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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

“PRACTICE HOSPITALITY” - ROMANS 12:13

At the time of this writing we are only **25 DAYS** away from the inauguration of our new Sunday morning schedule. As Fellowship Hall nears completion there is a definite excitement in the air. Not only are we adding a new worship service (The 10:10 in Fellowship Hall) but we are also adding a second adult Church School hour and more opportunities and space for fellowship. Along with the excitement I know there is some anxiety as to how this is all going to work. Many of you are wondering how you are going to adapt to the changes and, let's be honest, if you will like them or not. My hope is that each and every one of us will want to find our place in the new schedule. My hope is that each person who comes onto our campus finds opportunities for relevant and vibrant worship; spiritual growth which deepens our discipleship; and a strong encouragement and platform to participate in God's mission in the Lehigh Valley and the world.

One of the things you will notice around the campus in the coming weeks (hopefully it will all be in place by the 11th of September!) is an increased focus on practicing hospitality. Through a generous gift from an individual donor, we will be erecting two large marquee-size signs that will be visibly positioned at both the Cedar Crest and Tilghman Street driveways. These signs will serve as an invitation to anyone who drives by to attend worship with us. These signs will also list the times (again, in a very visible way) we gather for worship. Both signs will fit with the integrity and design of our current sign which sits at the corner of

Tilghman and Cedar Crest.

You will also notice sixteen designated parking spots, positioned in clusters of four, marked by posts which read, “Parking for First Time Visitors.” These were also made possible by a gift from one of our families. Statistics show that most people decide whether or not to come back to a church they are visiting within seven seconds of coming onto the church property. We want to make sure our first time visitors feel as welcomed as possible as early as possible. While we are on the subject of parking...we are not sure what parking will look like in the wake of the new schedule until the new schedule begins. The staff will be parking along the grass on our access road between the golf course and the Memorial Garden side of our campus. If you are able to do so, I would encourage folks (as an act of hospitality) to park with the staff so we can create more parking spaces for those who have a little harder time getting into the building. If you are able to carpool, do that too!

Exciting days are most certainly ahead of us! God's Spirit is about to open up new opportunities for growth and mission. May each and everyone of us—members and friends of FPCA — take advantage of these opportunities and leverage our gifts to make Sunday mornings at 3231 Tilghman Street a faithful, meaningful, and inspiring experience.

See you in worship and the world,

Tony



SIMPLY CHRISTIAN SEMINAR: WHY CHRISTIANITY MAKES SENSE

Beginning Wednesday, September 14, Tony Sundermeier will be leading a seminar based on Tom Wright's book, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*.

WHO: Anyone able to attend!

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
September 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16

I HAVE/I NEED MINISTRY

There is a bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall. Do you have things you no longer need? OR Are you looking for a particular item?

Per our last notification, there are new items under **I NEED:**

DENIM: don't throw away jeans or denim items.
SEWING MACHINES

Check the board often; it is a handy tool to saving money and a way for us to be a family of faith by sharing with one another. This is a ministry supported by the Stewardship Committee.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

Attention all Deacons and Elders who are not currently serving on a board: if you would like to serve communion at the 8:45 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service, please contact Kathleen Dent at thedents@ren.com.

"FOOD ON THE FIRST " DRIVE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

The next "Food on the First" items will be spaghetti sauce and pasta. Sauces should be in smaller, about 15 oz. jars/cans so that patrons can consume the quantity and carry it home. The Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank is the recipient of your generous donations and is very grateful for this continued support



**Pasta &
Sauce**

PLANNED GIVING BROCHURE IN CHURCH PEWS AUGUST 28

An Endowment Fund was established by our church in 1990. Last year, the Trustees and staff formed a new Planned Giving Committee to revitalize legacy gifts to forward the mission of the church into the future.

The Planned Giving Committee has prepared a brochure to explain the importance of legacy gifts to the church, our mission and options for planned giving. The brochure, "Legacy Gifts," will be in the church pews (and elsewhere in the Church) at the Sunday, August 28 services.

Please take a copy of the "Legacy Gifts" brochure for prayerful consideration as to your support of this important undertaking.

PROOF YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ENTRY



**August 28
to
September 8**

The proof for our church's pictorial directory has arrived from the printer, and we invite you to look over the entries pertaining to your family and/or photo to double-check that the information is accurate. The directory will be available in the church office for you to proof your part between Sunday, August 28 and Thursday, September 8. Proofing hours will be: Sundays from 8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; weekdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



AN INVITATION TO ALL CRAFTERS, KNITTERS AND SEAMSTRESSES

Please come and join a craft group that is currently meeting every Tuesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 115. We need your help with ongoing and new projects for a fall craft bazaar and for other ventures. Please join us and bring your skills and ideas. For more information, call Nancy Johnson 610-756-4018 or Sandy Meenen 610-366-1315. New people are welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

It's time for another awesome year of Church School at First Presbyterian Church! The Spiritual Formation staff and leaders can't wait to start the year on **Sunday, September 11**. Keep reading for some helpful information if your child is a part of Children and Tween's Church School (Preschool-5th grade).

If your family is attending the 8:45 a.m. service on September 11, after Children's Time, Lindsay Harren-Lewis will invite children and their parents to the Atrium where a teacher from each class will be waiting to guide you to the appropriate classroom. (Please note that there is no Wee Worship at the 8:45 a.m. service as children will be invited to the nursery or Church School). The same routine will be in place on subsequent Sundays, however, parents do not need to leave worship with their children if their children are comfortable meeting their teacher in the Atrium. If it would be more helpful to accompany your child to his or her classroom on a weekly basis, we would encourage you to do so.



Below is a listing of our Church School Spiritual Formation Leaders and the classrooms they will be in this year:

<i>Preschool (3 year olds)</i>	<i>Room 111</i>	Lydia Day, Jake & Amy Kimball, Ellen Pelzel
<i>Pre-Kindergarten</i>		
<i>(Four and Five Year olds)</i>	<i>Room 113</i>	Maryann Cort, Lauren Daniel, Amy Hendricks, Karen Richards
<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Room 216</i>	Mike Anderson, Eric Bowman, Alan & Jami Cooper, Maureen Fleischmann
<i>First Grade</i>	<i>Room 213</i>	Donna Henry, Kathy Spencer, Suzanne & Rob Wertz
<i>Second Grade</i>	<i>Room 215</i>	Sandy Cahill, Amanda Holbrook, Michael Schiffert
<i>Third Grade</i>	<i>Room 211</i>	Ron Clever, Sherry Hartman, Bob Keller, Liane Meli
<i>Fourth Grade</i>	<i>Room 212</i>	Sharon Schrantz, Nate Thompson, Aaron Wilcoxson
<i>Fifth Grade</i>	<i>Room 214</i>	Rob Hendricks, Rich Newbegin, Katie Trevino, Jennifer Wilson

If you have any questions please contact Lindsay Harren-Lewis or Noha Khoury. We look forward to seeing you soon!

LAST CHANCE!

If you loaned any items for Vacation Bible School this summer, this is your last chance to pick them up! They are located under the counters on the north wall of the kitchen. If unclaimed, they will be removed by August 31. Thank you so much for your contributions - we want to make sure they get back to you!

NORTHEAST MEN'S RETREAT**AT LAKE CHAMPION**

SEPTEMBER 30- OCTOBER 2, 2011

Once again, several hundred men from PA, NJ, NY, and DE will gather at Lake Champion (Glen Spey, NY) for the annual NEMR. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday night (7:30 p.m.) and ends at noon on Sunday. There is an early arrival option for those who want to play golf on Friday or take advantage of the facilities at the camp. There is plenty of time for recreation and relaxation over the course of the weekend with a 40' high ropes course; 800' zip line; an Alpine Swing; basketball; beach volleyball; boating; fishing (no license required); ping-pong; pool; foosball; Frisbee Golf; horseshoes; wall climbing; and hot tub. The speaker for this year's retreat is Dr. Tony Campolo. Tony is a dynamic communicator and will inspire and challenge your faith life. All men (members and friends) of FPCA are encouraged to attend! If you have a son who is 16+, they are welcome to attend as well. To sign up, please email Tony Sundermeier at tony.sundermeier@fpcallentown.org so he can send you a registration brochure.

CAR POOLING WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Cost

Friday Night Arrival: \$140.00

Thursday Night Arrival: \$175.00

Golf Outing: \$50.00

FPCA IS AWARDED A TEMPLETON FOUNDATION SCIENCE IN CONGREGATIONS GRANT!

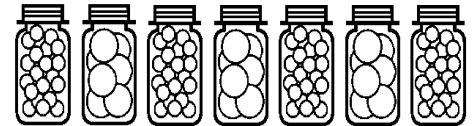
We received word that FPCA has been awarded \$30,000.00 to pursue our proposed project to bridge the gap between science and theology. A full description of the project can be found on the church web site. Go to the home page, find "Featured Announcements" and click on [read more](#) at the "Science and Congregations Grant" listing.

ANNOUNCING THE 6TH STREET SHELTER EXPANSION PROJECT

At the June 2011 meeting, the Session voted unanimously to support the expansion of the 6th Street Shelter with a financial gift up to \$100,000 which would be matched by a family from our church \$.25 to the dollar, up to \$25,000. We have formed a committee under the Mission Committee to discern ways to approach raising these funds within the congregation. These funds would come as "extra mile giving" by those individual members and friends of FPCA who feel called to support this vital mission to families in our region.

SHARE YOUR TALENT AND YOUR HARVEST

- If you enjoy sewing, knitting, crocheting or making crafts, your talents are needed! The annual Westminster Bazaar will be held in November to benefit Westminster Village, a Presbyterian Senior Living Community. Items may be all the same or different. A goal of 6-10 items, especially priced under \$10.00, would be fantastic! Summertime is a great time to work on your projects. You will be helping others as you create your treasures while sitting and enjoying the beautiful summer days.
- Is your kitchen overflowing with the delightful scent of fresh fruit waiting to be canned? If you make jams, jellies or other gourmet goodies, please keep a few jars for the bazaar. Your harvest will make a delicious treat and help support Westminster Village, too!
- If you have any questions or want to discuss what you might contribute, contact Sandy Meenen: 610-366-1315 or smeenen@ptd.net.



STEPHEN MINISTERS: A CONSTANT SOURCE OF HELP FOR YOU OR FOR OTHERS



The second phase of Stephen Ministry is well underway here at FPCA. Stephen Ministers have been attending bi-weekly *peer supervision sessions* in addition to continuing education meetings with their Stephen Leaders since late spring. They meet twice a month in small groups to give and receive *peer supervision*, which is necessary to help them provide quality care and grow as caregivers. In supervision, Stephen Ministers talk briefly about their caring relationships and their own feelings about care giving and receiving. Strict rules regarding the confidentiality of each relationship are enforced. Names of care receivers or information that would reveal his or her identity are not permitted.

In a recent article published by Stephen Ministries Inc. entitled "Receptivity to Care," we read: "Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When a person is giving care, he or she is in a position of strength, stability or authority. When a person is receiving care, he or she is acknowledging weakness, insecurity and vulnerability."

As a result, there are countless people today who, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. To ask for help is to admit weakness. To show weakness is to admit inferiority.

But God did not create us to be *independent*. We were created to be *interdependent*. The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contain the words *one another*. These verses include admonitions such as "love one another," "encourage one another," "build up one another," and "pray for one another." What these verses don't say is that we alone are to do these things for other people, but they also tell us that we are to allow other people to love, encourage, build up and pray for us!

Jesus promises, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We can receive this promised rest when we turn to one another for comfort and help.

If you find yourself, a loved one, a friend, now or in the future, facing difficulties in life, take the courageous step of seeking help. Open your heart to receiving God's love and grace through another person. Please contact Kathy Mammele, Referrals Coordinator at 610-395-3781 or KathyMammele@fpcallentown.org, a pastor, Stephen Leader or a Stephen Minister for more information about YOUR Stephen Ministry.

NEW Sunday Morning Schedule Begins 11 September 2011

WORSHIP SERVICES - FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD.

Worship services at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown are the high point of the week in the life of the church. They are opportunities for encounters between God and God's people – the body of Christ. These encounters may be as diverse in language, time, space, and methods as the range of people participating and as the wideness of God's love for the church.

Our worship services are most often the first and most important way that our church becomes known to non-members, visitors, and new members. Many people come to FPC – and come back again and join the congregation – largely because of its vibrant participatory worship, exciting and excellent music, and its warm

greetings at the door. FPC indeed is known as a "singing church" where the sounds of voices, organ, and other instruments feel like heaven on earth.

In the past year, our church has taken a step forward and outward to implement an additional worship opportunity at 10:10 AM on Sunday mornings. God will encounter people of the church in four worship services (two traditional, one alternative, one Arabic) on Sunday mornings, in slightly different languages, times, and places.



MUSIC PROGRAMS - FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD.

Music programs at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown are a major aspect of our worship services, an important part of the spiritual life of our members, and an asset to the community and to our mission in the community. Our church has a fine reputation in the community for its programs and for its facilities for musical performances and replicating the "language of the angels".

Music in various forms (hymns, psalms, songs, instruments, musicians, etc.) is mentioned over 500 times in the Bible. Music has from the earliest times been integral to the worship of God. In our Christian tradition, Martin Luther was prompted one time to say "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise." Music is one way in which we glorify our Creator, making a joyful response to



the incomparable gift of God to us in Jesus Christ. It lifts our spirits and opens our minds and hearts to God's presence. Music is an essential way of hearing the Word of God, and responding to it and proclaiming it.

For these reasons, music at FPC remains an important part of our worship and spiritual growth experience, and as an outreach to the community. Many give of themselves to lead us as we glorify God together:

- > Over 200 people offer their talents and time by participating in one or more of our five vocal choirs.
- > About 50 people participate in one or more of four handbell choirs.
- > Numerous instrumental and vocal soloists and accompanists contribute their talents.
- > Throughout the year, our church facilities are used for musical presentations for the community, including the Allentown Symphony, Bach Choir, Camarata Singers, and numerous other renowned groups.

Music at our church is growing in new and exciting ways. Our church has begun the implementation of a new alternative worship service at 10:10 on Sunday mornings. Last year, our adult, youth, and children's choirs offered a special Christmas concert, and a Lenten cantata was presented in a special service.

Four professional staff members rehearse and conduct groups within our congregation throughout the week, accompany, play and lead us in worship on Sunday mornings, and work closely with the pastors, program and facilities staff. With the support of all these persons, our worship of God is inspiring and complete. We acknowledge and celebrate their work, and offer our time, talents, and treasures to support it, for the *Sake of the Gospel and for the Sake of the World.*

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." – Ephesians 5:18b-20






Let's Make Music ~ Together!

2011 – 2012 Season

Our music program is ready to begin a new season of ministry!
Please join us for excellent music, fine fellowship, and good fun!

Vocal Choirs for Adults and Youth	Vocal Choirs for Children
<p>Chancel Choir ~ For adults, college age and high school youth ~ Sings in the Traditional worship service most Sundays – special seasonal services add variety and challenge to the work of this group. ~ Rehearsals – Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room ~ Beginning September 7th at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cantate Domino ~ A combined ensemble of singers for adults, college age and high school youth. ~ Sings in the 8:45 a.m. Traditional worship service ~ Rehearsals on Sundays, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. are determined according to participation in worship ~ Beginning September 11th at 3:45 p.m. in the Choir Room</p> <p>NEW! Gospel Choir ~ A combined ensemble of singers for adults, college age and high school youth ~ Sings in the 8:45 a.m. Traditional worship service ~ Rehearsals on Sundays 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. are determined according to participation in worship ~ Beginning September 25th at 3:45 p.m. in the Choir Room ~ Introductory Group Session on September 24, 9:00-10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Westminster Choir ~ For children in grades 4 and 5 ~ Sings in worship as scheduled each month ~ Rehearsals – Tuesdays during the Youth Club Program from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. ~ Look for registration for Youth Club</p> <p>Choristers ~ For children in grades 1 through 3 ~ Sings in worship approximately once a month ~ Rehearsals – Tuesdays during the Youth Club Program from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. ~ Look for registration for Youth Club</p> <p>For information about these choirs, please contact Gloria Snyder at 610-395-3781 Ext. 21</p> 
<p>Youth Choir ~ For young people in grades 6 through 12 ~ Sings in the 10:30 a.m. Traditional worship service, plus other special occasions. ~ Rehearsals are Sunday evenings, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room ~ Beginning Sunday, September 11 at 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>For information about these choirs, please contact Laura Rabenold at 610-395-3781 Ext. 17 Laura.rabenold@fpcallentown.org</p>	<p>Alternative Worship 10:10 Band Fellowship Hall</p> <p>~ NEW! Plays in the 10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship Service plus other special occasions ~ For Adults and High School Age Youth ~ Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall ~ Rehearsals begin August 18</p> <p>For information or to schedule an audition, please contact Adam Tavolaro at 610-395-3781 Ext.23 Adam.tavolaro@fpcallentown.org</p>



Let's Make Handbell Music ~ Together!

2011 – 2012 Handbell Choir Season

Our handbell program includes 4 choirs – ranging from elementary age to adults...Surely there's a place for you!

<p style="text-align: center;">Adult Handbell Choir</p> <p>~ For adults with music-reading skills ~ Appears occasionally in worship and also honors off-site requests ~ Rehearsals – Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Chancel ~ Beginning September 15th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Handbell Choir</p> <p>~ For young people in grades 6 through 12 ~ Appears occasionally in worship and also honors off-site requests ~ Rehearsals – Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. ~ Beginning September 15th</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Belles</p> <p>~ For adults ~ Makes area service-oriented appearances in retirement homes and for community organizations ~ Rehearsals – Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Chancel ~ Beginning September 21st</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Junior Bell Choir</p> <p>~ For children in grades 4 and 5 ~ A training choir that develops musical and bell ringing skills ~ Appears occasionally in worship ~ Rehearsals – Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Chancel ~ Beginning September 22nd</p>

For information about the Handbell Choirs, please contact:
 Gloria Snyder 610-395-3781, Ext. 21, Gloria.snyder@fpcallentown.org

NEW GOSPEL CHOIR IN THE FALL

- Open to High School through Adult ages.
- Will rehearse two Sundays per month from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. beginning in September.
- This choir will be singing at the 8:45 a.m. Traditional worship service once a month.

If interested or for more information, please contact Laura Rabenold at 610-395-3781, Ext. 17 or email at laura.rabenold@fpcallentown.org, OR place this SIGN-UP SHEET in the Offering Plate or return it to the Church office.



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- I am interested in joining the NEW GOSPEL CHOIR beginning in September.
- I would like some more information about the NEW GOSPEL CHOIR; please call or email me.
- I would like to sing in the NEW GOSPEL CHOIR, but would be interested in an introductory group session in reading choral music before I try it.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

VOICE PART: SOPRANO ALTO TENOR BASS

We are grateful to the following individuals who shared their God given gifts and talents in helping to lead our Summer Spiritual Formation Ministry this year.

SUMMER ON THE LAWN

Nick Antonelli *
Jen Boyer
Sandy Cahill
Jo-Ann Campbell
Stacy Daniels
Kathleen Dent
Mike Drake *
Stephen Emick *
Anne Ferrara
Nick Ferrara *
John Franke *
Joel Haddad *
Lindsay Harren-Lewis*

Amy Hendricks
Rob Hendricks
Nancy Hoffman
Amanda Holbrook
Noha Khoury *
Dave Long
Allyssa Miller *
Shannan Ott
Chris Palmer
Deb Palmer
Ellen Pelzel
Laura Rabenold *
Maggie Smith *
Jen Staib
Katie Sundermeier
Tony Sundermeier *
Frank Toto
Jess Toto
Joe Toto
Suzanne Toto
Adam Tavoraro *

SUNDAY MORNING

NURSERY

Susie Brooks
Jo-Ann Campbell
Brittney Daniels
Lishey Dent
Allison Emick
Emily Emick
LuAnn Epstein
Anna Galante *
Breanna Galante *
Lindsay Harren-Lewis *
Lisa Kelly
Molly Kidd *
Jenna Klicker *
Mary Newbegin
Chris Palmer

WEE WORSHIP

Jen Boyer, *Coordinator*

Matt Daniels
Stacy Daniels
David Day
Lydia Day
Mary Dent
Allison Emick
Lindsay Harren-Lewis *
Kevin Heier
Rhonda Heier
Bob Keller
Lisa Keller
Lisa Kelly
Mark Kelly
Allyson Long
Heidi Muller-Zuzzolo
John Pearce
Ellen Pelzel
Jen Steirer
Scott Steirer
Katie Sundermeier
Frank Toto
Jess Toto
Joe Toto
Suzanne Toto
Anne Tucker
Bob Tucker

VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL

Suzanne Toto, *Director*
Nick Antonelli *
Kathleen Ascani
Julie Bolton
Carolyn Boulay
Lauren Boulay
Jen Boyer
Libby Cutler
Brittney Daniel
Lauren Daniel
Stacy Daniels
Lydia Day
Kathleen Dent
Mary Dent
Emily Emick
Mina Fan
Mark Ferrara
Nick Ferrara *
John Ford
Vita Freund
Anna Galante *
Breanna Galante *
Gabiella Galante
Emily Gonzalez
Brenda Greenawald
Lindsay Harren-Lewis *
Danielle Hartman

Rhonda Heier
Lisa Heineman
Amanda Holbrook
Cassandra Jensen
Lauren Jones
Laurel Kearney
Noha Khoury *
Molly Kidd *
Jenna Klicker *
Marlene Merz
Heidi Muller-Zuzzolo
Chris Palmer
John Pearce
Lucy Pidcock
Evan Quinter
Marisol Richards
Tara Rollo
Brandon Rush
Emilie Rush
Shirley Scarantino
Jen Staib
Katie Stinebaugh
Katie Sundermeier
Tony Sundermeier*
Alexis Thiel
Nate Thompson
Jess Toto
Joe Toto
Helen Underwood
Suzanne Wertz
Sophia Wertz
Amy Yeager

STORY TIME WITH

MS. LINDSAY

Lindsay Harren-Lewis *

TWEEN NIGHTS

Stephen Emick *
Bryan Groff
Noha Khoury *

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MISSION MORNINGS

Halah Khoury,
Coordinator
Nick Antonelli *
Anne Ferrara
Nick Ferrara *
Joel Haddad
Noha Khoury *
Dave Long
Shannan Ott

MIDDLE SCHOOL

WORKCAMP

Nick Antonelli *

Stephen Emick *
Nick Ferrara *
Bryan Groff
Noha Khoury *
Shannan Ott
Juli Schneck

MIDDLE SCHOOL

LOCK-OUT

Nick Antonelli *
Nick Ferrara *
Noha Khoury *
Bryan Groff
Shannan Ott
Juli Schneck
Tracey Steele

HIGH SCHOOL &

ADULT WORKCAMP

Pete Dent
Stephen Emick *
Karen Ensley
Ricky Ensley
Bryan Groff
Joel Haddad *
Dianne Kareha
Tracy Kohl
Dave Long
Allyssa Miller *
Shannan Ott
Kathy Schmied
Maggie Smith *

HIGH SCHOOL

MISSION MORNINGS

Halah Khoury,
Coordinator
Ricky Ensley
Nick Ferrara *
Joel Haddad *
Gwen Loomis
Dave Long
Allyssa Miller *
Millie Miller
Shannan Ott
Maggie Smith *
Becky Tacca

HIGH SCHOOL

BEACH RETREAT

Pete Dent
Nick Ferrara *
Riaan Grobler
Bryan Groff
Jill Kearney
Joel Haddad *
Allyssa Miller *

Sam Moussa
Shannan Ott

YOUTH DUTCH

SPRINGS TRIP

Kathleen Dent
Anne Ferrara
Nick Ferrara *
Christine Guenther
Joel Haddad *
Allyssa Miller *
George Nichols
Maggie Smith *
Becky Tacca

YOUTH CAR WASH

ADULT HELPERS

Gloria Hasel,
Coordinator
Nick Antonelli *
Anne Ferrara
Nick Ferrara *
Bryan Groff
Joel Haddad *
Noha Khoury *
Dave Long
Allyssa Miller *
Shannan Ott
Sam Moussa
Maggie Smith *

YOUNG ADULT

RETREAT TO THE SEA

Bryan Groff
Allyssa Miller *

THOUGHTFUL

CHRISTIAN CLASS

Bill Boyle
Jack Treadway

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

GROUP

Tony Sundermeier*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mike Loomis

THURSDAY BIBLE

STUDY

Curtis Fouts
Darlis Fouts

SATURDAY MEN'S

GROUP

Mike Loomis

* church staff member

ADULTS

**The Thoughtful Christian
Men's Discipleship Group
Men's Bible Study
Thursday Bible Study
Men's Breakfast Fellowship**

Sunday, August 28, 9:45 -10:30am, Room 115
Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8:00 am, Room 115
Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, Witherspoon Room
Thursdays, 7:00 pm, Room 124
Every other Saturday, 7:30- 9:00 am, Witherspoon Room

YOUTH MINISTRY**SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH CHOIR KICK-OFF!**

All rising 6th-12th graders interested in participating in Youth Choir for the 2011-2012 school year are strongly encouraged to attend the Youth Choir Kick-Off for a time of lunch, fun activities, rehearsal, choir orientation, robe and music assignments, and more! The Kick-Off event will be on Sunday, August 28 from 12:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Laura Rabenold (Ext. 17; laura.rabenold@fpcallentown.org).

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

It's that time of year and many of you are saying bitter-sweet goodbyes for now as your daughters and sons venture off to college! Make sure they stay connected with us through our College Connection Newsletter, by sending us your student's name, university/college information and email to Caley Oels (Caley.Oels@fpcallentown.org). We'll also send them other fun things like care packages, fun letters and updates about church events!

PICK UP YOUR YOUTH SPIRIT CARDS

Stop by Lemonade in the Shade on the church's Front Lawn, from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. each Sunday until September 4. Find many gift card choices to purchase, from Giant and Weis/King grocery stores, Barnes & Noble, Kohl's and Macy's. Why should you consider picking up some of these useful cards? Because when you do, you get the full dollar value you pay for the Youth Spirit Card and someone receives a thoughtful gift card for something they will appreciate. The profit from the sale of these cards benefits our Summer Youth Ministry Program and a local agency who receives a donation of a tithe (10%) of the profit from our youth.

A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR INCOMING 6TH GRADERS

All rising 6th graders and their parents are invited to join us for *Quest 2018* and the *2011-2012 Youth Choir Kick-Off Event* taking place Sunday, August 28, 2011 from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. These events will work in conjunction with each other to welcome and orient youth and their families into Youth Ministry. *Quest 2018* will begin with rising 6th graders, parents and adult leaders in Room 115 at 11:30 a.m. By the time 12:30 p.m. rolls around, you will know what you need to know about Youth Ministry. At 12:30 p.m., we move right into the *Youth Choir Kick-Off Event!* Parents will leave while the 6th graders join Laura Rabenold and the Youth Choir for lunch, fellowship, information and singing. If you know you would like to be a member of the Youth Choir already - great! If you aren't sure or hadn't considered it, then come to the Kick-off Event to help you make that decision. All we need to know is who will be joining us on August 28th and a t-shirt size for each participating 6th grader. Please RSVP to Caley Oels at the church office: 610.395.3781, Ext. 11 or caley.oels@fpcallentown.org. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Noha Khoury, Director of Middle School and Tween Ministry: 610.395.3781 Ext. 43 or noha.khoury@fpcallentown.org.

**QUEST 2018**



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 Lehigh Valley Hospital (1-78):* Jane Beitel (#19), *At St. Luke's Allentown:* Kay Louise Cannon (#24); *At Phoebe Rehab:* Marilyn Bingham (#2).

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: MiMi and JeseThlenga (#13), Chuck Meetsma (#19).

BAPTIZED IN THE COVENANT: Anna Katherine, born September 27, 2010 to Jennifer (Cahill) and Frank Palaia; Bella Rose, born February 16, 2011 to Sara (Atiyeh) and Christopher Lakatosh; Macie Brooke, born May 11, 2011 to Tara (Kessler) and David Roseman; Ainslee Gabrielle, born March 26, 2011 to Megan (Toselli) and Brian Foote.

BIRTH: Congratulations to Mary Ann Sieger (#17) and Charlotte Fetterman (#40) on the birth of Brody Wieder, grandson of Mary Ann and great grandson of Charlotte on August 8. Parents are Christie (Sieger) & Matt Wieder; MiMi, Moses and JenesThlenga (#13) on the birth of Jese, son of MiMi and Moses, brother of Jenes on August 11.

SYMPATHY OF THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION TO: Niels and Enid Nielson (#32) on the death of Winifred C. Nielson, mother of Niels on August 9.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: Dorothy Jane Gardner on December 31, 2010; Arlene Shurts (#24) on August 14.

STAFF PRAYER LIST

On August 30, 2011 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a **PORTION** of Parish #24. Coordinator is Sue Parker.

Ronya and Castor Ayala; Ron and Gladys Barclay; Genise, John, Corey, Allie, Andrew and Lea Bishop; Mary Ann Bungerz; Kay Cannon; Larry and Sherry Deal; Bill and Jane Derby; Cyril and Betsy Doherty; Mary and Vita Freund; Diane Giagola.

On September 6, 2011 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a **PORTION** of Parish #24. Coordinator is Coordinator is Sue Parker.

Joyce and Rick Gobrecht; Don and Carolyn Gordon; Phyllis Graham; Matt and Arlene Gutman; Dave, Susan and John Haight; Peg Haines; Terry and Rosemary Hardy; Brendan, Jessica, Katherine and Daniel Harries; Bill and June Hayes; Kevin, Rhonda, Lena and Brett Heier.

Sunday, August 28

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:45 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade
 10:00 a.m. Arabic Language Worship
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 11:30 a.m. Quest 2018
 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Kick-off

Monday, August 29

6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Serenity
 (Al-Anon)
 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 30

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 31

All Day 2011-2012 Confirmation Class
 Initial Conference
 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
 4:00 p.m. Mission Committee
 7:00 p.m. DBSA
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 1

11:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
 5:00 p.m. 10:10 Band Set-up & Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
 Caron Parent Support
 Stewardship Committee Meeting
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, September 3

7:30 a.m. Saturday Men's Group

Sunday, September 4**Communion Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:45 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade
 10:00 a.m. Arabic Language Worship
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday, September 5**Labor Day - Building & Offices Closed****Tuesday, September 6**

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together
 Youth Ministry Yoga Class
 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band
 6:30 p.m. DBSA Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Committee
 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together

Wednesday, September 7

6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
 9:00 a.m. Sewing & Quilting
 Weekday Preschool
 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
 4:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team
 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
 6:30 p.m. Daisy G.S. Troup #6027
 Brownie G.S. Troop #6232
 7:00 p.m. DBSA
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
 11:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
 5:00 p.m. 10:10 Band Set-up & Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Daisy #6051
 7:00 p.m. Multicultural Task Force
 Al-Anon
 Caron Parent Support
 Boy Scout Troop #107
 Family to Family
 Communications Committee
 Stephen Ministry
 7:30 p.m. Local Mission Team
 Mission Committee
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, September 9

8:30 a.m. Advocacy Alliance
 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Bridge Group
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Vigil for Peace

Saturday, September 10

10:00 a.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry Group

Sunday, September 11**Baptism Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:00 a.m. Church School (All Ages)
 10:00 a.m. Arabic Language Worship
 10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship
 Second Hour Adult Class
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 4:00 p.m. Cantate Domino
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Middle and High School
 Fellowships

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

August 28, 2011

8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services

Rev. Tony Sundermeier

Sermon: *"Follow Me"*

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28

Music: Frank Anonia,
baritone

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

September 4, 2011

Communion Sunday

8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services

Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis

Sermon: *"I.O.U."*

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20
Romans 13: 8-14

Music: Michael Bodnyk,
tenor

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Ushers – August 28:

8:45 a.m. - *Joe Cavote, Captain*; Claude Arnold, Jeanne & Kenneth Baab, Chris & Dave Bockstanz, Jessica Bowman, Audree & Bud Chase, Barbara Christman, Cyril Doherty, Chris Laevey, LaMay Lambert, Gary Mantz, Joe Schmidt., Mike & Wanda Smith.

10:30 a.m. - *Linda Clemens, Captain*; Bruce Ahlum, Sharon Alexander, Kevin & Chris Boucher, Larry Clemens, Loretta Johnson, Bob Klein, Mike Lentz, Josh & Nathan Luey, Salma Moussa, Katie Santo, Jeanne Stone.

Ushers – September 4:

8:45 a.m. - *Randy Schneider, Captain*; Mary Ellen Bacon, Lily & Lydia Day, Bev & Dave Dries, Sharon Hardenberg, Janet Imdorf, Marilyn, Rick, Daniel & Mark Leiby, Enid & Niels Nielson, Karen & Scott Richards, Reneé Saleh, Emily Schneider.

10:30 a.m. - *Jim Guill, Captain*; Cheryl & Michael Bleiler, Jo-Ann & Lu Campbell, LuAnn Epstein, June Gordon, Linda Henry, Michael Kimock, Sally Kinchley, Nancy Orr, Bill & Judy Richards, Gary, Jimmy & Sharon Schrantz.

Office Volunteers

August 28: Emily Schneider (8:00); Carol Miller (10:00)

September 4: JoAnn Campbell (8:00); *Volunteer Needed* (10:00)

Dial-A-Ride Volunteers

August 28: Ruth Marcon

September 4: *Volunteer Drivers Needed*

Audio Room Volunteers

August 28: Jim Henry (8:45); Bruce Miller (10:30)

September 4: Mark Monahan (8:45); Tim Fritz (10:30)