

# 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

### SIXTH STREET SHELTER EXPANSION INITIATIVE

With the fall underway and two Sundays in the books, we recognize what a vibrant community in which we are privileged to practice faith and life. Our classrooms are full, worship is dynamic and engaging (1,935 people worshiped on September 11 and 18), and more and more people are discerning what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus in the world.

One of the exciting initiatives on the horizon is our participation in the Sixth Street Shelter Expansion Initiative. The Sixth Street Shelter is a long-standing program of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley. Since 1984, the Shelter has been providing temporary housing for Lehigh Valley homeless families with children. Today, the Sixth Street Shelter proudly offers nineteen individual family apartments. It is the only shelter in the Valley to offer homeless families the privacy and security of a furnished apartment with a complete kitchen. The philosophy of the Sixth Street Shelter, in keeping with the broader mission of the CACLV, encourages those it serves to accept responsibility for themselves.

The shelter has recently secured an adjacent property and is looking to expand its services to the most vulnerable families in the Lehigh Valley. The price-tag to create five new apartments is

\$650,000.00. In conjunction with the Local Mission Committee, the Session unanimously voted to create a congregation-wide initiative to support this project both financially and with labor. With a benefactor from FPCA committing 25 cents to every dollar raised, we are looking to secure \$100,000.00 which would make our contribution total \$125,000.00. The labor portion of the project will recruit volunteers to work with Habitat for Humanity in construction-type activities.

The Sixth Street Shelter Expansion Initiative will officially kick-off in January 2012. However, if there are folks who would like to contribute to the fund before the year is out, they are more than welcome to do so. We have already received \$22,500.00! If you are feeling led to contribute, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with a memo line: Sixth Street Shelter Expansion Initiative.

I hope each and every one of us considers this project for an extra mile gift as we continue to seek to be a blessing to Allentown, the Lehigh Valley, and the world!

See you in worship and the world,

Tony

**I HAVE/I NEED MINISTRY**

The bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall has an I HAVE/I NEED board. There are many new items in the last few weeks.

Items under I HAVE:

computer desk; pet carrying case; nearly new recliner; crib mattress & new dressing table pad; Graco 753 baby swing; 2 used high chairs on rollers; flexible gooseneck floor lamp; Maytag dryer; kitchen table; playpen & pad; youth high chair; plastic bicycle; full size bed, dresser & vanity.

Items under I NEED:

Throw-away jeans or denim items; one car garage (20' minimum) to rent – prefer East side of Allentown.

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.

**SEEKING ARABIC DINNER VOLUNTEERS**

Authentic Arabic dishes, vegetarian and non-vegetarian, will be served up on Friday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Arabic Ministry Committee. *See the enclosed flyer for more details.* As always, volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help in the service of the food. Please contact Ann Hadeed at WADIAA5998@HOTMAIL.COM or 484-437-0563 to let her know.

**SIMPLY CHRISTIAN SEMINAR:  
WHY CHRISTIANITY MAKES SENSE**

Tony Sundermeier leads a seminar based on Tom Wright's book, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*. Anyone is welcome to attend!

Wednesdays, 10:00 -11:30 a.m., Room 115

September 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR BEGINS  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011**

Calling all couples! Whether you are a veteran or a rookie, this four week seminar will be an encouragement to deepening the life and strength of your marriage. Tony and Katie Sundermeier will be leading this seminar which will be held on October 16, 23, 30 and November 6 in Room 115 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. CHILD-CARE IS AVAILABLE, if requested in advance. To sign-up, email Keri Miller at [keri.miller@fpcallentown.org](mailto:keri.miller@fpcallentown.org). If you would like child-care, please indicate in the email the names and ages of

**"FOOD ON THE FIRST " SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

Please bring in peanut butter which is greatly needed by the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank. It is very low on this food item.

**CONCERT SERIES BROCHURE**

Enclosed in this issue of Tidings is the Brochure announcing our next Concert Series season. We are especially excited about the variety and the talent of these musicians. If you would like additional brochures for your friends, please pick them up in the church office, or go to [http://](http://www.fpcallentown.org/MUSICMINISTRY/ConcertSeries.aspx)

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**YOUTH SPIRIT CARDS IN THE LIBRARY**

Pick up your Youth Spirit Cards which can be used at a variety of different stores, like Giant and Weis/King's Markets, Barnes & Noble, Kohl's, or Macy's. Every time you shop using one of our Youth Spirit Cards, our Summer Youth Ministry Program is blessed too! Every Sunday, the Youth Spirit Cards can be purchased in the Library from 9:45-10:30 a.m.

**WESTMINSTER BAZAAR HELP NEEDED (SEE P. 6)****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; horse-shoes; 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](mailto: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

**PARENTS' MORNING CO-OP, FALL 2011**

Parents' Morning Co-op, a cooperative care group for families with young children, infants to 4 years of age, is open to church members and non-members. Parents and children make new friends and learn to separate in a safe environment. The children have fun with free play, story time, simple crafts, outdoor play, and a snack. A safe ratio of adults and children is always maintained. As part of a cooperative group, each parent assists in childcare several times during the session. On the other weeks, the parent has two child-free hours to spend as they wish. The Fall session will begin in mid-September and will meet each week 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. through mid-December. We are currently planning a Wednesday group. Parents' Morning Co-op is a great opportunity for both parents and children to make new friends and build relationships within the church and community. If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact Sonia Kelton, coordinator, [soniakmyabar@hotmail.com](mailto:soniakmyabar@hotmail.com) or call 610-298-2169.

**FRIDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
FALL 2011**

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

- God's time and human time
- Thousands of years of our Judeo-Christian story
- When was the Bible written, by whom, when, and why

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

Beginning September 16

9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 115

Childcare Provided upon request [see contacts]

Come take the time this year to experience God through scripture in a different way. This year we will be studying the Story of the Bible from start to finish... in the order that it was written... *And it's not in the order you think!!!* Different Times ... Different Stories... God Experienced in it all.

It's about time... Isn't it time you joined us??

For more information, contact either:

Marijo Taylor

email: [the5taylor@msn.com](mailto:the5taylor@msn.com); phone 610-965-9181.

Pam Weiss email:

[p.weiss@moravian.edu](mailto:p.weiss@moravian.edu); phone 610-434-2637

**MISSION****CROP WALK IS COMING SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2011**

Please sign-up for the CROP Walk starting Sunday, September 25 in the Atrium. Team representatives will be in the Atrium every Sunday through October 9. You can stop by anytime and register via "self-serve" during the week. Walk registration begins at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran church on Ott and Walnut streets. Walk options include the traditional 10 K (about 6 miles) and a "Golden Mile." Church World Service has been helping the world for 65 years providing emergency response, refugee assistance, clean water systems and developing methods for food security. 25% of all the Allentown CROP Walk funds remain in Allentown. The Lehigh County Conference of Churches uses local funds at the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank and the Soup Kitchen. If you are not able to walk, please sponsor other walkers or make a donation directly. Envelopes are provided in the pews for your donations. Please contact Ed Noga at 610-967-6053 or [nogasofpa@gmail.com](mailto:nogasofpa@gmail.com) with any questions.

**A BLESSING TO VOLUNTEER**

"While volunteering at Day Break, God has opened my eyes to why some people are so blessed and why others are not. Instead of questioning why some people have struggles in their lives, I realized that I am looking for the wrong answers and I should be thanking God for allowing me to have the opportunity to help those that are not as fortunate as I am. It is truly a blessing to be involved with Day Break; everyone who comes in there and who works there has touched my life in a positive and inspirational way."

Tara Rollo

*A program of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches, Daybreak is a drop-in center which offers health screenings, life skills, self-empowerment classes and three meals a day, for people returning to the community from mental health, drug & alcohol or HIV/AIDS treatment.*

First Presbyterian Church provides dinner at Daybreak on the third Friday and the fifth Wednesday each month. **If you would like to help with meals or provide baked goods, please contact Helen Underwood at 610-393-2469.**

## EXTRAORDINARY MALAWI—VILLAGE PRESCHOOLS



Since it is back-to-school season here in the United States, I'd like to share a story about what we witnessed in two village preschools in Malawi, Africa.

As we drove across the first dusty schoolyard, the women at the school began joyfully singing and dancing to welcome us, the strangers. The older children gazed wide-eyed at our vehicles. Cars are an uncommon sight in the villages, where people walk or bike long distances. Inside the small brick building sat 106 preschool children. When we walked inside, some of the children seemed scared; a few were frightened to tears. In the villages, on average, they see one white person a year. The one-room school has rudimentary benches and a large blackboard on the wall. *Nothing else.* There is no electricity, no clock, no desks, no posters, no decorations, no toys, and no books. The blackboard has no chalk. Yet, the children proudly sang the ABC song in English, not their traditional language, Chichewa. The teachers are volunteers who know that a preschool will be an advantage for their children.

Our exploratory team from FPC was joined by several other people from the U.S, including a teacher and others who had brought some school supplies. They had packed crayons, markers and puzzles into their overflowing suitcases. But the preschool has no paper for the crayons and markers. The teachers never saw a puzzle; they had to be shown how to work a puzzle and told why they should put some ABC signs on the wall. Despite these obstacles, this preschool is far more advanced than the second one we visited. The preschool in Staubi village consists of a large grass hut with a few thin logs stuck in the ground and a roof of straw. In the rainy season, the roof leaks. When we visited, it was nearing the end of the dry season. The children were seated on the ground, their bodies covered by dust. Yet, the children happily sang their ABC's.

*Please pray for the teachers and the students in the villages of Malawi who strive to learn but lack so many of the basic supplies which we take for granted.*

Karen Ensley, photographer and writer



See photographs from Malawi at [www.fpcallentown.org](http://www.fpcallentown.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### NEW SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR TWEENS

First Fridays is a monthly program that allows for Tweens (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders) to get to know one another through worship, study, service and fellowship designed just for them! We meet the first Friday of each month. Our first gathering will take place on Friday, October 7 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Chapel. *If you feel called to work with this age group, please contact Noha Khoury, Director of Middle and Tween Ministry: (610) 395-9781 Ext. 43; noha.khoury@fpcallentown.org.*

### REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

<u>Event:</u>	<u>Date Taking Place:</u>	<u>Registration Deadline:</u>
High School Lock-In	Fri-Sat, Oct. 7-8, 2011	Sunday, September 25
CROP Walk	Sunday, October 9, 2011	Sunday, September 25
Middle School Lock-In	Fri-Sat, Oct 28-29, 2011	Sunday, October 16

Registration for all these events require a completed 2011-2012 Youth Ministry Medical Form on file here at the church, a parent permission form for the event and the required fee, if applicable. Confidential financial assistance is always available, simply speak with Noha Khoury (610)395-3781 Ext. 43; [noha.khoury@fpcallentown.org](mailto:noha.khoury@fpcallentown.org)) or Allyssa Miller (610) 395-3781 Ext. 40; [allyssa.miller@fpcallentown.org](mailto:allyssa.miller@fpcallentown.org)). All forms can be found in youth-aged Church School classrooms, the information kiosks, and on the church's website ([www.fpcallentown.org](http://www.fpcallentown.org)).



### HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN IN OCTOBER

All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for the High School Lock-In taking place on October 7-8. Register now for 14 hours of excitement, worship, food, discussions, activities, Bible study, games, friends and so much more! The registration deadline is Sunday, September 25. Completed registration includes a signed Parent Permission Form, a NEW 2011-2012 Youth Ministry Medical Form and the \$10 fee. If you have any questions or are in need of confidential financial assistance, please contact Allyssa Miller (Ext. 40; [allyssa.miller@fpcallentown.org](mailto:allyssa.miller@fpcallentown.org)). Forms are available in Rooms 218 and 220 and the information kiosks at the church and online at [www.fpcallentown.org](http://www.fpcallentown.org).

**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 six 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. In the past year, our church began the implementation of a new alternative worship service at 10:10 on Sunday mornings. 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*.

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*“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*

**CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS!**

We are offering a new opportunity for those members of our congregation who have experience playing in an orchestra or concert band. Occasionally we would love to use your talents in our Traditional Worship services. If you would be interested in playing in an instrumental ensemble on Sunday, November 20, please fill out the sign-up sheet below and put it in the offering plate or call Laura Rabenold at 610-395-3781, Ext. 17; or email her at [Laura.Rabenold@fpcallentown.org](mailto:Laura.Rabenold@fpcallentown.org). You will be given music to practice in advance then join with others for one or two rehearsals before November 20. We can use any string, brass, wind, or percussion instrumentalists. Call or email Laura Rabenold if you have any questions.



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- I am interested in joining the instrumental ensemble that will play in Traditional Worship on November 20.
- I am interested in participating in an instrumental ensemble, but cannot attend on November 20.
- I would like more information about participation in this group.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



### IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY (Parish #)

(as of 9:00 a.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):* Lois Saul (#8); *At Sacred Heart Hospital:* Betty Dervarics (#13).

*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](mailto:Kathy.Mammele@fpcallentown.org).*

**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:** Berry Boyd (#10); Tara and Mason Rollo (#7).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Wendi and Gary Powell (#19) on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabella Marie Powell on August 12. Parents are son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Maria Powell; to Tara and Lou Rollo (#7) on the birth of their son, Mason Angelo on September 15.

**MILESTONES:** Betty Ann and Rich Smith (#34) celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Jean Sidoroff (#19) celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 16.

**SYMPATHY OF THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION TO:** Carmen Pascucci, Barbara & Aris Harris (#4), Scott, Shirley and Josh Kline (#16) and Judy Harris (#10) on the death of Paula Pascucci, wife of Carmen, daughter of Barbara, step-daughter of Aris, sister of Scott, stepsister of Judy on September 9; to Karen, Nick, Alyx and Lucas Santone on the death of Elaine McGee, mother of Karen, grandmother of Nick, Alyx and Lucas on September 11; Tina, Josh, Nathan and Nicholas Luey (#16) on the death of Isabel Stockalis, grandmother of Tina, and great-grandmother of Nathan and Nicholas on September 10; the family of Martha Marcks Mack who passed away on September 13; Carolyn Savage (#9) on the death of her husband Dick on September 18.

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** Richard Savage on September 18.

#### STAFF PRAYER LIST

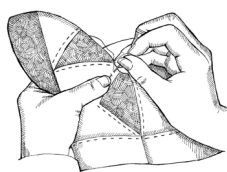
***On September 27, 2011*** the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a **PORTION** of Parish #24. Coordinator is Sue Parker.

Paul and Matt Murphy; Tom, Ellen, Eric and Katie Myers; Susan Nenstiel; Richard, Mary, Alex and William Newbegin, Susan Numbers; Michael and Teddy Palmer; Dick and Sue Parker; Sandy and Sue Pease; Dave and Yvette Rand; Bob and Linda Reese; Robert and Rosemary Reinhard.

***On October 4, 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.

Joan, Oscar, Stephen and Emily Reyes; Ross and Carol Ritter; Helma and Rich Rosenthal; Meleen Ruggieri; Al and Renee Saleh; Bob and Kit Schilling; Don and Janet Seagreaves; Peg Simon; Kristi, Adam, Carter and Brennan Smith; Clare and Betty Sober.

### CRAFTERS-SEAMSTRESSES-QUILTERS



We are busy preparing for the Westminster Bazaar and we need your help. Would you be willing to make a few items to sell at the FPC table at the Bazaar? Join us on Wednesday mornings in Fellowship Hall. We meet from 9-1:30. If joining us for lunch at noon, please bring a sack lunch. Stop by for an hour or just to see what we are making or stay the whole morning. We would love to have you join us. Bring a project or work on one of the many projects we have available. We also have projects that can be completed at home if you are unavailable on Wednesdays. We are also looking for any Gourmet Goodies that you can make for us. Jellies, jams, cookie mixes, flavored popcorn, candy. Finished projects may be dropped off in the church office. Please place them in the box marked "Westminster Bazaar" which is located on the shelf above the coats. You may also bring the items to Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays or arrange for pickup of items with Sandy Meenen. If you have any questions or would like to discuss how you can help us, please call Sandy Meenen at 610-366-1315.

**Sunday, September 25****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 Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 3:45 p.m. Gospel Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Confirmation Sponsor & Parent Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Middle and High School Fellowships

**Monday, September 26**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 11:30 a.m. Weekday Preschool Lunch Bunch
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #611
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Serenity (Al-Anon)
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday, September 27**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool Photos
- Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Pastoral Care Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Lehigh Presbytery Meeting
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Club
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
- 7:00 p.m. Ancient Future Faith
- Thesbyterian Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. The Book Lovers Group

**Wednesday, September 28**

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 9:00 a.m. Sewing & Quilting
- Weekday Preschool Photos
- Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Parents Morning Co-Op
- 9:30 a.m. Belles
- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
- Simply Christian Seminar
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie G.S. Troop #6232
- 6:45 p.m. Session
- 7:00 p.m. DBSA
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

**Thursday, September 29**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool Photos
- Weekday Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. Bells
- 5:00 p.m. 10:10 Band Setup & Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. ESL
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie G.S. Troop #6214
- Handbells
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

**Thursday, September 29 (cont.)**

- 7:00 p.m. Thesbyterian Rehearsal
- Al-Anon
- Caron Parent Support
- Boy Scout Troop #107
- Family to Family
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, September 30**

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

**Saturday, October 1**

- 7:30 a.m. Saturday Men's Group
- 8:30 a.m. Spiritual Formation Leader Training
- 12:00 p.m. Thesbyterian Rehearsal

**Sunday, October 2****World Communion Sunday**

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

**Monday, October 3**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 11:30 a.m. Weekday Preschool Lunch Bunch
- 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Leader Training
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #611
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Serenity (Al-Anon)
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday, October 4**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Pastoral Care Meeting
- 10:15 p.m. Ministry Staff Gathering
- 11:30 a.m. Preschool Stay & Play
- 12:00 p.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Club
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together
- ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m. DBSA Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Ancient Future Faith
- Safe Sanctuaries
- Thesbyterian Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together

**Wednesday, October 5**

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 9:00 a.m. Sewing & Quilting
- Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Co-op
- 9:30 a.m. Belles

**Wednesday, October 5 (cont.)**

- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
- Simply Christian Seminar
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- Literacy Council
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team
- 5:30 p.m. Supper & Song - Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Staff Retreat
- 6:30 p.m. Daisy G.S. Troop #6027
- Brownie G.S. Troop #6232
- 7:00 p.m. DBSA
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thesbyterian Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

**Thursday, October 6**

- All Day Spiritual Formation Staff Retreat
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. Bells
- 5:00 p.m. 10:10 Band Set-up & Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
- 6:00 p.m. Daisy #6051
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells
- Brownie G.S. Troop #6214
- 7:00 p.m. Caron Parent Support
- Al-Anon
- Boy Scout Troop #107
- Family to Family
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
- Mission Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, October 7**

- All Day Spiritual Formation Staff Retreat
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Kareha Wedding Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. First Friday for Tweens
- High School Lock-In
- Arabic Women's Bible Study

**Saturday, October 8**

- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry Group
- 2:30 p.m. Kareha Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Rutman/Rada Wedding Rehearsal

**Sunday, October 9****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 Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:30 p.m. Youth CROP Walk Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Thesbyterian Rehearsal
- 1:30 p.m. Allentown CROP Walk
- 3:00 p.m. Rutman/Rada Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Gospel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. BrassWorks Concert
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Vigil for Peace

## THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

September 25, 2011

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

**Rev. Tony Sundermeier**

Sermon: *“Worship and the Reconciled Life”*

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-26

8:45 Music: Chancel Choir

10:10 Music: 10:10 Worship Band

10:30 Music: Youth Choir

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

October 2, 2011

**World Communion Sunday**

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

**Rev. Michael Drake**

10:10 a.m. service

**Rev. Stephen Emick**

Sermon: *“Worship and the Hospitable Life”*

Scripture: Luke 13:22-30

8:45 Music: Cantate Domino

10:10 Music: 10:10 Worship Band

10:30 Music: Chancel Choir

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers – September 25:

**8:45 a.m.** - *Bob Davenport, Captain*; Jane Davenport; Art DeVries; Bill Eves; Anita & Jeff Krause; John McClellan; Christine McNamara-Smith; Chuck Phillips; Gerry Reynolds; Barbara Richards; Dan Richards; Brian Smith; Doug Stinebaugh; Amy Steigerwalt; Helene Thompson.

**10:30 a.m.** - *Luella Shoemaker, Captain*; Sharon & George Baker; Mary Freund; Lauren & Suzanne Jones; Lois & John Lovis; Akweley Massaquoi; Bob & Millie Miller; Jane & Bill Townsend; Linda Trower; Andy Weiss.

### Ushers – October 2:

**8:45 a.m.** - *Joe Cavote, Captain*; Deb Allen; Kenneth & Jeanne Baab; Chris & Dave Bockstanz; Jessica Bowman; Audree & Bud Chase; Cyril Doherty; Chris Laevey; LaMay Lambert; Gary Mantz; Marlene Merz; Joe Schmidt; Mike Smith.

**10:30 a.m.** - *Linda Trower, Captain*; Catherine & William Bleiler; Lauren & Suzanne Jones; Alex, Mary, Richard & Will Newbegin; Dom Pascarella; Gail Preuninger; Bruce Rodenberger; Barbara Saxton; Dale & Elaine Smith; John Soler; Gerry Zentmeyer.

### Office Volunteers

September 25: JoAnn Campbell (8:00); LuAnn Epstein (10:00)

October 2: *Volunteer Needed* (8:00); Georgia Baldrige (10:00)

### Dial-A-Ride Volunteers

September 25: George and Sharon Baker

October 2: Sandy Meenen and *Driver Needed*

### Audio Room Volunteers

September 25: Joe Cavote (8:45); Dan Shoemaker (10:30)

October 2: *Volunteer Needed* (8:45); *Volunteer Needed* (10:30)