

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

DEACON “DO-OVER”

For the past year and a half, our Board of Deacons has undergone a major reassessment of its ministry and structure. Over many years the responsibilities performed by our Deacons had grown and lost their central focus as defined in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA): “The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.”

Under the leadership of Moderators Jane Davenport (2010) and Doug Stinebaugh (2011), a lot of prayer, planning and conversation has taken place that has resulted in a renewed focus on a ministry of care and compassion for members and friends of our church family. (The Mission Team of Session leads our congregation’s ministry of care and compassion to those beyond our church community locally, nationally and internationally.) Current Moderator of the Board of Deacons, Kevin Heier (2012) is now leading the Deacons into this renewed vision and a whole new structure. The new structure includes:

- Two main areas of responsibility - Congregational Care and Church Wide Support.
- The Congregational Care Ministry is divided into two areas: Pastoral Care Ministry and Christian Care Ministry.
- The Pastoral Care Ministry includes: Pastoral Care Visitation Ministry Team, Sunday Flower Ministry Team, Holiday Flower Ministry Team, Homebound Communion and Extending the Table Team.
- The Christian Care Ministry will provide tangible, temporary Christian care through members of our congrega-

tion to members and friends of our congregation who have experienced a change in their life due to a birth, death, illness or hospitalization or are celebrating a significant milestone in their life. This will be accomplished through five separate teams - errand, meal, transportation, extra hands, and companion - that will consist of church members who have agreed to be on stand-by to assist when feasible. This ministry has replaced the former Parish Life Ministry that was effective for many years under the leadership of Parish Coordinators.

- The Church Wide Support Ministry is responsible for the Church Office Receptionist Ministry Team, providing a Deacon to serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee, and a Deacon’s Designated Funds Team that oversees the use of these funds in sharing Christ’s love with those in need.

It has been an incredible journey working with the Board of Deacons as their pastoral staff resource person the past two years. There is no doubt that these church officers are on the brink of providing faithful leadership that will result in Christian love and compassion becoming a reality in many lives and at a new level of care in our church community. There is just one thing left to do to bring this new focus and these ministries to fruition - the Deacons need members of our congregation with the gifts of care and compassion to step up and join them as partners in Christ’s service.

In upcoming weeks you will hear more about the opportunities for you to serve through one or more of the ministries of the Board of Deacons. In the meantime, you can contact Kevin Heier, Kathy Mammele, our Director of Pastoral Care, or me for more information or to answer the call to service.

In Christ’s Love,
Stephen Emick

I HAVE/I NEED

The bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall has an I HAVE/I NEED board.

I HAVE:

Two double strollers, child life vest, foot bath spa, gas dryer, playpen, high chair, plastic bicycle, twin bed frame with mattress and box spring, king bed frame, pro-walker/air walker, mobile basketball hoop (needs net).

I NEED:

Twin wood or cast iron bed frame and headboard, infant clothes, chest of drawers, one car garage (20 feet minimum) to rent -- prefer East side of Allentown, twin sheets & blankets, coffee and end tables, pots & pans, wall shelves for books, 14 item list for refugees in the Lehigh Valley, denim (don't throw away jeans or denim items), sewing machines and sewing supplies.

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 ministry is supported by the Stewardship Committee.

“FOOD ON THE FIRST” DRIVE - FEBRUARY 5

Peanut butter continues to be the food item for the next Food on the First, Sunday, February 5.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Copies of the church's new pictorial directory are available during the week in the church office and Sunday mornings from the office receptionist. All members may receive a directory (one per family, please) regardless of whether you had a portrait taken.

JOHN S. PIDCOCK SCHOLARSHIP

All applications for the 2012 Pidcock Scholarship are due in the church office by January 31, 2012. For brochures and application forms, check the church office lobby or web site at www.fpcallentown.org.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PASTOR'S STUDY RETURNS FEBRUARY 29

Join Tony Sundermeier Wednesday mornings in Room 115 from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. for this weekly study. For the Spring Semester, we will be engaging the question, “Who is Jesus Christ?” The content will focus on the historical and theological portraits of Jesus as they have emerged over the past 2,000 years. This study is open to all people and attendance every week is not required – attend as you are able! The Spring Semester runs from February 29 to May 16.

ATTENTION – ALL PRESENT & PAST DEACONS AND ELDERS

Now that we are celebrating communion once a month in worship, the Deacons are implementing a program in which we will “Extend the Table” to small groups of our homebound members the first Sunday of every month. We plan to send out 4 teams of 8 Deacons and/or Elders each month. Communion will be celebrated with our homebound members between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. that day. All new servers will be paired with Deacons and Elders who have previously participated in this ministry, and liturgies and communion elements will be provided. We are looking for Deacons and Elders to volunteer in the coming months. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this rewarding time of fellowship. If you are available, February 5, March 4, or April 1, please contact: Audree Chase (610-797-5218).

MISSION LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Come One, Come All! FPCA's leaders in mission will be engaged in the annual Mission Retreat on Saturday January 28 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Room 115. Led by our Mission Leadership Team Co-Chairs and our Director of Mission, this retreat is for **everyone who is interested in participating in mission in any way** this year, including all current team leaders and members as well as anyone in the congregation who wants to connect in a greater way with mission this year! As we saw during the Advent Conspiracy, the needs in our community are great. FPCA is blessed with many committed mission leaders and volunteers to help people at all levels of interest and availability contribute to and help discern the places to which God is calling us together in 2012 and beyond. Join us on the 28th!

HELPING HANDS CARE TEAM MISSION TRIPS**Repairs & Rebuilding**

The Helping Hands Care Team of Lehigh Presbytery has scheduled two upcoming mission work trips.

In March, Helping Hands and a team of workers will be heading to Camp Brainerd to help with much needed repairs and upgrades to get the camp ready for the youth during the summer.

In April, Helping Hands and a team of workers will be heading to Joplin, Missouri to help with rebuilding efforts due to damage from an EF5 tornado back in May 2011 that destroyed 25% of the city.

More information will appear in future Tidings editions or you can visit the Presbytery website for information and forms at www.lehighpresbytery.org/our-faith-community/care-teams/helping-hands/

If you have any questions, please contact Terry and Sandy Jenkins at 610-298-2106, csc72ban@ptd.net or the Presbytery office.

SINGERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN LENTEN CONCERT!

The Choirs of FPCA invite interested singers to join them as they prepare for a Lenten Concert on Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. featuring Fauré's REQUIEM. Saturday morning rehearsals in March are available for those who cannot attend on Wednesday evenings. Wednesday rehearsals are 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. each Wednesday from now until the concert. Please call or email Laura Rabenold at 610-395-3781, Ext. 17; or email Laura.Rabenold@fpcallentown.org. If you would love to sing a masterwork or have ever sung Fauré's REQUIEM, we strongly encourage you to join us!

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE**COATS NEEDED****SHARING GOD'S LOVE BY HELPING OTHERS**

Even though our region has had a relatively mild winter, there's enough chill in the air to be thankful for warm clothes and a winter coat. To refugees who fled much warmer regions of the world, our winter seems plenty cold! You can share God's love with the refugees by donating: children's winter coats; men's and women's (small and medium) winter coats; men's sweaters (small and medium); and women's small sweaters. Items may be left at the church office or contact: Christine McConnell 610-530-7979 or sophie1@ptd.net. Thank you for your heart-warming donations!

MISSION**A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MISSION**

On January 16, friends, members, and staff of FPCA took part in a wonderful observance of Martin Luther King Day at St. James UCC at 15th and Walnut Streets in Allentown. As key leaders of the 3rd Annual MLK Community Dinner and Program Planning Committee, Sue Kratzer and Gerry Reynolds joined neighbors and friends from the Library Area Neighborhood to break bread and honor Dr. King's vision. Sue and Gerry were joined by Kathy Berdux in the preparation and serving of community meals before and after a service in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and work. A special note of thanks to the anonymous donor from FPCA who provided 14 turkeys for the dinner! During the service, our own Gloria Snyder shared her marvelous gifts as the accompanist for Dan Rambo, a wonderfully gifted singer and resident of the neighboring Episcopal House. Bob and Eileen Bernhard, lay leaders in the St. James congregation, welcomed us all, and Chris Bauder, the Executive Director of the Episcopal House, was master of ceremonies. Don Stone, pastor of Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church, shared opening remarks, and Robin Riley-Casey, the Director of Multicultural Life at Muhlenberg College, shared a wonderful meditation on the importance of working together in community to advance the gospel values Dr. King and the long train of leaders before and after him have worked for. I shared closing remarks and the benediction, and was blessed to observe the importance of this day along with Kathy Yott and many others from the wider Allentown community. As I think on the day's theme, I'm reminded again of how blessed I am to work with our mission teams, staff, and all of you in the wider FPCA community for the sake of the Gospel and the sake of the world. How blessed we are to be in this community in this time!

Blessings,

Chris Cocca, Director of Mission

THANKS TO YOU - 2011 WAS AN OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR MISSION AT FPC!

The Mission Committee thanks everyone who is involved and supports mission, your help is crucial and greatly appreciated! Divided into teams, the Mission Committee includes: Greening Creation; Local Care; National/International; Peace, Justice and Missionaries; and Refugee Resettlement.

Here are the 2011 highlights of what you have helped to do through FPC.

Mission Committee:

The Committee supported the church-wide Advent Conspiracy/Alternative Gift-Giving project providing the congregation with the opportunity to purchase gifts during Advent to positively impact the world. The event was highly successful thanks to your generosity! The Mission Committee financially supported a number of ministries throughout our community and the world in addition to the following Team projects.



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THANKS TO YOU - 2011 WAS AN OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR MISSION AT FPC! *(Continued from Page 3)*

Greening Creation:

This team actively supported “Trout Creek Park Discovery Walk” and a “Creek Clean-Up” in partnership with local groups. They supplied Green Tips to the congregation, along with an environmentally-friendly Lenten Calendar, Earth-Day display and Green Bible (available in the library). The team also presented an adult education seminar series about caring for the environment. In addition, *Greening Creation* is discussing and researching initiatives including recycling, green roofing options, solar panels and sustainable food service options at FPC. They considered how to help Camp Brainerd and reviewed an energy audit at FPC.

Local Care Team:

Compassionate and dedicated partners with Roosevelt School, the Local Care Team has recruited volunteers to help at the school and collected items for the children. They have established a relationship with Zion EC church which plans to construct a food pantry for families in need referred by Roosevelt School. The Team planted a flower garden at the Zion church and provided time and funding for the pantry. Providing dinners at Daybreak has been another of the Local Care Team’s projects; in 2011, the Team increased the number of volunteers and the number of dinners served at this drop-in center. They also provided a summer picnic at an off-site location and participated in a Christmas Angel Gift Giving Project for the people at Daybreak. This Team also assisted members of our own congregation. The Local Team accepted the challenge to help with the major expansion project of the 6th Street Shelter and included it as one of FPC’s Alternative Gift Giving opportunities.

Read the highlights on the following mission teams in the February 8 edition of Tidings: National/International; Peace, Justice and Missionaries; and Refugee Resettlement.

If you feel inspired to participate in mission, please contact our Director of Mission, Chris Cocca. Thank you to everyone involved for your prayers, support and volunteering on behalf of mission!

“And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

PRAY FOR SOUTH SUDAN

Shortly before Christmas, the worst violence seen in South Sudan in many years broke out. Between December 23, 2011, and January 4, 2012, more than 60,000 people were displaced, and an estimated 3,000 people were massacred. Houses were razed and burned, cattle stolen, granaries burned, and wells destroyed.

The sudden increase in violence between the Nuer and Murle people of South Sudan has not deterred PC(USA) mission workers, who have been working toward peace building efforts. Bill Andress, a leader in PC(USA)’s Sudan Mission Network, recently helped to formulate a gathering of youth representatives together in Washington, D.C. the weekend of January 21-22. They were from each of the eleven counties of Jonglei state, where the violence has occurred. This rapid response is important in showing the youth that potential peace is emerging so that they will not attack again. Yet, another sad development in the South Sudan violence was reported in the New York Times on January 12: funding for the violent attacks was raised in the U.S. by a Sudanese refugee.



Our congregation sponsors missionaries in South Sudan. They are Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather, and they work with RECONCILE, a peace building program in that war-torn area which just gained its independence as the new nation of South Sudan. There are also two PC(USA) peace building teams, “Peacebuilding, Africa” and “Presbyterian Disaster Assistance” among other peoples and agencies. Nancy and Shelvis are safe, located more than 300 miles from the epicenter of the violence, but another PC(USA) mission worker, Sharon Curry, was evacuated from Pibor, which saw a great deal of the violence. Here is what Sharon wrote as she was leaving:

Please, may I add one more prayer request to the list for the people of South Sudan and Jonglei in particular? I was standing at the airstrip in Akobo yesterday, preparing to be evacuated. Many people came to see me off. I was talking to some youth who were asking me how to end all of this violence and to stop the killings. I don't have answers for them, but we all know that God does. My prayer request is that God help the youth find the solutions that will convince their friends, family members, and peers to lay down their weapons, to set aside their anger and vengeance, and to take up the branch of peace that will help them rebuild their country.

PC(USA) suggests that we can help by giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and/or to RECONCILE (where the real work of trauma healing and peace building begins). Your check payable to either of these organizations may be left at our church office or placed in the offering plate.

JOIN US FOR TWEEN NIGHT

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us for our monthly First Friday for Tweens Night on Friday, February 3 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. We'll be watching the movie "Despicable Me" in the Fellowship Hall! So come in your movie watching best and bring all the items for your comfort (pillows, blankets, snuggies). Friends are always welcome! Contact Noha Khoury (610-395-3781, Ext. 43) if you have any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL SUPER BOWL PARTY

All High School students are invited to join us on Sunday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. for the Super Bowl Party! This year's party will be held at Collin McConnell's house in Allentown. Pick up a flyer today and register by Sunday, January 29. Don't forget to bring the snack listed on the registration flyer.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Our Middle and High School youth challenge you to be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. On Sunday, February 5, you will be invited to put money in soup pots as you leave worship. Every dollar donated goes directly to the Lehigh County Conference of Churches to support their ministries with the homeless and hungry of the Lehigh Valley.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ICE SKATING PARTY

All 6th - 8th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, February 5 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. for an Ice Skating Party! Don't miss out on an afternoon of skating and fellowship at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink. Cost is \$5 - \$8 (depending on rentals). The registration deadline is Sunday, January 29. Flyers are available in Rooms 118, 120, 122, and also online at the church's website. Contact Noha Khoury at the church office if you have any questions.



GRADUATING SENIOR RETREAT

Attention high school seniors! This retreat is just for you! All current High School seniors are invited to join us for the Graduating Senior Retreat on March 9 - 11, 2012 at Kenbrook Camp in Lebanon, PA. This retreat is designed to give you a time away, a time to remember and look ahead, and a time to look at how your faith will continue after High School. Brochures with complete details are available in Room 220 and at the church kiosks. If you have any questions, please contact Allyssa Miller at the church office (Ext. 40). The registration deadline for this retreat is Sunday, February 19.

HIGH SCHOOL WORKCAMP

Calling all 9th-12th graders: If you would like to go on High School Workcamp to Pittsburgh, PA this year, and have not yet registered, please contact Allyssa Miller as soon as possible! Workcamp will be from June 24 – June 30. Pick up a flyer today for more information.

ANNUAL PRETZEL SALE!

Our 5th Grade Church School Class will be making delicious fresh baked pretzels! Be sure to bring your appetite with you to worship on Sunday, February 29. Pretzels will be available in the Atrium and the Commons for a donation of \$1. This money will go to support our international brother in Ecuador and other service initiatives selected by the 5th grade class. If you would like to help with the Pretzel Sale, please contact Rich Newbegin at 610-395-6611. **5th Graders and Parents: Please report to the kitchen with your prepared pretzel dough on Sunday, February 29 at 8:00 a.m.**

SPIRIT CARDS SUPPORT

Support the Summer Youth Ministry Program at FPCA and get something in return! Spirit Cards are sold every Sunday morning in the Library from 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and usable at Giant, Weis, Barnes & Noble, Kohl's and Macy's! Pick yours up today or give one as a gift. Either way, you'll be supporting the many youth that you see every Sunday!



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 (17th St.):* Helen Potts (#10); *At Lehigh Center:* Al Saleh (#24); *At Luther Crest Health Care Center:* Judith Diehl (#19), James Eaton (#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: Claire Brown (#6), Jon Dubbs (#1), Alyson and Aidan Lindsay (#5), Marilyn Snyder (#13), John Purdy (#16), Phyllis Whitney (#24), Margaret Haines (#24), Christine Medinger (#19), Alice Madden (#2), Gail Cole.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Miriam and John Lapp (#17), Jennifer Lynn (#30) and Alex Hieter on the birth of Tobin James Hieter, great grandson of Miriam and John, grandson of Jennifer, nephew of Alex on January 9. Parents are Daniel and Melanie Hieter, Coast Guard Base, Lake Superior; Lindsay and Tim Harren-Lewis on the birth of their son Maxwell Thomas on January 20.

SYMPATHY OF THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION TO: Sylvia Hudders (#17), William and Thomas Hudders, Ann and William McDonough, Jill and Al Douglass, Heather Andrews and Ted Douglass, on the death of John Hudders, husband of Sylvia, father of William, Thomas and Ann, brother of Jill, uncle of Heather and Ted on January 9; Nai Nai (#14), on the death of her mother on January 12, Ensaf Younes (#14), Castor, Ronya and Kathryn Ayala (#24) on the death of Habib Younes, father of Ensaf, grandfather of Ronya and great-grandfather of Kathryn on January 17; Stacy, Matt, Josh, and Connor Daniels (#20) on the death of Ruth Peters, grandmother of Stacy and great-grandmother of Josh and Connor on January 19.

STAFF PRAYER LIST

On January 31, 2012 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a **PORTION of Parish #31**. Eleanor Hay; Anne Hill; Loretta Johnson; Lela and William Kelley-Smith; Yousef and Salam Khan-noura; Robert, Sharon and Allison Kloiber; Dave Long; Judy Miller.

On February 7, 2012 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a **PORTION of Parish ##31**. Susan Miller; Gloria Nikles; Akram and Kamil Nuzha; Marilyn Pearl; Fred, Gail and Ted Preuninger; Stanley Reichenbach.

MILITARY UPDATE

Please continue to remember through your prayers, letters, or cards the following member and family of our church member who is 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 (45¢) is all that's needed for an APO or an FPO address.**

John W. Bockstanz, has finished his deployment in Iraq and is currently serving as a Captain in the 25th Infantry based at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. His address is 61-163 Iliohu Place, Haleiwa, HI.

Scott Meenen and his unit left for Afghanistan on Tuesday 1/17/12. This will be a six month deployment. An address will follow. Scott's family has asked for our prayers.

Sunday, January 29

- 8:15 a.m. New Members Meet w/ Session
- 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. Youth Choir Picture
- 12:00 p.m. Gospel Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Swim Band Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Community Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Week of Prayer Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Week of Prayer Worship Reception

Monday, January 30

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. G.S. Troop #611
- 7:00 p.m. Serenity Al-Anon Group
Peace and Justice Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff
- 10:15 a.m. Ministry Staff Gathering
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Club
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together
ESL Classes

Wednesday, February 1

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 9:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
Sewing & Quilting
Weekday Preschool
- 9:30 a.m. Belles
- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
- 5:30 p.m. Supper and Song - Chancel Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Daisy G.S. Troop #6027
Brownie G.S. Troop #6232
- 7:00 p.m. DBSA
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. Bells
- 5:00 p.m. 10:10 Band Setup & Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Classes
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells
Brownie G.S. Troop #6214

Thursday, February 2 (cont.)

- 7:00 p.m. Caron Parent Support
Al-Anon
Alateen Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
Mission Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, February 3

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Arabic Women's Bible Study
First Friday for Tweens

Saturday, February 4

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

Sunday, February 5**Communion & Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**

- New Members Received in Worship
- 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 Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Arabic Fellowship Time
- 2:00 p.m. Middle School Ice Skating Party
- 6:00 p.m. High School Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 6

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. G.S. Troop #611
- 7:00 p.m. Serenity Al-Anon Group
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, February 7

- 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
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Club
- 5:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together
ESL Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Content
Work Group
- 7:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Committee
Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 8

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
Sewing & Quilting
Spiritual Formation Staff
- 9:30 a.m. Belles
- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group

Wednesday, February 8 (cont.)

- 12:00 p.m. Lehigh Co. Mental Retardation
- 5:30 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie Troop #6232
- 7:00 p.m. DBSA
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Spiritual Formation Team
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, February 9

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. Bells
- 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
Middle School Sexuality
Program Planning Team
- 7:00 p.m. Caron Parent Support
Al-Anon
Alateen Meeting
Communications Committee
Stephen Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
Prayer Vigil for Peace
Local Mission Team
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, February 10

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Arabic Women's Bible Study

Saturday, February 11

- 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
Winter Retreat
- 9:00 a.m. Refugee Tax Preparation
Girl Scout Drive-Thru
Cookie Sale
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Advisor Dinner

Sunday, February 12**Youth Sunday (Traditional Services)**

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Gospel Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Cantate Domino
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School & High School Fellowships

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

January 29, 2012

Rev. Dr. Tony Sundermeier

Sermon: *"The Prophetic Witness"*
Scripture: Isaiah 51: 1-8

8:45 Music (T*): Chancel Choir
8:45 Music (A*): 10:10 Worship Band
10:10 Music (A*): 10:10 Worship Band
10:30 Music (T*): Youth Choir

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

February 5, 2012

Communion & Souper
Bowl of Caring Sunday

8:45 a.m. (T*), 10:30 a.m. (T*) services

Rev. Dr. Michael Drake

8:45 a.m. (A*), 10:10 a.m. (A*) services

Rev. Dr. Tony Sundermeier

Sermon: *"Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Christ"*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11,
Galatians 4:1-5

8:45 Music (T*): Gospel Choir
8:45 Music (A*): 10:10 Worship Band
10:10 Music (A*): 10:10 Worship Band
Westminster Choir
10:30 Music (T*): Chancel Choir

*Worship: T - Traditional; A - Alternative

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Traditional Worship

Ushers – January 29:

8:45 a.m. - Bob Davenport, Captain: Team 2.

10:30 a.m. - Neal Shoemaker, Captain: Team 4.

Ushers – February 5:

8:45 a.m. - Randy Schneider, Captain: Team 3.

10:30 a.m. - Linda Trower, Captain: Team 5.

Audio Room Volunteers

January 29: Nelson Rabenold (8:45); Bill Richards (10:30)

February 5: Joe Cavote (8:45); Mark Simmons (10:30)

Dial-A-Ride Volunteers

January 29: Akweley Massaquoi; *Driver Needed*

February 5: John Lovis; *Driver Needed*

Alternative Worship

Alternative Service Welcome Teams – January 29:

8:45 a.m. - Bill & Nancy Holbrook, Team Leaders: Team A.

10:10 a.m. - Amy & Jacob Kimball, Team Leaders: Team D.

Alternative Service Welcome Teams – February 5:

8:45 a.m. - Jenney Henderson & Eric Staib, Team Leaders: Team B.

10:10 a.m. - Youth Team, Team Leaders: Team E.

Office Volunteers

January 29: *Volunteer Needed* (8:00); Sharon Benson (10:00)

February 5: Judi Kramer (8:00); *Volunteer Needed* (10:00)