

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

LOOKING EAST

The earthquake and subsequent tsunami that hit the north-eastern section of Japan on March 11 has been unimaginably devastating. Even as I write this article (March 15), there have been explosions and radiation leakage at two nuclear facilities which have prompted mass evacuations in the surrounding locales. Perilous danger and fear continue to grip the nation and the world with no idea of what is going to happen next.

Since the disaster many of you have reached out to me or our staff with inquiries as to how to financially support the relief efforts in Japan. PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) is currently assessing how to best support both the immediate and long-range needs even with the common understanding that Japan's wealth and infrastructure bodes well for the country's restoration. At our March 23, 2011 meeting, the Session of FPCA will review PDA's assessment and discern if it is appropriate to create a separate fund here at the church earmarked for PDA and their potential efforts and support in Japan. We will keep you posted.

From a theological perspective, it never ceases to amaze me that someone, somewhere makes a statement that explains a catastrophe or devastating natural event as an act of divine retribution or punishment. I am thinking specifically now of the Governor of Tokyo who said that the earthquake and tsunami were "from heaven" to punish the Japanese people for their out-of-control greed. Without fail, when disaster strikes, someone links it with an act of vengeance stemming from the power of God.

I understand the desire to "explain" events such as these and I understand the theology that gives this type of senti-

ment room to breathe. I don't, however, read events like the Japanese earthquake and tsunami through that same theological lens.

God created a world which, in order to sustain life, must allow for the *potential* of human suffering. The earth must experience shifts in tectonic plates if human and animal species are to survive. An earth without earthquakes is a world which is drastically cooler (thus preventing certain species from surviving); carbon dioxide would be significantly reduced because mountain and volcanic landscapes would erode without the earth's plates shifting and holding them up (the erosion process requires sediment to suck CO² from the earth's atmosphere); and weather and sea currents would be changed in such a way that could potentially cause even greater "natural" disasters than the earth currently experiences.

Without earthquakes, life as we know it would not be sustainable. Christians constantly have to wrestle with the life-death dilemma (or, theologically speaking, the Good Friday-Easter Sunday dilemma) in that without the potential to suffer, we cease to be human. The question is, what do we do with human suffering? What does God do with human suffering? In the season of Lent, we get glimpses of the answer that is best phrased in the words of the Apostle's Creed: "He was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day He rose again!" We cling to that promise even as we look to Christ's cross and imagine what it means for you, me, and the entire planet.

See you in Worship and the World,

Tony

2011 BREAD FOR THE WORLD WORKSHOP

Please join the Peace, Justice and Missionary Committee at the Bread for the World Offering of Letters Workshop, Hunger at Home: Food for our Neighbors. As change happens on the political scene in Washington, D.C., one constant is our need to speak out for hungry people here and around the world. This year's program will urge Congress to make our nation's foreign assistance program better focused on reducing hunger and poverty. More effective assistance translates into more progress for the world's nearly 1 billion chronically hungry people.

Through multimedia presentations and interactive exercises at the workshop, you will learn how reforming foreign aid can improve the lives of millions of hungry people. Join us at this workshop:

Saturday, April 9, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Room 115

First Presbyterian Church, Allentown

For more information, Google www.pppjr.org/bfw11.htm. Please RSVP now at www.bread.org/events or email rferris@bread.org or call 1-800-619-9239.

SAY "CHEESE" TWO WAYS**► SNAPPING YOUR PORTRAIT FOR OUR DIRECTORY**

Photography begins next week for our church's new pictorial directory. If you haven't signed up to have your portrait taken, there's still time left, but act fast, as dates have filled quickly. Professional photographers will take your family or individual portrait at no charge to you, and each family or individual will receive a choice of a free 8 X 10 or sheet of wallet-sized prints of the photo you select. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase additional prints directly from Lifetouch, the company helping us produce the directory.

Portraits will be taken at FPCA in rooms 118-122.



May 18, 19, 20, 21
May 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

To sign up online, go to www.fpcallentown.org and click on the "Directory Portrait Sign-up" link to register for an available session. If you need help registering, call the church office at 610-395-3781.

► DONATING MACARONI & CHEESE

Please donate this food item for Food on the First, Sunday, April 3 to benefit the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank.



WELCOME

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

There will be a potluck dinner welcoming First Presbyterian Church Allentown members that joined in 2010. The dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 30 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. RSVP to jenneyhenderson@gmail.com with the number of members of your family who are attending and the dish you would like to bring, e.g., salad, side dish, entree or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Please use the Fellowship Hall entrance in the back of the church.

MULTI-CHURCH PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING EVENT TO BE HELD

Today, 75% of jobs are filled by personal connections, also known as professional networking. Are you looking for work? Want to help those who are? The Networking for Life Ministry at FPC Bethlehem has invited members of FPC Allentown to attend a free networking event at their church, 2344 Center St, Bethlehem on Monday April 18th at 6:30 p.m. The event includes a keynote speaker, light refreshments, and networking time. To register, please contact Bill Gruenewald at wgruenewal@aol.com or 610-217-2524. See www.fpc-bethlehem.org/compassionatecare/networkingforlife for more information about this ministry.

DON'T MISS THE YOUTH TALENT SHOW

This year's annual Youth Talent Show will take place this Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and all members and friends of our church family are invited to attend. Don't miss a great afternoon of entertainment and fun with FPCA's Middle and High Schoolers! The Show desserts and displays are all a free gift from our youth as a thank you for your support.

OPTIONS FOR HANDLING PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

Each year members inquire about the per capita apportionment – an amount the church remits annually, based upon the number of active members, to assist the mission of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. We do this as one of our responsibilities as a connectional church. This year's amount is \$24.53 per active member, to be divided among these three governing bodies. While the church budgets for these mission support funds each year (approximately \$48,000 in 2011), members have often asked if they might pay their personal per capita amount as an act of personal stewardship, thus freeing funds for use elsewhere in the church's program and mission.

If you are interested in doing so, envelopes have been included in the packets of offering envelopes mailed to those who have requested them. You may also simply send a check to the church office or place it in the offering plate, and it will be applied to this fund accordingly. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church, with the memo "per capita."

KELLER SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURES AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Brochures and applications are available for the 2011 Natalie Theresa Keller Scholarship, intended to assist those who desire to pursue a career focusing on the nurturing of children. This might include, though is not limited to, day care, childhood education, health care, social work, or ministry. The scholarship is not limited to members of First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, nor those just beginning the education process. Community service, church activities, and other activities and interests will be considered. The amount of the award is determined each year by the scholarship committee, with a minimum award of \$1,000.

Application forms are available at the Welcome Centers and the church office lobby. You can also download the application from the church's website (www.fpcallentown.org). The deadline for completed application forms and letters of reference is April 15. Applications will be reviewed by May 15, followed by personal interviews with the most qualified applicants. The scholarship(s) will be awarded in June.

LENTEN DINNER AND STUDY

Lenten Dinners and Studies meet every Tuesday from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Room 115, beginning with a light meal. At 5:30 p.m., a brief study on the theme of “paradox” is presented. Sign-up sheets are located in the Atrium and Church Office.

March 22: Luke 17:33, Tony Sundermeier; March 29: 1 Corinthians 3:18, Dianne Kareha; April 5: Matthew 23:12, Tony Sundermeier; April 12: Matthew 20:16, Richard Smith; April 19: Philippians 2:5-11, Tony Sundermeier.

COME TO THE EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m., beginning in the Fellowship Hall, bring your own basket or bag to collect the eggs. Participation is limited to two-year olds through second graders.

The Easter Egg Hunt is being offered as a free gift from our Middle School Fellowship, but registration is required. Please complete and return the registration form to the church office or e-mail caley.oels@fpcallentown.org the information below. Forms are also available in the church office lobby and on the church's website.

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Easter Egg Hunt Registration

Child's Name _____

Choose ONE of the following:

Age (2, 3, 4, 5) OR Grade (K, 1st, 2nd) _____

Return to the church office no later than Sunday, April 17.

UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASS

A Baptism Class will be held Sunday, April 3 from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. in the church Study. This class is for parents or parents-to-be who anticipate having a child baptized. To enroll in this class, please contact Carol Kelly (610-395-3781 Ext. 36 or carol.kelly@fpcallentown.org) at the church office no later than Tuesday, March 29. Childcare is available.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

► SAFE SANCTUARY NURSERY HELP ON EASTER

One of the ways we show Christian hospitality is to offer childcare at each worship service. We often have new families and children with us on Easter morning, and we want to make sure they feel welcome and comfortable here. To do this we need your help! We are looking for Safe Sanctuary-trained volunteers to help in the nursery during these times:

Easter Sunday, April 24th
8:15 - 9:45 a.m.
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m. - noon

Please contact Lindsay at 610-395-3781, ext. 15 for questions or to sign up.

► EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY

"Share the Good News of Easter" with our homebound members by delivering Easter flowers to them. Sign up in the Library on April 3rd or April 10th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Pick up the flowers that decorate our church on Easter at 12:00 p.m. and deliver at your own convenience. Call June Gordon @ 610-395-3519, with any questions.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS: PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY APRIL 15!

Over the years, many of our church members and friends have remembered loved ones by giving flowers for the Easter services. After these plants brighten the church, volunteers will then take the flowers to our homebound and special needs members. If you would like to make a contribution to this year's Easter flower memorials, please send your contributions, along with the completed order form, to the church office by Friday, April 15. There is no fixed amount for contributions, as gifts range from \$5 to \$50 or more. If you have any questions, please contact Marti White (610-966-5998).

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Given By: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I would like to help deliver Easter Flowers to our homebound members, please contact me.

MUSIC MINISTRY**UPCOMING LENTEN ORGAN CONCERTS**

The Lenten Series continues on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

The next performing organists are:

- 🎵 March 29: Russell Jackson, Organist and Choir Master for the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem
- 🎵 April 5: Michael Krentz, Organist and Choir Master for the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and organist for Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown
- 🎵 April 12: Barry Holben, Vice President, Sales for the Allen Organ Company and organist for Christ United Church of Christ of Bethlehem
- 🎵 April 19: Michael Kuhnert, Organist and John Schwartz, Pianist from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Quakertown

Each Tuesday evening recital will begin with a brief time of worship led by various members of our congregation. An offering will not be received for these Lenten recitals. The programs are provided by the Concert Series and are intended to follow the small group study based on, "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. The Concerts of organ music are expected to be a time for reflection and inspiration through the music of the Lenten season.

**SPECIAL CONCERT INVITATION**

Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m.
Church Sanctuary

We extend a warm invitation to our church family and the broader community to attend a special **Lenten Concert** in the church sanctuary.

Featured Music: John Rutter, a living composer from England whose music is loved world-wide. The choir, with soloist Grace Spruiell Hochella and an orchestral ensemble, will perform Rutter's famous *REQUIEM*, along with two other anthems by him.

Monies from a free-will offering will be given to our sister church in Amar, Syria, and used by FPCA members who are taking a mission trip there this coming October. Please mark this date in your calendar and join with singers from FPCA and the broader community for what promises to be a meaningful and inspiring concert.

MISSION MOMENT: REMEMBERING TONY SILVA

Jane Davenport sent an e-mail to several of us on Saturday, March 12: Tony Silva had died of liver cancer. Tony was among a handful of people that a team from our church mentored in the late 1990s and early 2000s under the auspices of the Interfaith Coalition on Poverty in the Lehigh Valley, a joint effort by various local communities of faith to help disadvantaged people transition to self-sufficiency after Welfare reform. He was the lead story in an article about this faith-based initiative that ran in *Presbyterians Today* magazine in January 2001. Jane and I worked with Tony and his children, especially his daughter, Chelsey, helping him enroll in community college, find housing, and get a job. Jane has kept in regular touch with the family. Things were never easy, and he died poor. So did John, another man our group mentored before he was claimed by lung cancer. So did Damon, a woman who placed her two sons in foster care, only to have one become paralyzed in a car crash before her untimely death. Their lives seemed an unending stream of tragedies and difficult challenges. Yet when John died, one mourner remembered he shrugged off problems with the words, "It's gonna be okay." Tony, too, had a deep faith that bordered on innocent, which is the kind of faith Jesus seemed to prefer, and I felt humbled by it. We were blessed knowing him, and I picture angels swinging the gates of heaven wide open for Tony as he gives them a shy smile. Sifting through an old file, I came across a letter in *Tidings* that Tony wrote to our congregation in 2003. "I now know there are people in the world willing to help the poor," he wrote. "God will bless all of you because you are doing his work. I know you are all true Christians." Coming from him, that's an honor I find difficult to accept.

Rich Laliberte

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING- PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

On the day the destructive earthquake and tsunami struck Japan, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) issued this statement: "PDA stands ready to respond to needs from the 8.9 magnitude earthquake that struck Japan and the ensuing tsunamis across the Pacific Rim.

ACT Alliance (*PDA is a member of ACT*) reports that the Pacific Islands are highly vulnerable and most of them will be touched by the tidal waves. ACT general secretary, John Nduna, said today, "We are deeply concerned about the most vulnerable countries and their people, and we are monitoring the situation closely so that ACT Alliance can direct its resources to where they are most needed, as quickly as possible".



The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is divided between: Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can support One Great Hour of Sharing through special designated envelopes and through encouraging the children and youth to faithfully put coins in their fish banks. *Your contributions to The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering enable PDA to be ready to respond!*

YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTER SOON FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

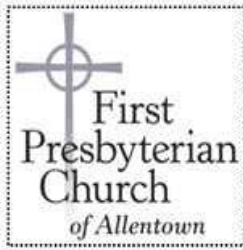
This spring, all 6th-8th graders are invited to participate in the Middle School Lock-In taking place Friday, April 15 at 8:00 p.m. through Saturday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m. Check out the flyer with all the details on the church's website or pick one up at the church office today. Be sure to register by Sunday, April 3! Contact Noha Khoury (610-395-3781, ext. 43; noha.khoury@fpcallentown.org) if you have any questions.

GET A SNEEK PREVIEW OF WHAT'S IN STORE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER

Want to know what's happening this summer for all current 9th-12th graders? Then join us on Sunday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. for Fellowship for a 2011 Summer Preview Night! We'll talk about all the different options for High Schoolers this summer, including Workcamp, the High School Beach Retreat and many different mission opportunities. All parents and guardians are invited to join us for the evening. If you have any questions, please contact Allyssa Miller (610-395-3781, ext. 40; allyssa.miller@fpcallentown.org).

PICK UP YOUR YOUTH SPIRIT CARDS

To help support our Summer Youth Ministry Program, our youth sell gift cards on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall hallway near the kitchen from 9:30-11:00 a.m. You can choose between cards from Giant and Weis/King grocery stores, Barnes & Noble, Kohl's, and Macy's.



The Greening Creation Committee invites you...

- ...to brighten a desolate area in Center City Allentown
- ...to put environmental protection into action
- ...to go beyond our church's walls and work with folks from Allentown Central Catholic High School and Wildlands Conservancy

HELP CLEAN JORDAN CREEK!

Date: **Saturday, April 16, 2011** (One week before Earth Day 2011)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location: Jordan Creek banks near Gordon Street Bridge, Allentown, PA

<p>You need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water, Snacks • Work clothes (long sleeved top, long pants to protect against shrubs, poison ivy, and thorns) • Sturdy, thick soled shoes or rubber boots (plus change of shoes and socks; please no water sandals or mesh running shoes) • Rain gear/hat/sun screen as needed • Optional, but helpful: Old leather gloves, tongs for picking up shards etc; old ropes for pulling shopping carts and similar debris out of the creek. 	<p>Wildlands Conservancy provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free gloves, vests and trash bags • Coordination of trash pick-up with the City of Allentown <div data-bbox="954 905 1377 1073" data-label="Image"> </div>
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Please be aware that the creek bank is not accessible for people with walking difficulties and the clean-up effort is likely going to be a strenuous activity.

Ready to pitch in and help the Lehigh River Watershed?

- Please fill out the sign-up portion at the bottom of this flyer. **Register by 4/10/2011.**
- Send it to the church office directly or put it in the offering plate during Sunday morning worship.
- Your registration is important for planning supplies, for reaching you in case of a weather cancellation, and to coordinate car pooling as desired. In case of heavy rain the event will be cancelled (latest by 8:00 a.m. on 4/16/11 via your preferred contact info).
- We will send detailed directions to those who register. **THANK YOU!**

Questions? Please contact Denise Jennings at (cell 484-357-6255) or Christine Guenther (cell 610-442-2127)

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FPC Allentown * Sign-up for Jordan Creek Cleaning * April 16, 2011 * 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Name: _____ Other family members joining: _____

Over 18 years old: Yes/No

If No: Minors should be accompanied by a designated adult. Designated adult: _____

Interested in car pooling from FPCA to the clean-up site: Yes/No

Best phone number or email to reach me for last minute updates/changes: _____

Signature/Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature for Minors: _____

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 AM

ADULT SEMINAR:

Fellowship Hall

March 27: "Annunciation and Nativity" a slide art show, presenter David Sommers.

These paintings are both modern and traditional, reflecting a variety of artist's theologies about the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary; and the representation of Jesus' birth and flight to Egypt will also reflect varied theological themes.

Biography of David Sommers: A previous presenter at FPCA.

1995 – Present. Teacher of Spanish, Art History, and Comparative World Religions, Moravian Academy, Bethlehem, PA
1987 - 1995. Associate Pastor of Religious Education at Lititz Moravian Church, Lititz, PA; Director of volunteers, youth groups, community services programs; presented programs on how theology impacts the visual arts.
Master of Divinity from Moravian Theological Seminary and Master of Arts in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA (formerly Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education).
Bachelors of Arts in Studio Art and Religion (Magna Cum Laude) from Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA
Painter for over 30 years. Art works can be viewed at www.davidsommersart.com.

BIBLE DISCOVERY: WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Room 124/Thrygve Meeker

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE BIBLE CLASS

Room 115/ Becky Ensley

EXPLORING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Room 217/ Mike Loomis

We are journeying through the Book of Acts, and learning how the early church grew through the actions of the apostles and the Holy Spirit. If you've been meaning to read the Bible and could benefit from the insight and encouragement of others to keep you on track, this is the class for you. Newcomers are welcome!

PRESBY PERK: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BEING CHRISTIAN

Commons/ Pam Weiss

Join us Sunday mornings in the Commons for Coffee House style discussions. Pam Weiss leads us in looking at issues that directly affect how we understand ourselves as Christians, especially as they relate to how we live our daily lives.

TREXLER BIBLE CLASS

Witherspoon Room/ Tom Ritter

WEEKDAY CLASSES

RETIRED PERSONS BIBLE STUDY: *THE PARABLES OF JESUS*

Chapel

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

All are welcome – retired, semi-retired, or not retired at all!

March 30, *The Rich Man and Lazarus* (Luke 16:19-31), J. Franke; April 6, *The Tenants in the Vineyard* (Luke 20:9-19), M. Drake; April 13, *The Good Samaritan* (Luke 10:25-37), T. Sundermeier.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP – 6:45 a.m.

Commons /Tony Sundermeier

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 7:30 p.m.

Witherspoon Room/ Mike Loomis

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 p.m.

Room 124/ Curtis and Darlis Fouts

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Fridays 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Room 115/ Marijo Taylor, Pam Weiss

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP – Every other Saturday, 7:30- 9:00 a.m.

Room 217

Please call Mike Loomis (610-398-1366) for further details.



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 (Cedar Crest):* Joann Merlet (#18), Russ Smart (#9), Jon Dubbs (#1), Grace Motsay (#28), Helen Johnson (#19); *At Lehigh Valley Hospital (17th St.):* Nayfey Abraham (#3); *At Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital:* Bill Somers (#8); *At Luther Crest H.C.C.:* Mari McDowell Stammerjohn (#19), Lois Rich (#19); *At Phoebe Rehab.:* Marion Keeler (#22); *At Lehigh Center:* Helen Potts (#10).

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL: Don Merriman (#19), Miriam Lapp (#17), Leslie Nichols (#11), Donald Fink (#7), Ed Baldrige (#19), Judy Miller (#31), Al Saleh (#24), Sharon Kloiber (#31).

MILESTONES: Fannie (Fan) Shoemaker celebrated her 100th birthday on March 17; Mrs. Ruth Paul celebrated her 90th birthday on March 21; Mrs. Mari Stammerjohn celebrated her 90th birthday on March 24.

SYMPATHY OF THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION TO: Uk Peng and Biak Tha (#13) on the death of their son, Peter VanLian Peng on March 8; Ginny Haddad (#10) on the death of her sister-in-law, Afifie J. Haddad, on February 24, 2011.

If you'd like to send cards or letters to those in the hospital, please contact Kathy Mammale, Director of Pastoral Care (610-395-3781 Ext. 39).

STAFF PRAYER LIST

On March 29, 2011 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a **PORTION** of Parish #19. Coordinators are Connie and Bob Bear.

Robert, Amy Jo, Olivia and Anna Hendricks; Barbara Henseler; Laurie, Brian, Hunter and Whitney Hillanbrand and Andrew Makuvek; Sandy Hoats; Shirley Horowitz; Helen Johnson; Margaret Kern; Dorothy Kintzel; Bob Klein; Stephen, Debra, Katie and Evan Kopenhaver.

On April 5, 2011 the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a **PORTION** of Parish #19. Coordinators are Connie and Bob Bear.

Max Kreller; Selma Kubista; Caroline Kuhns; Joe and Miriam Kuzma; Mildred Landis; Paul and Ruth Lehman; Rick, Sarah, Brian, Bethany Lemak; Bev and Gary Levenson; Pat, Mike and Steve Lisetski; Thomas and Jean Madea.

MILITARY UPDATE:

AB Jones, Clifford E
320 TRS FLT 339 Dorm B-9
1320 Truemper Street Unit
364039
Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6430

Cliff is a member of FPC and the son of Tess and Rook Jones. Cliff is currently active in basic military training (BMT) for the next 8 1/2 weeks. He graduates the weekend of May 6. After graduating he will remain at Lackland AFB and enter a 9-week program of Special Forces Indoctrination (indoc), where he hopes to become one of the elite members of the Special Forces Pararescue Team. If Cliff accomplishes his goal, he will then train for two more years before he will be on active duty as part of the team.

It is very important that he only receives letters/notes, **NO packages**. Please keep Cliff and his family in your prayers as he serves our country in the military.

Please continue to remember through your prayers, letters, or cards the members or family of our church members who are serving in the military. Please contact Kathy Mammale in the church office (610-395-3781, ext. 39) if you have someone to add to our military list, have corrections on current listings, or would like to send a package and need mailing instructions. **Please Note: When sending a note or card, a regular stamp (44¢) is all that's needed for an APO or an FPO address.**

Sunday, March 27

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Talent Show

Monday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. DBSA Facilitator Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #611
Peace and Justice Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Family to Family
Monday Night Serenity Group
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, March 29

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Club
- 5:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner and Program
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
Tuesday Night Together
- 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band
Boy Scout Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Organ Concert

Wednesday, March 30

- 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
Retired Persons Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
- 6:00 p.m. Soup and Song
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie Girl Scouts #6232
Daisy G.S. Troop #6027
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
DBSA
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, March 31

- All Day Church Photo Directory
- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Mid-day Prayer Service
- 12:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
- 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Daisy #6051
Brownie G.S. Troop #6214
Handbells
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Thursday Bible Study
Al-Anon
Boy Scout Troop #107

Thursday, March 31, continued

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, April 1

- All Day Church Photo Directory
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Painting Group
- 5:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band
- 6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class, Temple Beth El

Saturday, April 2

- All Day Church Photo Directory
- 7:30 a.m. Saturday Men's Group
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Concert Rehearsal

Sunday, April 3

Communion Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Easter Flower Delivery Sign-up
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
Baptism Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Lenten Concert
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle & High School
Fellowships

Monday, April 4

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 11:30 a.m. Weekday Preschool Lunch Bunch
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout #611
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Serenity (Al-Anon)
Family to Family
Worship Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 5

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
ESL Class
- 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Club
- 5:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner and Study
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Together
ESL Class
- 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Band
- 6:30 p.m. DBSA Board Meeting
Lenten Organ Concert
- 7:00 p.m. Because I Love You
PFLAG
Safe Sanctuaries Committee

Wednesday, April 6

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Discipleship Group
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
Sewing & Quilting

Wednesday, April 6, continued

- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Co-op
- 9:30 a.m. Belles
- 10:00 a.m. Retired Persons Bible Study
Craft Group
- 10:30 a.m. Autumn Gospel Group
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee
Brownie G.S. Troop #6232
Daisy G.S. Troop #6973
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
DBSA
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Thursday, April 7

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobic Dance Class
- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Mid-day Prayer Service
- 12:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Staff
- 5:30 p.m. ESL Class
- 6:30 p.m. Brownie G.S. Troop
Handbells
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
Al-Anon
Boy Scout Troop #107
Thursday Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
Mission Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, April 8

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Painting Group
- 6:00 p.m. Horizons
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Spring Retreat
Blessed Memories

Saturday, April 9

- All Day Confirmation Class Spring Retreat
- 9:00 a.m. Bread for the World
AGO Student Competition
Girl Scouts of Eastern PA
- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Knitting Ministry
- 11:00 a.m. Horizons
Prayer Vigil for Peace
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Vigil for Peace

Sunday, April 10

Baptism Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Easter Flower Delivery Sign-up
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Arabic Worship Service
Church School (All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Retreat Returns
- 4:00 p.m. Cantate Domino Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Middle & High School Fellowships

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

March 27, 2011

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services

John Franke

Sermon: *24 Hours That Changed the World: Condemned by the Righteous*

Scripture: Mark 14:53-72

Music at 8:30: Westminster Choir

Music at 11:00: Chancel Choir

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

April 3, 2011

Communion Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services

Rev. Tony Sundermeier

Sermon: *24 Hours That Changed the World: Jesus, Barabbas and Pilate*

Scripture: Mark 15:1-15

Music at 8:30: Youth Choir

Music at 11:00: Chancel Choir

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Ushers – March 27

8:30 a.m. - *Joe Cavote, Captain*; Claude Arnold; Kenneth & Jeanne Baab; Chris & Dave Bockstanz; Jessica Bowman; Audree & Bud Chase; Barbara Christman; Cyril Doherty; Chris Laevey; LaMay Lambert; Gary Mantz, Joe Schmidt; Mike Smith; Wanda Smith.

11:00 a.m. - *Linda Clemens, Captain*; Bruce Ahlum; Sharon Alexander; Kevin & Chris Boucher; Larry Clemens; Loretta Johnson, Bob Klein; Mike Lentz; Josh & Nathan Luey; Salma Moussa; Katie Santo; Jeanne Stone.

Ushers – April 3

8:30 a.m. - *Dorrie Gaul, Captain*; Bobby Clifford; Jim Foulke; Ginny Gugliemini; Brian & Heather Hamilton; Kevin Heier; Jill Kearney; Bob & Elaine Martin; Ken Sabotta; Clare Sober; Becky & John Tacca.

11:00 a.m. - *Jim Guill, Captain*; Cheryl & Michael Bleiler; Jo-Ann & Lu Campbell; LuAnn Epstein; June Gordon; Linda Henry; Michael Kimock; Sally Kinchley; Nancy Orr; Bill & Judy Richards; Gary, Sharon & Jimmy Schrantz.

Office Volunteers

March 27: Emily Schneider (8:00); Georgia Baldrige (10:00)

April 3: JoAnn Campbell (8:00); Enid Nielson (10:00)

Dial-A-Ride Volunteers

March 27: George & Sharon Baker

April 3: John Fry & Driver Needed

Audio Room Volunteers

March 27: Nelson Rabenold (8:30); Mark Simmons (11:00)

April 3: Joe Cavote (8:30); Dan Shoemaker (11:00)