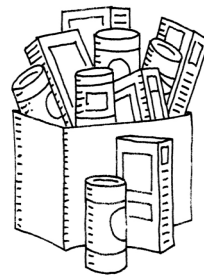
HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT WORKCAMP TRIP - A NEW VENTURE FOR 2011

This June 26-July 2 mission experience is open to all completed 9th-12th graders, youth ministry leaders AND adults age 21 and over. Building on our long experience of high school workcamps, we are excited by the prospect of expanding this year's workcamp to allow high schoolers and adults in our church family to put their faith into action together as they work side by side.

As followers of Jesus Christ, all of us are called to put our faith into action by caring for all of God's children, especially those whose needs are greater than our own.

This year's High School and Adult Workcamp Trip will provide us with the opportunity to do just that as, together, we volunteer with a variety of agencies in greater Buffalo, New York. Youth and adults will work as a team at a variety of human service agencies each day; have recreation, worship and share meals together; spend a day taking in the sights of greater Buffalo and Niagara Falls and reflect on our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ as we serve others in a different community. Space is limited so contact Caley Oels in the church office today and get your name on the list! Caley.oels@fpcallentown.org or 610-395-3781, Ext. 11

"But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." *James 1:22*

**FOOD NEEDS****FOOD ON THE FIRST FOOD DRIVE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

Macaroni and Cheese is the requested food item from the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank!

GREENING CREATION TIP

Turn off lights, electronics, small appliances, and chargers when not in use. Unplug those with an "always on" clock or standby red-light. A TV set that's on for three hours and in standby mode for 21 hours uses about 40 percent of its energy in standby mode (<http://globalwarming-facts.info/50-tips.html>).

Taken from *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth: How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference*

MUSIC MINISTRY**YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT**

The Concert Series will present the annual Young Artists Concert on Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The feature chorale group is The Chorale of William Allen High School, directed by Patrick Brady. The Chorale is a select ensemble auditioned from the larger Concert Choir and will present a wide variety of standard choral repertoire. Also appearing in the concert will be Rory Lipkis, student from Moravian Academy playing piano and organ.

The Young Artists concert is an annual part of the ongoing Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church and is always a highlight of the series. All are invited to attend and the program promises to be enjoyable for all ages. A free will offering will be received.

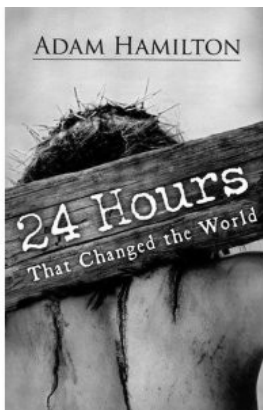
Introducing FPCA's Lenten Small Group Series



This Lent we are kicking off a congregation-wide small group series on the book, *24 Hours that Changed the World* by Methodist Pastor Adam Hamilton. The book explores the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life on earth. We have twenty-one groups that will meet at various times throughout the six weeks during Lent. Groups will consist of no more than 12 people. We are inviting YOU to sign up for one of these groups and to experience fellowship, study, and spiritual formation during this important season in the church's life. For the six Sundays in Lent, we will be preaching a sermon series which corresponds to the scripture lessons and chapter titles of the book. Our goal is to have the entire congregation engaging the same material and content while creating a platform in a small group setting for people to get to know each other and explore the meaning of Christ's death through this thought-provoking study.

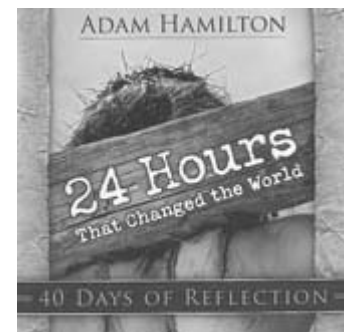
Flip this page over to see the small group offerings. There are three ways to sign-up for a small group:

1. Fill out the reverse sign-up sheet, tear off the bottom and put it in the offering plate when you come to worship.
2. Call Judy Rainey in the church office and indicate which group you would like to attend.
3. Email Judy Rainey (judy.rainey@fpcallentown.org) and indicate which group you would like to attend.



The books are being sold for \$10.00 in the Atrium on Sunday, March 6. You can also purchase books online or from your favorite local bookstore.

There is also a **FREE 40-day devotional** (one per household) that you are invited to pick up. It is also in the Atrium.



Small Group Offerings

Groups begin the week of Sunday, March 13 and meet for six consecutive sessions on the same day and time each week. Each session lasts for one and a half hours. Once you sign-up, you will be contacted with more details from your group's facilitator. Groups will be "first come" and will be closed when they are filled.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Facilitator(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sun	6:30 p.m.	Kevin and Rhonda Heier	Landes (Schnecksville)
Mon	1:30 p.m.	Gabriel Tuttle	First Presbyterian, Room 115 (CLOSED)
Mon	6:45 p.m.	Noha Khoury (Middle School age)	First Presbyterian, Youth Lounge
Mon	7:00 p.m.	Bryan Groff	Long (Slatington; 20 min N of FPCA)
Mon	7:00 p.m.	Allyssa Miller (High School age)	Bergman (Allentown 18104)
Mon	7:30 p.m.	Moufid Khoury (English-Arabic)	Khoury (Whitehall)
Tues	9:30 a.m.	Christine McConnell	McConnell (A-town 18106)
Tues	10:00 a.m.	Dave and Chris Dunbar	Lauber (Allentown 18103)
Tues	6:30 p.m.	Bob and Millie Miller	Eaton (Allentown 18104)
Tues	7:00 p.m.	Allyssa Miller (single; age 18-30)	Moussa (Whitehall)
Tues	7:15 p.m.	Doug and Alice Stinebaugh	Davenport (Allentown 18104)
Tues	7:30 p.m.	Stephen Emick	Merz (Allentown 18104)
Tues	7:30 p.m.	Bert and Penny Harries	Harries (Emmaus)
Wed	1:00 p.m.	John Franke and Jeremy Campbell	Hillanbrand (A-town 18104)
Wed	7:00 p.m.	Marijo Taylor (High School age)	Taylor (Emmaus)
Wed	7:00 p.m.	Phil and Jenney Henderson	Copes (Fogelsville)
Thur	1:30 p.m.	Mike Drake	Luther Crest
Thur	7:00 p.m.	Lindsay Harren-Lewis	Walck (Allentown 18104)
Fri	7:00 p.m.	Jill Kearney	Heimann (Allentown 18104) (CLOSED)
Sat	10:30 a.m.	Noha Khoury (Middle School age)	Wertz (Emmaus)
Sat	7:00 p.m.	Rich Laliberte	Sundermeier (A-town 18104)

PAPER SIGN-UP: DETACH HERE AND PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP OR CONTACT JUDY RAINEY AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Name (Names) _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Day: _____ Time: _____ Facilitator(s) Name: _____

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 AM

ADULT SEMINAR:

February 27: *Dust to Dust: Reflections on God and Human Suffering*, presented by Tony Sundermeier and John Franke

Fellowship Hall

BIBLE DISCOVERY: WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Room 124/ Thrygve Meeker

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE BIBLE CLASS

Room 115/ Becky Ensley

EXPLORING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Room 217/ Mike Loomis

We are journeying through the Book of Acts, and learning how the early church grew through the actions of the apostles and the Holy Spirit. If you've been meaning to read the Bible and could benefit from the insight and encouragement of others to keep you on track, this is the class for you. Newcomers are welcome!

PRESBY PERK: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BEING CHRISTIAN

Commons/ Pam Weiss

Join us Sunday mornings in the Commons for Coffee House style discussions. Pam Weiss leads us in looking at issues that directly affect how we understand ourselves as Christians, especially as they relate to how we live our daily lives.

TREXLER BIBLE CLASS

Witherspoon Room/ Tom Ritter

WEEKDAY CLASSES

RETIRED PERSONS BIBLE STUDY: *THE PARABLES OF JESUS*

Chapel

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

All are welcome – retired, semi-retired, or not retired at all!

March 2, *The Mustard Seed* (Luke 13: 18-21), S. Emick; March 9, NO GATHERING—ASH WEDNESDAY ; March 16, *The Bags of Gold* (Matthew 25:14-30), J. Franke; March 23, *The Ten Virgins* (Matthew 25:1-13), T. Sundermeier.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP – 6:45 a.m.

Commons /Tony Sundermeier

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 7:30 p.m.

Witherspoon Room/ Mike Loomis

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m.

Room 124/ Curtis and Darlis Fouts

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Fridays 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Room 115/ Marijo Taylor, Pam Weiss

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP – Every other Saturday, 7:30- 9:00 a.m. Room 217

YOUTH MINISTRY

SOUPER BOWL SCORE BOARD

On behalf of the Youth Ministry Program, we'd like to thank everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 6, 2011. We collected \$1,301.77! All of the money will be donated to the Lehigh County Conference of Churches to support them in their fight against homelessness and hunger!

A BIG THANK YOU!

This year's Winter Youth Brunch was a great success, but we couldn't have done it without you! A total of \$1,458.19 was raised to help support our Summer Youth Ministry Program and a tithe (10%) of \$145.81 will be donated to a helping agency chosen by the Middle School and High School youth. Thank you again for supporting us this year!

YOUTH SPIRIT CARDS

Catch the spirit with our Youth Spirit Cards: Stop by for your gift cards and help support our Summer Youth Ministry Program. Cards are on sale on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall hallway near the kitchen from 9:30-11:00 a.m. We have gift cards for Giant and Weis/King grocery stores, Barnes & Noble, Kohl's, and Macy's.



IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY (Parish #)

(as of 12:00 p.m. Tuesday)

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with those who have been hospitalized recently. So that we might keep each other in prayer, it is the custom of this congregation to publish hospitalizations unless requested not to do so. *At St. Luke's Allentown:* Mari (McDowell) Stammerjohn (#19); *Luther Crest H.C.C.:* Helen Johnson (#19), Lois Rich (#19); *At Phoebe Rehab.:* Dick Snyder (#3); *At Lehigh Center:* Helen Potts (#10).

If you'd like to send cards or letters to those in the hospital, please contact Kathy Mammele, Director of Pastoral Care (610-395-3781 Ext. 39).

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL: Dr. John Waddell, John (Jack) Graham (#24), Lois Hoffman (#7), Wilbur (Wib) Creelman (#19), Karen Kneifel (#8), Dorothy (Dottie) Tielmann (#19), Grayce Motsay (#28), Matthew Kane (#2), Bob Chisdak (#8).

MILESTONE: Betty Van Anglen (#1) is celebrating her 90th birthday today.

BIRTHS: Congratulations to Chris and Barb Showalter (#8) on the birth of their great-grandson, Christian Rhoades Showalter III on January 24. Parents are grandson and wife-in-law, Jason and Gretchen Showalter; Biak Tha and Uk Peng (#13) on the birth of their son, Peter Vanlian Peng on February 15; and Sharon and Stokely Benson (#28) on the birth of their granddaugh-

STAFF PRAYER LIST

On March 1, 2011 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a PORTION of Parish #18. Coordinator is Sharon Alexander. Ruth Schreiber, Charles and Gail Shoemaker, Susan, Robert, Ryan, Mike and Laura Smerker, Ken and Joanne Summers, Bill and Beverly Tabor, Joe, Suzanne, Nicholas, Alexzander and Victoria Toto, Bill and Jane Townsend, Mike and Marie Xique.

On March 8, 2011 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a PORTION of Parish #19. Coordinators are Connie and Bob Bear. Allison Albright, Kathy Argy, Claude and Janet Arnold, Ed and Georgia Baldrige, Jessica Barber, Peggy Bear, Eleanor Bechtel, Jane Beitel, Christina Black, Matthew and Noah McBride, Eric, Jessica, Haley and Madison Bowman.

MILITARY UPDATE: Please continue to remember through your prayers, letters, or cards the following members or family of our church members who are serving in the military. Please contact Kathy Mammele in the church office (610-395-3781, ext. 39) if you have someone to add to our military list, have corrections on the current list, or would like to send a package and need mailing instructions. **Please Note: When sending a note or card, a regular stamp (44¢) is all that's needed for an APO or an FPO address.**



GREEN PUBLICATIONS: *Tidings!* is available online! If you'd like to help our contributed dollars go to our church's work instead of the cost of office supplies and postage, and help the environment too, please contact the church office to have your name added to our online *Tidings!* list (610-395-3781 or office@fpcallentown.org.)

Sunday, February 27

Youth Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Tour Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle & High School
Fellowships
- 7:00 p.m. High School vs. Session Volleyball

Monday, February 28

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 11:30 a.m. Weekday Preschool Lunch Bunch
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #611
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee
Monday Night Serenity Group
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, March 1

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
ESL Class
- 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Club
- 4:30 p.m. Safety Committee
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
Tuesday Night Together
- 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band
- 6:30 p.m. DBSA Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Because I Love You
PFLAG
Safe Sanctuaries

Wednesday, March 2

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 9:00 a.m. Sewing & Quilting
Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Parent's Morning Co-op
- 9:30 a.m. Belles
- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
Retired Persons Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie Girl Scouts #6232
Cub Scouts
Daisy Troup Ceremonies
Daisy G.S. Troop #6027
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
DBSA
Weekday Preschool Daddy & Me
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, March 3

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 12:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m. Local Mission Subcommittee

Thursday, March 3, continued

- 6:30 p.m. Daisy #6051
Brownie G.S. Troop #6214
Handbells
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Boy Scout Troop #107
Thursday Bible Study
Al-Anon
- 7:30 p.m. Mission Committee
Adult Handbells
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, March 4

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Painting Group
- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Preschool Daddy & Me

Saturday, March 5

- 7:30 a.m. Saturday Men's Group
- 10:00 a.m. Refugee Tax Preparation
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #6241

Sunday, March 6

Communion and Girl Scout Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Directory Sign-up (to 1:00 p.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
Baptism Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch for Extending the Table
- 1:30 p.m. Extending the Table Home Visit
- 3:00 p.m. Young Artists Concert
- 4:00 p.m. Cantate Domino Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle & High School
Fellowships

Monday, March 7

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 11:30 a.m. Weekday Preschool Lunch
Bunch
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout #611
Peace & Justice Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Serenity
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, March 8

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Club
- 5:30 p.m. Planned Giving Committee
Tuesday Night Together
ESL Class
- 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee

Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group

Wednesday, March 9, continued

Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
Sewing & Quilting
- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Co-op
- 9:30 a.m. Organ Recital
- 10:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Craft Group
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- 12:00 p.m. Lehigh Co. Mental Retardation
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
- 6:00 p.m. Soup and Song
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Organ Recital
DBSA
- 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Refugee Steering Committee
Prayer Vigil for Peace
Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, March 10

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayers Service
- 12:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie G.S. Troop
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Multicultural Task Force
Al-Anon
Boy Scout Troop #107
Arabic Women's Bible Study
Thursday Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
Local Mission Team
Stewardship Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, March 11

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Painting Group
- 6:00 p.m. Bridge Group
- 6:30 p.m. Blessed Memories

Saturday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Concert Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry Group

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8:00 a.m. Directory Sign-up (to 1:00 p.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Extending the Table Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Extending the Table
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle & High School Fellowships
- 6:45 p.m. Board of Deacons

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

February 27, 2011

Youth Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services

Preacher: Josh Fogerty

Scripture: Matthew 6: 25-33

Music: Youth Choir and
Handbell Choir

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

March 6, 2011

Communion &

Girl Scout Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services

Rev. Tony Sundermeier

Music at 8:30: Cantate Domino

Music at 11:00: Chancel Choir

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Ushers – February 27

8:30 a.m. - *Mark Simmons, Captain*; Youth Usher Team.

11:00 a.m. - *Taylor Gonoude, Captain*; Youth Usher Team.

Ushers – March 6

8:30 a.m. - *Dorrie Gaul, Captain*; Girl Scout Team.

11:00 a.m. - *Dorrie Gaul, Captain*; Girl Scout Team.

Office Volunteers

February 27: JoAnn Campbell (8:00); Luella Shoemaker (10:00)

March 6: *Volunteer Needed* (8:00); Carol Miller (10:00)

Dial-A-Ride Volunteers

February 27: Sharon Baker & George Baker; March 6: Jim Joseph & *Driver Needed*

Audio Room Volunteers

February 27: Joe Cavote (8:30); Dan Shoemaker (11:00)

March 6: Jim Henry (8:30); Bruce Miller (11:00)