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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

SAYING ONE THING, DOING ANOTHER

As I write this just a few days before Christmas, two phrases are in my mind: “Old habits die hard” and “Do as I say, not as I do!” Throughout the Advent season, we placed a strong emphasis on the themes of the Advent Conspiracy – worship fully, spend less, give more and love all. I embraced them, I promoted them, I preached on two of them. I encouraged Alternative Gift Giving. But...I have just returned from standing in the middle of a local department store, wondering what I could get for someone on my list who, when it comes to the necessities of life, essentially has everything. BIG oops!

Yes, I’m guilty as charged. I said one thing; I did another. Fell right back into the habits which have become so second-nature to me over the years (But I had a coupon!!!). My disappointment in myself was at least tempered by the fact that I became aware of what I was doing before whipping out the credit card for a “gift for gift’s sake,” which did little to honor my relationship with the intended recipient in a sincere way.

Clearly, it’s going to take a while to start living in a new way when it comes to gift-giving. In time, I hope to get there. But I think this is also an indicator of the greater challenge which is mine as Jesus’ disciple in the 21st century, and perhaps yours too. And that is the challenge of trying to live in a whole new way altogether, the way I was called to live when I first said “I believe.”

For many, the reason they have dismissed faith and the church in general as increasingly irrelevant in recent decades is the perception that Christians on the whole talk the talk, but walking the walk is not always so obvious. I don’t totally agree, as I recall things like the Civil Rights movement and the breaking of Apartheid, watershed moments in the life of our nation and world in which the church played pivotal roles. But in terms of the day to

day activities of life, I see their point. I get it. The shoe *does* fit.

To look at my own life is to observe that, while hopefully some of the things I have done in the name of Jesus have been good and faithful, in large part they have also been those things which are generally *safe and acceptable*. I have not always been willing to rock the boat or speak out when it was important to do so, if it meant that what was right may also offend. The risks great and small which I have been called to take for the Gospel, risks like Jesus took, have not always found their way into my repertoire at the most fundamental level. There are days when it would be hard to pick me out in a crowd as one whose commitment reflects a set of values different from the status quo.

So for me, the awareness that I *need* to choose Roosevelt School children over a necktie has become really important; that I need to choose to fund a well in Malawi as my gift to a friend – without worrying about what they or others will think – has become a critical juncture of faithfulness. Small steps though they are, they are steps in the right direction, steps which can hopefully allow me to be a stronger voice for the justice and love of Jesus in broader and more concrete ways in the days ahead. Not just in Advent, but always. The Advent Conspiracy is simply a launching pad to get me to live on a daily basis a life which is ever more obviously Christian, in both great and small ways. It had its desired effect. Now I face the hard part: beginning a new year consistently trying to make that as much a part of who I am as taking a breath.

Perhaps that’s a challenge that rings true for you, too. May the power of God’s Spirit be with us all as we strive to live distinctive lives of discipleship.

Faithfully, Mike Drake

“FOOD ON THE FIRST “ DRIVE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1



The next “Food on the First” item will be peanut butter. The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank is the recipient of your generous donations and is very grateful for this continued support.

The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank (AAEFB) provides groceries to an average of 40-50 families or individuals per day. They need your continued support in food and monetary donations. Your financial donations can be made out to the church and the subject line designated for AAEFB or you can donate directly to AAEFB at 534 Chew Street Allentown, PA 18102. As always, there are baskets around the church to collect your food donations. They are collected every Sunday and delivered every Monday morning to the food bank.

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."

Isaiah 58:10

CHURCH DIRECTORY TO BE AVAILABLE

The pictorial directory has been printed and copies are coming! Members can pick up one copy per family at tables in the narthex and in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall following traditional and alternative worship services on January 8 and 15. Copies will also be available during the week in the church office starting on January 9.



WELCOME OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUNGER CHILDREN MINISTRY

The Staff Committee of Session is happy to announce that our own Pam Weiss will serve on the church staff on a part-time basis as our Interim Director of Family and Younger Children's Ministry during Lindsay Harren-Lewis' maternity leave. Pam will begin her service on January 3 and will work 20 hours per week providing support to the key responsibilities that Lindsay provides. Some of Lindsay's responsibilities will be covered by Noha Khoury, Director of Tween and Middle School Ministry and Stephen Emick, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation. Lindsay's due date is January ?? and she will be out on maternity leave until the first week of April. During that time you can contact Pam Weiss at the church office with questions or needs for Children's Ministry. Pam's email address will be pam.weiss@fpcallentown.org.



In the spirit of welcoming in the New Year, please consider attending the following services at FPCA.

DECEMBER 31, 2011 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00 p.m. Service of Healing, Renewal and the Lord's Supper. Greg Palmer leading - Chapel. *Child care available.*

JANUARY 1, 2012 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship Service
Stephen Emick preaching
10:10 Band – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
Stephen Emick preaching
Karen Cocca, soprano - Sanctuary
Child care will be offered for both services.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children through kindergarten can now be taken to the nursery after Children's Time at the 10:10 and 10:30 a.m. worship services if they are unable to sit through the entire service. We will make sure that there are enough staff and volunteers in the nursery to care for these children.

NEW CHILD CARE STAFF

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our child care staff! Rachel Folger and Barbara Young joined our team this December and will be working in the nursery on Sunday mornings as well as for other special events. We are also pleased that Anna Galante has moved into the position of Child Care Coordinator. She will be responsible for scheduling staff and volunteers in the nursery, as well as maintaining the safe and welcoming atmosphere. We are excited for the growth we have experienced in the nursery and the new staff who will help us to care for the youngest among us. If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery, please contact Anna at anna.galante@fpcallentown.org.

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PRESBY PERK

Unfortunately, the old adage that you cannot be in two places at the same time remains true. I am excited to join the FPCA staff as the Interim Director of Family and Younger Children's Ministry for the next few months, but this will require that my time and energy on Sunday mornings be focused with our children. I will not be available to facilitate our Presby Perk gatherings, which are scheduled for the same time slot as Children's Church School. Therefore, Presby Perk will take a hiatus for the 2012 spring semester. During this pause in our meeting schedule, I invite you to take advantage of other Spiritual Formation opportunities on Sunday mornings as well as throughout the week. If you have any questions or just want to chat (one of those "ough questions" comes to light for you), please feel free to contact me in the church office. *Pam Weiss*

LETTER FROM AMY GALETZKA, OUR PCUSA MISSIONARY FOR BURMA

November 4, 2011

Dearest Friends at First Presbyterian Church, Allentown:

Thank you so much for your generous support during 2011. I'm so blessed to be a partner with you and wanted to acknowledge each of your gifts of support this past year. The funds have helped me to pay for expenses here in Thailand as I work with a great team to bring help, hope and love to people who are suffering in Burma. If you ever want more details of what a 'typical' day looks like, let me know! There is not much routine, but that means things are never boring.

This has been an amazing year of growth and preparation. I am sure there are many other words to describe this year, but those are the ones that spring to mind as I reflect on how God has been working in my life. I'm thankful for God's ways of showing me how to get to a place of love and consistency, step by step, with Him. Challenges and less challenging times alike have been full of joy.

The list of gifts in my life is too long to list here, but a wonderful husband, a loving family, amazing coworkers and supporters, great friends, enough food, a roof over my head and much more in abundance are a start to the list.

Here is one of your gifts to me (through September 2011) - February 11: \$5,000. Thank you!!!

With much love and many thanks,
Amy

**YOUTH MINISTRY****YOUTH SKIING, SNOWBOARDING AND SNOWTUBING TRIP**

Join us on the slopes on January 21, 2012! All 6th-12th graders should pick up the Skiing, Snowboarding and Snowtubing Trip brochure with prices and packages. Brochures are available in Church School classrooms, the church kiosks and at every Youth Ministry event. Confidential financial assistance is available. The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, January 8, 2012. Any adult interested in joining us on this trip, should speak with Allyssa Miller (Ext. 40) or Noha Khoury (Ext. 43). All adults must be Safe Sanctuaries trained and approved drivers.

**TWEEN BOWLING PARTY**

As part of our "First Friday for Tweens," all 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us for a night of bowling on Friday, January 6. We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. at AMF Parkway Lanes located at 1630 South 12th Street in Allentown. Flyers with all the details are available in the kiosks and welcome centers around the church. Please contact Noha Khoury if you have any questions: 610-395-3781, Ext. 43; noha.khoury@fpcallentown.org.

YOUTH SPIRIT CARDS TO START OFF THE NEW YEAR

Pick up your Youth Spirit Cards between 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. in the hallway outside the Church Library on Sunday mornings. The cards will not be sold on New Year's Day.

MUSIC MINISTRY**START THE NEW YEAR BY JOINING A CHOIR!**

If you love to sing, now would be the perfect time to join one of our choirs as we begin a new season of rehearsals. The Gospel Choir and Cantate Domino rehearse two Sundays a month at 4:00 p.m. and sing once a month. The Youth Choir rehearses most Sundays at 5:00 p.m. before Youth Fellowship. The Chancel Choir rehearses most Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and sings about three Sundays a month in worship. For more information or to join a choir, contact Laura Rabenold at 610-395-3781, Ext. 17, or at laura.rabenold@fpcallentown.org.

**THANK YOU FOR THE FREE-WILL OFFERING TO EL SISTEMA OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY**

At our Christmas Joy Celebration on December 11, our church family and friends gave \$2,220 as a free-will offering to the El Sistema program of the Lehigh Valley. This program offers musical and academic instruction to elementary students at Roosevelt School in the Allentown School District. Thank you so much for this most generous gift to a very worthwhile program.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS FOR ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

Read the thank you notes from the kindergarten and first graders on the bulletin board near the atrium and kitchen for the 207 hats we delivered. This year, due to scheduling problems both with us and at Roosevelt, we did not distribute the hats as we did other years. This year the staff at Roosevelt had the fun of doing that! Thank YOU for all the work you did to make this a “warm” greeting of caring to the students.

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

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 and today are trained in sound theological principles with contemporary psychology to help those in our Christian community enduring tough times such as grief, depression, loneliness, losses related to aging, divorce, economic issues...to name a few. The title of this article articulates the Vision for the Stephen Ministry effort.



After completing a rigorous 50-hour training course taught by FPCA Stephen Leaders, our Stephen Ministers began *strictly confidential, distinctively Christian* care relationships with several members of the congregation and the broader Allentown community. They are routinely matched with those in the area who are hurting in some way and in need of help. Since June, skill levels have continued to grow as FPCA’s Stephen Ministers attend continuing education classes and *confidential*, bi-weekly peer supervision group meetings.

Your Stephen Ministry is now entering into the second year here at FPCA with the words of Kenneth Haugk, Founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries St. Louis, ringing in our ears and hearts when he said eighteen months ago---“Jesus has called you to this ministry, just as surely as if you were standing by the shores of Lake Galilee and hearing Him say, ‘*Follow me.*’ The Lord has opened your hearts to the needs of suffering people. Reach out to them in this ministry of compassion.”

The beauty of this ministry was well-captured in a poem written by, Dorrie, a Stephen Minister who describes what this service truly means to her and those needing this Christian care. Dorrie is also the aunt of one of our very own Stephen Ministers. Please read her heartfelt words printed to the right.

LOOKING FOR GOD

I WAS LOOKING FOR GOD IN ALL THE GOD PLACES,
IN THE BIBLE AND STORIES IT WOULD TELL,
IN THE CHURCH WHERE ORGANS AND CHOIRS PLAYED
AND SANG THE MUSIC OF THE SOUL.
IN THE WORDS OF THE PREACHER,
IN THE EYES OF THE TEACHER.

I WAS LOOKING FOR GOD IN THE ORDINARY GOD PLACES,
BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW I WAS THERE.
I NEVER GAVE A THOUGHT THAT HE
COULD SOMEHOW BE LOOKING FOR ME.

I STARTED TO TAKE A CLASS HERE AND THERE
THE KIND THAT TEACHES A LAYMAN TO CARE.
STEPHEN MINISTRY WAS THE NAME OF ONE
AND I REALIZED GOD'S SEARCH FOR ME HAD
BEGUN.

HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO KNEW
HOW TO LISTEN.
NOT ONLY TO LISTEN, BUT REALLY TO HEAR.
HE WAS LOOKING FOR ME TO BE GENTLE AND
CARING,
TO QUIETLY, CALMLY HELP EASE SOMEONE'S
FEAR.

HE WAS LOOKING FOR ME, NOT ONLY TO CARE.
HE WAS LOOKING FOR ME TO OPENLY SHARE
THE PAIN OF MY PAST, THE SORROW AND GRIEF
TO LET OTHERS KNOW HOW GOD GIVES RELIEF.

AS A NEW STEPHEN MINISTER, I WENT ONE ON
ONE
TO THE HOMES OF THE HURTING, WEARY, ALONE.
I LOOKED IN THE EYES OF EACH ONE I MET,
AND LISTENED TO STORIES I'LL NEVER FORGET.

I SAW THAT THEY, TOO, WERE LOOKING FOR GOD
AS I'D HUG THEM BEFORE I'D DEPART.
FOR DEEP DOWN INSIDE, I ALWAYS KNEW
THAT GOD COULD BE FOUND IN MY HEART.



If you, a loved one, a relative, a neighbor, or anyone you know in the congregation or the broader Lehigh Valley community is hurting in some way and in need of Christian love and caring, please contact Kathy Mammele, Director of Pastoral Care, at 610-395-3781, Ext. 39, Kathy.Mammele@fpcallentown.org or a pastor, Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister.



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):* Al Saleh (#24), Viola Allerton (#21), William Barber, Marilyn Snyder (#13), Lois Saul, (#8); *At Lehigh Valley Hospital (17th St.):* Barbara Johnson (#18); *At Phoebe Rehab:* Claire Brown (#6), Dorothy Kintzel (#19).

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, kathy.mammele@fpcallentown.org.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL: William Durant (#31), William Hayes (#24), Burt Johnson (#18), Mark Kopenhaver (#3), George Landes (#22), Alice Madden (#2), Anne Miller (#19), John Wetzel (#11).

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Arlene and Jack Meinhart (#23) on the marriage of their son, Jeffrey Ziegler to Katrina Sipes on December 17.

SYMPATHY OF THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION TO: Julia Holman (#18) and Julie and Andy Hrycko (#27) on the death of Barbara Cross, sister of Julia and aunt of Julie on December 15; Neal and Judi Kramer and their family on the death of Neal's mother, Ethel Kramer, on December 23; Sharon, Larry, Stephen, Gary and James Schrantz (#25) and John Hillard on the death of Alma Costantino, mother of Sharon, grandmother of Stephen, Gary, James and John on December 24.

STAFF PRAYER LIST

On January 3, 2012 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a PORTION of Parish #29.

Sam, Roweida, Dan and Michael Azar; Lydia Panas, Edwin, Lukas, Anastassia and Liam Baldrige; Steve, Eileen, George and Maria Haddad; Amy, Jake, Jaxon and Jamie Kimball; Michael and Wendy Kimock; Renee and Lauren Mantz; Bill Stout, Jr.; Jack and Bonnie Treadway; Bruce and Crystal Weidman.

On January 10, 2012 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a PORTION of Parish #30.

Hank and Betty Brandt; Amanda and Sebastian Holbrook; Nancy and Bill Holbrook; Benjamin Johnson; Nancy Johnson; Jennifer Lynn and Alex Hieter; Betty Parry; Gail Parry; Ruth and Arthur Silva.

Sunday, January 1, 2012**New Year's Day****Communion Sunday**

10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, January 2**New Year's Holiday****Building & Offices Closed****Tuesday, January 3**

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
9:15 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff
10:15 a.m. Ministry Staff Gathering
12:00 p.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry
7:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Committee

Wednesday, January 4

6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
Sewing & Quilting
10:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
2:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting &
Calendar Review
6:30 p.m. Daisy G.S. Troop #6027
Brownie Troop #6232
7:00 p.m. DBSA
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible
Study

Thursday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
5:00 p.m. 10:10 Band Setup &
Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. ESL Classes
6:30 p.m. Brownie G.S. Troop #6214
7:00 p.m. Caron Parent Support
Al-Anon
Alateen Meeting
7:30 p.m. Mission Committee
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
6:30 p.m. Tween Ministry
7:00 p.m. Arabic Women's Bible
Study

Saturday, January 7

7:30 a.m. Saturday Men's Group
12:00 p.m. First Impressions Training
8:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Leader
Training

Sunday, January 8**Baptism Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Alternative Worship
9:00 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Arabic Worship
10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship
Second Hour Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Arabic Fellowship Time
2:30 p.m. Pastoral Care Visitor
Training
4:00 p.m. Cantate Domino
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Middle School & High
School Fellowships
6:30 p.m. Community Youth Choir
Rehearsals

Monday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
6:00 p.m. Property & Landscaping
Meeting
Spiritual Formation
Leader Training
6:30 p.m. Jr. G.S. Troop #611
7:00 p.m. Serenity Al-Anon Group
Trustees
7:30 p.m. Prayer Vigil for Peace
Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
9:15 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff
10:15 a.m. Ministry Staff Gathering
4:30 p.m. Long Range Planning Team
5:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders
Meeting
Tuesday Night Together
ESL Classes
7:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Teams &
Coordinating Council

Wednesday, January 11

6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
Sewing & Quilting
10:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
12:00 p.m. Lehigh Co. Mental
Retardation
5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders
Meeting
6:30 p.m. Daisy G.S. Troop #6027
Brownie Troop #6232
7:00 p.m. DBSA
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible
Study

Thursday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
5:00 p.m. 10:10 Band Setup &
Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. ESL Classes
6:00 p.m. Daisy #6051
6:30 p.m. Brownie G.S. Troop #6214
Handbells
7:00 p.m. Caron Parent Support
Al-Anon
Alateen Meeting
Communications Committee
Stephen Ministry
7:30 p.m. Local Mission Team
Adult Handbells
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Allen Chorale Spaghetti
Dinner
6:00 p.m. Leadership Retreat
7:00 p.m. Arabic Women's Bible
Study

Saturday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Leadership Retreat
10:00 a.m. International Adoption
Agency
Shawl Knitting Ministry
Group

Sunday, January 15

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Alternative Worship
9:00 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Arabic Worship
10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship
Second Hour Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Arabic Fellowship Time
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting
2:30 p.m. Youth Led Worship Service
at Luther Crest
4:00 p.m. Cantate Domino
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Community Youth Choir
Rehearsals

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

January 1, 2012

New Year's Day

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Rev. Stephen Emick

Sermon: "The Peculiar Story of
God: Beginnings"

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5; Ecclesiastes
3:1-8; Psalm 90; Galatians
4:4-7

Alternative Worship — Fellowship Hall
10:10 a.m. 10:10 Worship Band

Traditional Worship — Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Karen Cocca, soprano

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

January 8, 2012

Rev. Dr. Tony Sundermeier

Sermon: "Creation and Covenant"

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

Traditional Worship — Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Lorene Henderson, soprano

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Alternative Worship — Fellowship Hall
8:45 a.m. 10:10 Worship Band
10:10 a.m. 10:10 Worship Band

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Ushers – January 1:

10:30 a.m. - *Bill White, Captain*; Linda & Katie Boyle; Cyril Doherty; Rich Laliberte; Akweley Massaquoi; Dan & Hendrika Paci; Donna Pidcock; Jeanne Stone; Gail Wotring;

Ushers – January 8:

8:45 a.m. - *Pat Lisetski, Captain*. Hendrika & Dan Paci; Sue & John Van Den Elzen; Frank Fermato; Maureen Kobasiuk; Susan Keller; Ginny Snyder; Anne Ferrera.

10:30 a.m. - *Brittney Daniel, Captain*.— Team 8

Office Volunteers

January 1: *Volunteer Needed* (10:00)

January 8: Linda Trower (8:00); *Volunteer Needed* (10:00)

Dial-A-Ride Volunteers

January 1: Kathleen Dent & *Driver Needed*

January 8: John Lovis

Audio Room Volunteers

January 1: Mark Simmons (10:30)

January 8: Jim Henry (8:45); Dan Shoemaker (10:30)