

# 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

### SEPTEMBER 11...2001 AND 2011

Sunday, September 11, 2011 will bring a myriad of emotions and experiences for members and friends of FPCA. It is typical that our ministry year begins the first Sunday after Labor Day. The eleventh is no exception. We commence a new church school year; introduce a slate of dynamic and engaging spiritual formation opportunities that will take place throughout the week; and unveil a new worship service (The 10:10) and Sunday morning schedule. Remember, beginning September 11, we will worship at four different hours in three different venues:

8:45 a.m.	Traditional / Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Church School All Ages
10:00 a.m.	Arabic Language / Chapel
10:10 a.m.	Alternative / Fellowship Hall
10:10 a.m.	2nd Hour Church School for Adults
10:30 a.m.	Traditional / Sanctuary

September 11 is, of course, 9/11. This year marks the tenth anniversary of those horrific terrorist acts which took place in New York City, Washington D.C., and Shanksville, PA. On the tenth anniversary of the day that changed the world and our lives, we will remember the horror and fear and helplessness we felt watching the towers fall. On that day we will remember the valiant and courageous acts of those first responders whose actions saved lives even at the cost

of their own. On that day we will remember the resolve the people of our great nation demonstrated as we rallied around one another in unity, compassion, and love.

As we remember 9/11/01 *and* gather in the excitement and anticipation of a new season which begins on 9/11/11, I would encourage each and every one of us to remember that the Church is called to be salt and light in our neighborhood, our region, our country, and throughout the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

Our congregation can speak and live out the peace, freedom, and justice the world longs for. Our congregation can speak and live out the perfect love of God which casts out all fear. Our congregation can speak and live out an alternative ethic which loves our enemies and blesses those who curse us. Our congregation can stand with, pray for, and encourage the lonely, the grieving, the brokenhearted, the poor, and the oppressed. After all, that is why we are here in the first place. We have been called by God to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we do so on September 11 and all the days ahead.

See you in worship and the world,

Tony

## NEW Sunday Morning Schedule Begins 11 September 2011



### 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

WHERE: Room 115

### BETTER PORTION

All women of the church are invited to the Better Portion on Monday, September 19 at 7:15 p.m. in the Commons. Our Fall studies will focus on Adam Hamilton's new book, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. Included monthly will be an ongoing video of Hamilton filmed in the Holy Land. His study, *Twenty Four Hours That Changed the World* was used in this past Spring's Lenten small groups.

Better Portion's name came from the story of Jesus' visit with Mary and Martha. While Mary sits and listens to Jesus, Martha worries about preparing food for Jesus and his followers. When she complains to Jesus about Mary not helping her, he responds by saying "Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:42). Why not choose the "better part" and join us for a year of spiritual nourishment.

We will meet on September 19, October 17, and November 21, in 2011 and January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, and May 21 in 2012. For more information, call Joyce Gobrecht (610-928-0664) or Sharon Benson (610-285-2750).

### WESTMINSTER VILLAGE CONCERT

Westminster Village Auxiliary Board hosts *From Back to Bombs II*, Sunday, September 18, 2011, 3:00 p.m. in the Commons. Suggested donations: \$10.00/person at the door. Refreshments offered. For more information, please contact Sue Wolfe at 610-782-8567.

### SCIENCE IN CONGREGATIONS FIRST POST-GRANT MEETING

We will be having a review meeting for anyone interested in serving to make our Templeton Foundation Science in Congregations project a reality. We will be meeting on Wednesday, September 21, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This also includes all those who have already indicated a willingness to serve on the Content Editorial Committee.

## 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

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION

### A LONG WALK, A SHORT DRIVE

It's about 3 miles, *one way*, for an Eritrean mom and her three children to walk to our church. Her husband is unable to drive the family to church because he works until 5am Sunday morning and must sleep when he gets home. So, the mother and children have been walking from 10<sup>th</sup> and Gordon Streets to attend our church service, then, walking back home again. If you could drive this family, *even once in a while*, please contact Leni Harriott: 610-762-3981 or [Leni@ren.com](mailto:Leni@ren.com). It's a short drive that could make a big difference in their lives, and maybe yours, too.



### EXTRAORDINARY

This is the word I've chosen to describe our exploratory trip to Malawi, Africa. Despite incredible hardships, the Malawi people have a deep joy that radiates in their smiles, in their singing and in their faith. It really is quite extraordinary.

On Sunday morning, we arrive at a brick building with no windows and a roof with holes in it. The dilapidated structure looks more like an abandoned building than a church. From a distance, we see people walking on dusty roads towards the building. Some ride bicycles, but there are no cars, except ours. A man picks up a wrench and bangs loudly on a metal cylinder hanging from a tree—it is time for church. Inside, the church is filled with people sitting on concrete benches. The communion table is bare except for a torn, white cloth. There is no cross anywhere, only a cut-out wooden block picture of a church with a steeple and a small chalkboard with the day's hymns. But there are no hymnals. Then, one choir after another takes their turn dancing in the aisle as they process to the front of the church. Their joyful melodies travel through the holes in the roof towards heaven.

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**EXTRAORDINARY (CONT.)**

A basket is placed on a small wooden chair at the front of the church. People begin dancing in the aisle so they can place their offering in the basket. Then they do it, again. They give a second offering, singing and dancing with joy as they place their money in the basket. I watch as an old woman bends to place a little coin in the basket... did I just witness a living version of Jesus' parable of the poor widow and her two mites? ...Is most of the congregation here at Sakata church like the poor widow? They appear to have virtually nothing, yet their faith helps them to sing and dance and give with enthusiasm and joy. *It is extraordinary.*



At times on our journey through the villages of Malawi, I felt as though we had stepped into a living history demonstration of how the Malawians lived hundreds of years ago. Yet, this is their reality. Making bricks from the earth, carrying water from the well, pounding maize, and dancing in the church aisle—there will be more stories to share about the lifestyle and spirit of the Malawi people. Watch Tidings, the bulletin and the church website for stories and photographs so that you, too, might come to understand what life is like in the villages of Malawi.

*Karen Ensley, photographer and writer*

The exploratory team, Marlene Merz, Dianne Kareha and Karen Ensley, thank you for your support and prayers during this extraordinary journey. The next step will be to share our findings and observations with FPC's Mission Leadership Team. *Please pray for FPC's Mission Leadership Team to discern God's will for FPC regarding Malawi.*

**WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE**

**CARE AND COMPASSION - FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD**

It is exciting to be part of this church. FPCA is an unbelievably caring community and much goes on behind the scenes. After speaking with Kathy Mammele, Director of Pastoral Care, you understand the many ways our staff shows Care and Compassion.

Every Tuesday the entire staff meets for devotions and a time of prayer for those with particular pastoral care needs, including those on that week's parish prayer list. At the conclusion of the meeting, they divide the names of those in the parish to be prayed for in the *coming* week. Then through an e-mail, call or note they do their best to contact each person or family for any prayer requests. The goal is to touch everyone in some way and see how they are doing. It takes just over one year to pray for everyone in the church.

Every day 3 local hospital networks are called to find who has been admitted and listed FPCA as their church. Staff visit the hospitals a minimum of three times a week, and often more so as circumstances dictate. A record is kept of visits which contains helpful information. A list of community services is maintained as well, which is a valuable tool for the families of members who call the church for information and suggestions to pursue. The church has 24-hour phone coverage for any emergencies and one Pastor is always on call.

Throughout the year, a variety of calls and home visits are made as appropriate. They can be to the homebound, those discharged from the hospital, and those in senior living communities. In addition, 3 times each year,

communion is taken to those who cannot come to church. This includes a time in the spring and fall when about 25 teams of deacons and elders bring the sacrament to members through a program called Extending the Table

Among hospital, in-home and community visits and communion, this extensive work involves the Pastors, Parish Associates, our seminary intern and Deacons (Pastoral Care Visitation Team). Many people are served, and it is always appreciated.

Additionally, a military list for those in the service is maintained. An up-to-date APO address list is published in Tidings.

Stephen Ministry meets twice a month for supervision training, with fifteen Stephen Minister care givers who meet individually for confidential conversation with care receivers with whom they are partnered.

The Pastors, other staff, and many members share extensively of themselves to serve us. Our church is there when we need them. Let US show ways in which WE ARE THANKFUL...a handshake, hug, note, pray for them, invite to dinner, READ the bulletin and Tidings to find ways "we" can help and do our part. As Christians we are called to minister...let's search our hearts for ways to be faithful.

*"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."*  
Philippians 1:3  
*"Yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful."*  
Psalm 147:1

**YOUTH CLUB (PLEASE SEE INSERT)**

We are gearing up for another exciting year in Youth Club! For those of you who are new to the program, Youth Club is a midweek program for 1st-5th graders that seeks to help teach our children to be followers of Jesus Christ by fostering Christian fellowship, intergenerational community and learning while ministering to the whole child. We meet each Tuesday afternoon from 4:15 - 7:15 p.m. at the church. This fall we will begin on September 20th and go until December 20th.

Registration and Medical Forms will be in the kiosks around the building, as well as available on the church's website [www.fpcallentown.org](http://www.fpcallentown.org). Please fill these out and return them to the Church office or our Lay Leaders Heidi Muller-Zuzzolo and Suzanne Toto, who will be in the Atrium on Sunday morning September 11th.

If you have any questions or would like to inquire about financial assistance, please feel free to contact Lindsay Harren-Lewis ([Lindsay.Harren-Lewis@fpcallentown.org](mailto:Lindsay.Harren-Lewis@fpcallentown.org)) or Noha Khoury ([Noha.Khoury@fpcallentown.org](mailto:Noha.Khoury@fpcallentown.org)) and they will be happy to talk with you. We can't wait to see you and your family on Tuesday nights!

September 2011						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

**THE YOUTH CHOIR KICK-OFF HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED**

Due to Hurricane Irene, we have rescheduled the Youth Choir Kick-Off that was supposed to occur on Sunday, August 28. We hope you will join us on the new date, **Sunday, September 11 from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.** This event is for all rising 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders and will be held in conjunction with the very first Youth Choir Rehearsal AND Middle School and High School Fellowships. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Rabenold (Ext. 17; [Laura.Rabenold@fpcallentown.org](mailto:Laura.Rabenold@fpcallentown.org)).

**CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES RETURN THIS SUNDAY**

We will kick off the 2011-2012 Church School year on Sunday, September 11 with classes for all ages of children, youth and adults. Remember that the time of Church School has changed this year and will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Additionally, there will be a Second Hour of adult offerings from 10:10-11:10 a.m. Be sure to check out the details for the adult offerings elsewhere in this issue of *Tidings*. A listing of all children and youth classrooms is located inside each of the church entrances in a glass display case. Plan now to participate in this year's Church School and other Spiritual Formation opportunities as we seek to grow together in our discipleship and faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

**YOUTH SPIRIT CARDS**

It's time for back to school shopping and did you know that our Youth Spirit Cards 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! You get the dollar for dollar amount, and our Youth Program receives a small profit from the store! It's a win, win for everyone! Beginning on Sunday, September 11, the Youth Spirit Cards can be purchased in the Library from 9:45-10:30 a.m.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS THIS YEAR**

Attention all rising 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Don't miss out on the great youth group events, meetings and fellowships planned for this year! We hope you will join us each Sunday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for Middle School and High School Fellowships where we will join together for dinner, worship, activities and games! Our first Fellowship Night will be on Sunday, September 11 in conjunction with the Youth Choir Kick-Off! Also, don't forget to join the Youth Ministry mailing list to receive updates via email about what's happening each week in our Youth Ministry Program!



**PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS OF COLLEGE-AGED YOUNG ADULTS**

Make sure your loved one stays connected with us this year! Whether your college-aged young adult is across the country, or down the street you can help them stay connect with us by signing them up for our mailing list! Please send your college-aged young adult's name, email address and mailing information to Caley Oels ([Caley.Oels@fpcallentown.org](mailto:Caley.Oels@fpcallentown.org)) so they can receive things like the College Connection Newsletter, care packages and more!



### 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 (I-78):* Viola Allerton (#21); *At Lehigh Valley Hospital (17<sup>th</sup> St.):* Lois Hoffman (#7); *At Phoebe Rehab:* Marilyn Bingham (#2); *At St. Luke's (Allentown)* Edith Nebhut (#33); *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:** Chuck Meetsma (#19), Kay Louise Cannon (#24), Moufid Khoury (#12), Genevieve Haddad (#31), Mary Gerhard (#19), Bernice (Bee) Schroeder (#17).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Meghan and Tim Shankweiler (#34) on the birth of their daughter Zoey Olivia on August 29. Grandparents are Larry and Sherry Deal (#24).

**SYMPATHY OF THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION TO:** Marti White (#25), Nancy, Peggy and Jim Coyne, Matt Scott (#25), Josh and Katie Scott on the death of Jane Beitel, mother of Marti, Nancy, Peggy and Jim Coyne, grandmother of Josh and Matt.

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** Jane Beitel (#19), August 28; Lois Hoffman (#7), September 2; Elizabeth Moatz ( #19), September 3..

#### **STAFF PRAYER LIST**

***On September 13, 2011*** the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a **PORTION** of Parish #24. Coordinator is Sue Parker.

Steve, Lisa and Philip Heineman; Bill and Cindy Horn; Kay Jellison; Margaret Jones; Dave, Lindsay and Laurel Kearney; Jill, Lindsay and Laurel Kearney; Rick and Scott Kern; Ed and Debby Koepcke; Philip Koepcke.

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Judi and Neal Kramer; Adam, Peter and TJ Kreisher; Ron, Lauren and Kelley Kreitz; Joanne and John Lawson; Bill and Lee Ann Licht; Fay Mackey; Miriam McCarrick; Brittany, Michael and Donna Mikolajczyk; Linwood Miller.

**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
- 3:45 p.m. Cantate Domino
- 4:00 p.m. Quest 2018
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle and High School  
Fellowships

**Monday, September 12**

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

**Tuesday, September 13**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Pastoral Care Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together  
ESL Class  
Planned Giving Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Club Training
- 7:00 p.m. Ancient Future Faith

**Wednesday, September 14**

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 9:00 a.m. Sewing & Quilting  
Weekday Preschool
- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group  
Simply Christian Seminar
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- 12:00 p.m. Lehigh Co. Mental Retardation
- 2:00 p.m. All Staff Mtg & Calendar Review
- 5:30 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie G.S. Troop #6232  
Chancel Choir Social
- 7:00 p.m. DBSA  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study  
Refugee Steering Committee

**Thursday, September 15**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 5:00 p.m. 10:10 Band Set-up & Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells  
Brownie G.S. Troop #6214

**Thursday, September 15 (cont.)**

- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Mtg  
Adult Spiritual Formation  
Leader Orientation  
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 16**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Fall Retreat

**Saturday, September 17**

- All Day Confirmation Class Fall Retreat
- 7:30 a.m. Saturday Men's Group
- 10:00 a.m. International Adoption Agency
- 3:00 p.m. Sammack Wedding

**Sunday, September 18**

- 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 Class
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Horizons Group  
Confirmation Retreat Returns
- 4:00 p.m. Cantate Domino
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle and High School  
Fellowships
- 6:45 p.m. Board of Deacons

**Monday, September 19**

- All Day Life Line Screening
- 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)  
The Better Portion
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
Worship Committee

**Tuesday, September 20**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Pastoral Care Meeting
- 10:15 p.m. Ministry Staff Gathering
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Club
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together  
ESL Class
- 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band
- 7:00 p.m. Ancient Future Faith  
Staff Committee

**Wednesday, September 21**

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Craft Group  
Simply Christian Seminar
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group  
Literacy Council
- 5:30 p.m. Greening Creation
- 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, September 22**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 10:30 a.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Canon Parent Support  
Girl Scout SU Meeting  
Al-Anon  
Arabic Women's Bible Study  
Boy Scout Troop #107  
Family to Family  
Stephen Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, September 23**

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. FPC-Pottstown Confirmation  
Class

**Saturday, September 24**

- 8:00 a.m. FPC-Pottstown Confirmation  
Class
- 8:30 a.m. Staff Committee Retreat
- 9:00 a.m. Gospel Choir Intro Session

**Sunday, September 25**

- 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. Gospel Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Confirmation Sponsor & Parent  
Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Middle and High School  
Fellowships

## THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

September 11, 2011

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

**Rev. Tony Sundermeier**

Sermon: *“Worship and the Witness of a New World”*

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

8:45 Music: Special Adult Ensemble  
Covenant Brass

10:10 Music: 10:10 Worship Band

10:30 Music: Chancel Choir  
Covenant Brass

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

September 18, 2011

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

**Rev. Tony Sundermeier**

Sermon: *“Worship and Forgiven Life”*

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:12-18

8:45 Music: Cantate Domino

10:10 Music: 10:10 Worship Band

10:30 Music: Chancel Choir

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers – September 11:

**8:45 a.m.** - *Robert Bungerz, Captain;* Larry and Sherry Deal, Joe Fortenbaugh, Judi Kramer, Larry and Marion Oxley, Becky Short, Debbie Caccese, Judy Walck.

**10:30 a.m.** - *Chuck Hess, Captain;* Bob & Carole Chisdak, Kelly, Kyle, Peggy & Taylor Gonoude, Ashley, Chad, Kelly & Lauren Hess, Jill Krum, Margaret Leinweber, Kathleen Logan, Marge Parker, Sonya & Todd Siegfried, Bill White.

### Ushers – September 18:

**8:45 a.m.** - *Dorrie Gaul, Captain;* Bobby Clifford, Jim Foulke, Ginny Gugliemini, Brian & Heather Hamilton, Leni Harriott, Kevin Heier, Jill & Laurel Kearney, Tucker Kuhlman, Bob & Elaine Martin, Ken Sabotta, Clare Sober, Hannah Steele, Becky & John Tacca.

**10:30 a.m.** - *Kevin Boucher, Captain;* Christopher, Laurie & Noelle Boucher, Dorrie Gaul, Jim Guill, Jim Joseph, Clyde Myers, Roseann Sandt, Barbara & Chris Showalter, Gay Tuttle, Marilyn Wright.

### Office Volunteers

September 11: Linda Trower (8:00); Emily Schneider (10:00)

September 18: Judi Kramer (8:00); Luella Shoemaker (10:00)

### Dial-A-Ride Volunteers

September 11: John Lovis & *Driver Needed*

September 18: *Drivers Needed*

### Audio Room Volunteers

September 11: Martin Heimann (8:45); Bill Richards (10:30)

September 18: Nelson Rabenold (8:45); Mark Simmons (10:30)