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First Presby News

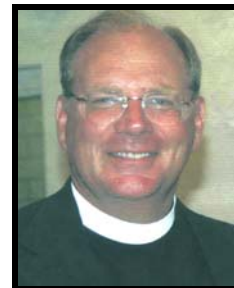
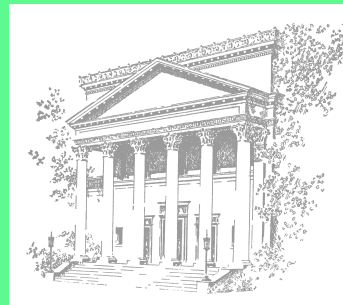
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First Presbyterian Church will strive to be a welcoming home, a beacon of Christ's light arising from inspiring worship and loving discipleship.

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

11:00 Radio Broadcast: 580 AM WCHS

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Bill McCoy
Pastor

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate the arrival of Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, Dr. Jim Roberts. Jim comes to us from Huntsville, Alabama where, for the past twelve years he has served as pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church. Jim is a graduate of Samford University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary. Jim has served the church as a youth director, hospital chaplain, Associate Pastor and Senior Pastor, including serving in the area of pastoral care for two large Presbyterian churches.

Jim is married to Diane who is a high school guidance counselor and together they have three children, Bart 30, Alison 28, and Anna 20, and one grandchild, Alison's daughter Leyla, age 4. Like many at First Church, Jim and Diane are beach lovers and Jim enjoys landscaping and is purported to be an excellent cook (particularly chili and gumbo). Jim arrives to settle in and join in ministry to us and with us on April 1st with the rest of the family moving early in the summer at the conclusion of school responsibilities. We look forward to the coming days, months and years as we share in the joys and challenges of ministry together here in Charleston.

We are deeply grateful for the faithful, prayerful, diligent work of our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee which is comprised of Dick Sibley – Chair, Steve Morris – Vice Chair, Aaron Alexander, Nancy Braillier, Sherry Harrison, Tom Marchio, Carolyn Mullett, and Tom Sporck. Jim Robert's arrival marks the conclusion of a transition here at First Church which has seen a change in no less than twenty four staff positions over some four years. We look forward to an exciting new chapter in the story of Christ's ministry through First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, a ministry which reaches across Charleston, across West Virginia and across the world... a chapter we are blessed write together to the glory of God. You have a role to play. Come and join us! Blessings.

In Christ's Love,

Bill McCoy

WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
with Church School at 9:45.

If you are home, listen at
11:00 a.m. to 580 AM Radio.

HOPE AND THE MIND/BODY RELATIONSHIP

Matt Sanford, philosopher, nationally recognized yoga teacher, lecturer, expert on mind-body integration and author of *Waking: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence* is speaking on Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. Location: CAMC Memorial's WVU Auditorium. Please register by calling 345-9051. Sanford is a wonderful speaker. Call to register today.

WHAT IS VOLUNTEER MINISTRY?

One of the newest divisions at First Presby is the Volunteer Ministry Division. Its goal is to match a need in the church's program with a volunteer who can meet that need.

Currently, the division is building a computer database, learning via a check-sheet completed by church members, or even by word-of-mouth, on what interests and skills are available to carry forward the work of the church. Can you bake cookies or make a chicken casserole? Can you visit in a nursing home? Can you write publicity for a choir concert? Can you help prepare a budget?

We need to have the names of members and just what each one is able to contribute, time- and skill-wise.

In your Sunday bulletin on April 27, you will find a survey form. Surveys will also be available from the hallway information table or the church office. Please take time to complete the form and return it. As the surveys come in, the information will be keyed into the appropriate file – and we volunteers will find ways in which we can minister!

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a nurse, Sunday, April 13, in the Cablish Room off the main church hallway.

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

April 16, 2008 has been designated as National Healthcare Decisions Day to encourage more people across the nation to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions. People are also being encouraged to complete advance directives to make their wishes known.

On Sunday, April 20, First Presby will be providing information and tools to help the congregation to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers.

If you have not already executed written advance directives (medical power of attorney and living will), these documents will be available. You are invited to the Ruffner Room after the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service to pick up materials and to talk with Terry Cunningham and others who can help you.

As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day and having these conversations before the crisis, fewer families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions and will be better able to honor patients' wishes.

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP

You are welcome to join this group meeting once a month, the third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in Room E-310.

DIVORCE RECOVERY GROUP

The Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center is again sponsoring the Rebuilding Group program. The purpose of the group is to assist those dealing with some stage of divorce or separation. The focus is interdenominational. The program has been helping folks for over 15 years.

The group will meet on Monday evenings, 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Ruffner Room. There will be 8 sessions beginning Monday March 24, 2008. There is no charge for those attending. The group format is based on the book **Rebuilding** by Dr. Bruce Fisher and Dr. Robert Albert. The book will be available at a cost of \$18.00. For more information, contact Bob Schacht, 346-9689, ext. 18.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Dawn Patchell and Less Hawkins
March 15, 2008



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating a "90 and over" birthday during April:

Louise Rosenbaum April 1
John Hopkins April 24
Florian Ceperley April 30

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2008

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 85,000	\$ 48,731	\$ (36,269)
Trustee Funds:	4,480	4,480	-
Other Revenue:	4,690	14,216	9,526
Total Income:	94,170	67,427	(26,743)
Expenses:	121,269	117,991	(3,278)
Net Income:	\$ (27,099)	\$ (50,564)	\$ (23,465)

(*\$4,300 of 2007 pledge balances were received in February.)

2008 Stewardship Goal: \$ 1,188,875

Pledged-to-Date: \$ 1,044,453

Short of Goal: \$ 144,422

**Prayerfully consider in what capacity you are able to support
the ministry of First Presbyterian Church in 2008.**

SUMMER CAMP AT BLUESTONE CONFERENCE CENTER

Families, the church staff asks you to consider the week of June 29 as First Presby's summer camping week at Bluestone. We hope to provide support to the Conference Center that week and oversight of our children who are campers.

INTERMEDIATE DANCE LESSONS

Brush up on your dance skills with six-weeks of intermediate dance lessons at First Presby on Tuesday nights starting at 7:00 in the Bud Francis Recreation Room, April 15-May 20. All are welcome. If you have questions, contact Sarah Lyons, 343-5228.



CENTS-ABILITY

When do cents make sense? A few cents a meal for each person in a family dedicated in prayer on a regular basis and offered to the Cents-Ability Offering makes a lot of sense because it teaches young people the habit of prayer, thanksgiving and praise to God, and concern for others.

A young mother recently told me that until they began praying at dinner meals their child had thought prayer was about asking God at bedtime for what they wanted and for magical protection for those they loved. Gratitude had not entered into it, nor the idea of serving the needs of others. Now they pray not just for folks in poverty in Charleston, but have developed a global awareness of hunger and deprivation as it exists in other nations as well.

On Jan. 23 this congregation gave over \$500 to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund which supports food pantries and soup kitchens in all four quadrants of West Virginia for direct food relief. PHP (Cents-Ability) also support efforts to help people feed themselves through development assistance grants in this country and in Africa. **A few cents accompanied by prayer over and over again in many households makes infinite sense. Bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on Sunday, April 13.**

PYC YOUTH NEWS

YARD SALE!

We're having a YARD SALE! The High School youth will host a Yard Sale on May 10 in the Virginia Street parking lot to raise funds for this year's Mission Trip. They will work with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity on John's Island, South Carolina. Start now gathering items you would like to donate. Watch for more information to come.

YOUTH PROGRAM PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR!



A retreat for Youth Program planning for next year will be held Thursday, April 10. We will meet at the church from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. to begin making plans for next year. Breakfast provided. Come with your calendar and ideas. Everyone interested in our youth program is invited.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Saturday, April 5 — Youth Track at Festival of Faith, here at First Presby

Wednesday, April 9—SAVENGER HUNT! At Town Center Mall

Wednesday, April 16—6:30 p.m. "The Real Truth About High School" in the Youth Lounge

Wednesday, April 23—6:30 p.m. Group meeting in the Youth Lounge

Wednesday, April 30—6:30 p.m. Group meeting in the Youth Lounge

HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, April 5 — Youth Track at Festival of Faith, here at First Presby

Sunday, April 6—6:30 p.m. Group meeting at the home of Ellie McCoy

Sunday, April 13—6:30 p.m. Group meeting at the home of Alex Hersch

Sunday, April 20—Mall Scavenger Hunt (Town Center Mall)

Sunday, April 27—6:30 p.m. Planning for the Pink Ribbon Walk, Youth Lounge

NEW BABIES!



John and Marie Nesius

announce the births of grandchildren:

Landon David Hawkins, born November 20, 2007, to Markley and Brian Hawkins of Rock Hill, SC, and

Lola Grace Nesius born February 26, 2008, to Stephanie and Matt Nesius of Charleston. Lola joins brother Kai at home.

Liz and Justin Blankenship

announce the birth of son, Nathaniel Parker Blankenship, on March 3.

Taylor and Leslie Raab announce the birth of son, Theron Wray Raab, on March 14. Theron joins sister Kaydence at home. Grandparents are Terry and Anna Raab.

*Get Your Faith in
Shape:*

**Practice, Practice,
Practice!**

Festival of Faith

**Saturday, April 5, here at
First Presby**

**Walk in Registrations start
at 9:00 a.m. (\$15)**

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Morning Prayer

God of hope, you offer everyone a new future. Help us kindle the hope in ourselves and in others so that today's hope becomes tomorrow's reality. Amen.

Blessing for Meals

Dear God,
Thank you for this food,
For rest and home and all things good,
For wind and rain and sun above,
But most of all for those we love.
Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of all times and places, thank you for this night. Thank you for being with me as the day ends and time for rest begins. Thank you for friends and family, for the church, for life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Bible Verse

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
Everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Word of the Month

New Creation: The apostle Paul tells us in this month's Scripture that we are made new creations when we open ourselves to Christ. It doesn't mean that we instantly become perfect, but that for the rest of our lives we are changed and are changing because of our life with Christ. Our faith in God grows, even when we stop growing taller!

Portions from **2008 Children's Mission Yearbook**. Copies are available in the CE Office.



THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

Sunday morning after Sunday morning our teachers come prepared to lead our children and youth. The message of "I care for you, I love you and God loves you," when the world seems to be squeezing in on that child, young person or teenager, is the teacher and the Spirit working together.

Thank you, teachers, for the love and lessons you share! Thank you for exposing our children to the Holy Spirit in you as you touch each one through your presence.

JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. Be sure to circle June 8 – 12 on your calendar as we travel back to Jerusalem each evening, Sunday through Thursday, from 6:00 to 8:00. The Children and Family Committee needs volunteers to help organize and lead this event. This Bible School is one that families look forward to all year!

Please contact Barbara or the Christian Ed office if you would like to learn more about how you can be a part of the adventure.

LET ME SHARE MY EGGS WITH YOU!

Wow! What a fun time we had at the Egg Hunt! Hundreds and hundreds of plastic eggs were stuffed with candy, Bible verses and Christian symbols, and were hidden in various rooms. They were discovered by dozens of children on Palm Sunday afternoon.

Sack races, spoon races, egg toss, egg dyeing, mask making, bag decorating and artistic expression encouraged each family to enjoy what has become a fellowship tradition organized and hosted by the Children and Family Committee.

Many thanks to this dedicated committee and to all of the other volunteers who helped organize the event, filled eggs, gathered supplies, purchased and boiled eggs, shepherded children – you made the event enjoyable for all who attended.

"Here, let me share my eggs with you," a comment made from one child to another, speaks of an event that has succeeded in promoting Christian fellowship with our children.

Thanks to all of you!



**MAY 2
FRIENDSHIP DAY**



Come and celebrate Friendship Day on Friday, May 2. First Presby is hosting this Church Women United event, "God Inspires Hospitality."

Registration at 10:30 a.m.; program starts at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. Luncheon follows the program.

Make a reservation through your circle or by calling the church, 343-8961.

Child care available if reserved by April 28.



DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 4/1: Psalm 1
- 4/2: 1 Corinthians 1:18, 20-21
- 4/3: 1 Corinthians 1:30
- 4/4: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-121
- 4/5: 1 Corinthians 3:3-4
- 4/6: 1 Corinthians 3:5-6
- 4/7: Exodus 12:3, 7, 11b-14
- 4/8: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8
- 4/9: Joel 1:2-3
- 4/10: Romans 11:1-2a, 29
- 4/11: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
- 4/12: 1 Corinthians 11:26
- 4/13: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- 4/14: 1 Corinthians 15:17-19
- 4/15: 1 Corinthians 15:35
- 4/16: 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57
- 4/17: Luke 24:13-16, 30-31
- 4/18: John 20:24-28
- 4/19: Matthew 27:3-5
- 4/20: Revelation 1:12-16
- 4/21: Revelation 5:2-6a
- 4/22: Hosea 4:2-3
- 4/23: Exodus 20:1-3
- 4/24: Exodus 20:4-6
- 4/25: Exodus 20:7
- 4/26: Exodus 20:8-11
- 4/27: Exodus 20:12
- 4/28: Exodus 20:13
- 4/29: Exodus 20:14
- 4/30: Exodus 20:15

Note: These readings follow those listed in **Making Time for God**, a book of daily devotions available from the church library, the C.E. Office or Cokesbury. Scripture, explanation, and daily prayer are included in this resource. It is an excellent devotional book for the whole family, written by Susan R. Garrett and Amy Plantinga Pauw, professors at Louisville Seminary.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON
Thursday, April 17, 12:00 noon**

Community Outreach

Amy Weintraub, Director of Covenant House

plus music with Rob Peterson and friend

Nancy Martin will lead the Prayer Group at 11:30 a.m. in Room A-203.

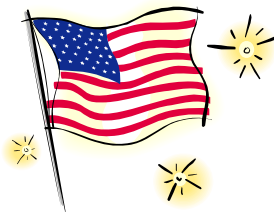
Bring donations for the Food Pantry.

Invite a friend and be sure to make your lunch reservation by April 14—call 343-8961.

Childcare is available if reserved by calling Ina, 343-8961 ext. 122 in advance.

**SCHEDULE FOR WOMEN'S CIRCLE
BIBLE STUDIES**

DATE	NAME	CIRCLE CHAIR	PLACE	TIME
April 10	Leah	Sally Slicer 346-1873	A-201; Hostesses: Jo Ann Conley and Dot Holden	9:30 a.m.
April 10	Mary	Sue Shawkey 342-4233 Mary Lou Moore 344-1995	Edgewood Summit	10:00 a.m.
April 10	Miriam	Sarah McGriff 744-3751	Hostess: Mary Parsons, 913 Alynwood circle	9:45 a.m.
April 10	Martha	Sara Joseph 343-1210 Jackie Taylor 346-6147	A-204, Bring a "brown bag" lunch.	12:00 p.m.
April 10	Rebecca (Dinner)	Pam Healy 744-6356 Beth Ann Surber 342-7988	Dining Room-Call to make a dinner reservation.	6:00 p.m.
April 17	Hannah	Janice Lessley 342-6846 Nancy Martin 744-9456	A-204	10:30 a.m.
April 17	Ruth	Betty Ann Morton 344-4507 Ruth Pitchford 346-8494	A-201	10:30 a.m.



**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE
ARMED FORCES**

Edwin Anderson, cousin of Mary Odin, in Afghanistan

David McMillan, grandson of Betty Kerns, National Guard Engineers, Iraq

Major Todd Harrell, Iraq, father of Emily and Jonathan

Caitlin Workman, granddaughter of Pat Workman, Airman First Class, Omaha, NE

Franz S. Workman IV, grandson of Pat Workman, Airman 1st Class, Moody AFB, GA.

Jonathan Seiter, nephew of Carolyn Sturgeon, in Iraq for second tour of duty

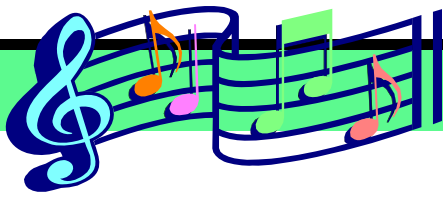
David McDarmont, son of Liz O'Finan, in Ohio

Donald Boylen, grandson of Dick and Becky Smith, Virginia

Owen Brown, son of Earle Brown, in Pensacola, FL with the Navy

David Rucker, nephew of Barbara Brown, Germany

Please call the church office to keep this information current. Thank you.



MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

FROM MARY ODIN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

First, I'm pleased to report that the little girl in Greensboro about whom I wrote last month was back in Sunday School a week and a half after her surgery. The mass removed from her chest was larger than her heart, but it was benign and apparently had not invaded vital organs. Many thanks to all of you who joined me in prayer for her.

My experience in prayer with you last month reminded me once again of the importance and nature of community. We are so dependent on one another, and one place where this is particularly apparent is in worship. Most of us sit more or less in the same place each Sunday, which means we are likely to notice when someone in our area is missing—that person with the beautiful voice or the one with the friendly greeting week after week or the little girl who always sits with her grandpa. You feel it when that person isn't there, don't you? Something isn't quite right, and you might even ask around to see if anyone else knows why he or she wasn't at church that morning. I think God places that uneasy feeling inside us as a way of binding His community together. He knows how much we need each other to be complete, and helps us become committed to one another by giving us those uneasy feelings.

This month, we welcome Rev. Jim Roberts as our new Associate Pastor. In my few encounters with Jim, I have been impressed with his determination not to let any one of us fall through the cracks or drift away from our community without being noticed. I cannot begin to express how pleased I am that God selected a person with this particular passion to serve Him here. I invite you to join me in prayer for Jim and his wife, Diane, as they move to Charleston and begin ministering among us. I know they will find that ours is a loving community, growing stronger and more loving and closer to God every day.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Cherub Choir and Cathedral Choir led our Palm Sunday processional on March 16, and the Cherub Choir gave a beautiful musical offering that morning, too. Both choirs meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6:00. Debbie Eads leads the Cherubs (grades K-2) in the Susie Early Room and Mary Odin leads the Cathedral Choir members (grades 3-6) in E-305. Both choirs welcome new members every Wednesday evening. Come sing with us!

BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir rehearses in the Choir Room on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. under the direction of Kathy Lynch. Our handbell ringers gave a beautiful musical offering at both worship services Easter Sunday. If you are interested in ringing bells with a fun group of dedicated musicians, give Kathy Lynch a call or speak with any member of the bell choir.

GENEVA CHOIR

The Geneva Choir was busy in March, singing at Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services as well as both services on Easter. We thank soloists Tom Marchio and Tim Holbrook for offering their gifts on Palm Sunday and Easter. The Geneva Choir welcomes all youth and adults to sing together in 11:00 a.m. worship each week and occasionally at 8:30 a.m. worship, too. We rehearse in the Choir Room on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. You don't need to read music to sing in our choir--come join us!

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team provides musical leadership at early and late worship services each week. This ensemble of vocalists and instrumentalists uses guitar, bass, piano, mandolin, and many other instruments to accompany congregational song. We rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 or 8:00, depending on the schedule of Division meetings each week. To join us, bring your instrument or voice on Wednesday night, or contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.org.

FPC LYRES CLUB

The Lyres Club continues to work on technique and new tunes on Tuesday evenings in the Susie Early Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We welcomed six new members to our group in March, and we plan to play in worship this month on April 13.

If you are interested in playing the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin, 343-8961 ext. 137 or modin@firstpresby.org

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

You have a gift, a talent, an ear for music, or a love of music that gets you going! Whichever it is, please take a moment meet Mary Odin.

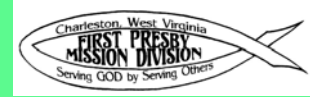
MONTREAT CONFERENCE ON WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Join us this summer for a life-changing week of worship, Bible study, music, and the arts in the mountains of Montreat, North Carolina. We'll leave on Sunday, June 15 and return on Saturday, June 21. Our church has reserved Chestnut Lodge for the week, and it promises to be a time of relaxation as well as spiritual renewal. The conference is open to adults, youth, and children who have completed grade 3; childcare for younger children of registered conferees is free. There is a discount for registering before April 15. For more information, go to www.presbysmusic.org/ConfMontreat.htm or call Mary Odin at 343-8961 ext. 137.

MALONE COLLEGE CHORALE IS COMING

On May 4, the Malone College Chorale of Canton, Ohio, will join us for worship and a concert here at First Presby. We are now arranging housing for 32 women and 28 men during their stay with us that weekend. The group plans to arrive Saturday around supper time; they will sing during both worship services on Sunday morning, present a concert in our sanctuary that evening, and leave on Monday morning. Host families are asked to provide a bed for Saturday night, May 3 and Sunday night, May 4 and breakfasts both mornings. If you are able to provide this simple hospitality for our guests, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.org.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



SHEPHERD'S CENTER

Thursday, April 24

Spring Benefit Luncheon

starting at 11:30

Menu: Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

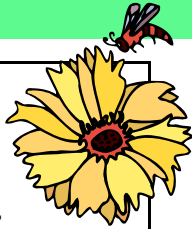
Cost \$15

Musical Recital:



Joe and Shirley
Romagnoli

Please call for your reservation by noon on Monday, April 21: Diane Clements, 343-0590.



ANNUAL INTERFAITH LUNCHEON

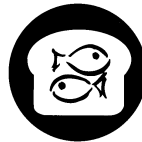
Location: Blessed John XXIII Center

Thursday, April 3

Registration 11:30

Luncheon at noon. Cost \$12

Please make reservations by calling Carolyn Zain, 345-8118.



"BREAD FOR THE WORLD" WORKSHOP

Are you interested in world poverty issues? We can urge Congress to provide more, and better, poverty-focused development assistance to break the cycle of poverty permanently. Come to Room E-310 on Saturday, April 26 and learn skills for calling and writing your congresspersons, and for following legislation such as the Global Poverty Act. We'll start at 9:00 a.m. Call Frankie McCain, 343-8961 ext. 139, for more information and to pre-register for the workshop.

COVENANT HOUSE NEEDS

Drop-In-Center:

laundry powder
disposable razors
shaving cream

Food Pantry:

boxed cereals
pasta and grains
peanut butter

Clothing Closet:

men's shoes sizes 8 - 11
men's underwear sizes 28 - 40
socks
summer clothing

Community Housing:

full size bed and box springs
answering machine

AIDS Residential & Resource Program:

cleaning supplies
Mops
brooms

Holocaust Denial: A New Form of Anti-Semitism



Thursday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Cultural Center; Free and Open to the Public.

Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt is the author of

Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory,

History on Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving and

Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust,

She is Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Winner of numerous awards, advisor to Presidents Bush and Clinton, she has appeared on CNN, CBS's Sixty Minutes, NBC's Today Show, ABC's Good Morning America, National Public Radio's Fresh Air and PBS's Charlie Rose Show.

This lecture is sponsored by WV Department of Education and the Arts, Temple Israel, B'nai Jacob Synagogue, Federated Jewish Charities of Charleston, and First Presbyterian Church- Charleston, Jacobson Foundation and Kanawha Country Schools. Arrangements for Dr. Lipstadt have been made through the B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau.

A FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN WEST VIRGINIA

On Sunday, March 30, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., Temple Israel is hosting a forum with healthcare leaders. Free and open to the public, everyone is invited.



PARTNERS IN PRAYER

We pray for churches in our presbytery, in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa, and our ecumenical partners through the West Virginia Council of Churches.

April 6: First Presby, Oak Hill; Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Hurricane; Rome Presby, Proctorville, Ohio; Gura Parish, Kenya.

April 13: First Presby, South Charleston; First Presby, Terra Alta; Westminster Presby, Charleston; Gathaith Church, Kenya.

April 20: Arthurdale Community Presby; Beverly Presby; Buffalo Presby; Gititu Church, Kenya.

April 27, Clifton Presby, Maxwelton; Elk Hills Presby, Charleston; South Park Presby, Charleston; Thageini Church, Kenya.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A big First Presby welcome to **Drew, Kyle and Gabrielle Woods**. They are joining by transfer of their church letters, and already have some friends at First Presby. They are interested in joining the Seneca Class and Kyle would like to join the choir. Gabrielle is two years old and will attend the pre-school next fall. Drew is a lawyer with the law firm of Farmer, Cline and Campbell and Kyle is a stay-at-home mom. Please watch for their photo on the bulletin board and greet them by name when you see them.

Carol Stiles comes to First Presby from Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN. She lives at Edgewood Summit and is the mother of First Presby member Sue Sibley. Carol was very involved at her previous church where she served as an Elder, and is interested in becoming a member of a Bible Study group, a Sunday School class and Presbyterian Women. Please note Carol's photo on the bulletin board and greet her by name when you see her. Welcome, Carol!

WORSHIP A B CS for Parents and Other Adults

Arrive in time to find a good place to sit. Make sure children's physical needs are met before worship begins.

Bring something for little ones to hold or look at – children's worship clipboards are available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Contribute visibly in worship by singing, praying, making an offering, responding. You are a role model in all that you do.

Direct children to locate the hymns and scripture lessons before worship begins.

Exhibit joy and enthusiasm in your own worship. The children will notice.

Find ways to appreciate families and children with whom you worship.

Excerpt from PC(USA)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SCHOOL begins at 9:45

If you haven't discovered the joy of Church School, come and discover it now! Review the list of classes. There is a lot of variety. Locate the appropriate classroom for your children in the Education Building:

Infant Nursery, E-104

Toddlers, Room E-114

Two-Three Year Olds, Room
E-217

Four-Five Year Olds, Room E-112

Elementary children (called Covenant Kids) begin in the Chapel. For April they will be learning about the Disciple Thomas.

6th-8th grade, Room E-406

9th grade, Room E-405

High School, Youth Lounge in the Activities Building

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday morning church school is not only a great way to meet people and enjoy Christian fellowship, it is also the place to learn about God and how your faith effects your life.

Adult classes have been updating their class rolls. If you have not been part of a church school class, please consider one of the following.

- Seneca Class (young adults)—
in the Ruffner Room just off the Chapel

Located in the Education Building:

- Covenant Class—Room E-403
- Koinonia Class—Room E-412
- Sojourners Class—Room E-411
- Rainbow Class—Room E-214

Located in the Activities Building:

- Foundations Class—Room A-109
- Discovery Class—Bud Francis Recreation Room
- Ruffner Class—Room A-201
April 6-20: Jim McCain will be leading a study of the Book of Mark.
- Trinity Class—Room A-203
"God and His People" will be the April focus.
- The Class—Room A-204
April 6-13: "Then Sings My Soul"
April 20: "End of Time"
April 27: "Fiscal Responsibility"



WEIGHT WATCHERS

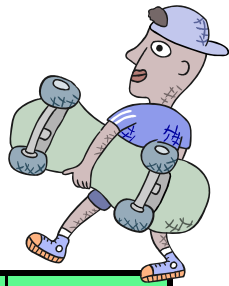
Want to lose weight? First Presby's Weight Watchers group will begin in April. Yeah! We'll meet on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

A minimum of ten people is needed.

Call the church office, 343-8961, to register.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
30 Membership Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship	31 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Rebuilding 6:30 Disciple 3 7:00 Stephen Ministry Training	1 9:30 Bible study 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance class	2 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Volunteer Ministry Division 5:00 Property Division 5:15 C. E. Division 5:15 Cherub and Cathedral Choirs 5:45 Supper 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 6:30 Deacons 6:30 Personnel Division 6:30 Worship Division 6:45 Mission Division 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	3 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 9:30 Francke Bible study 9:30 PW Coordinating Team 11:30 Interfaith Luncheon at John XXIII 5:15 Coordinating Council 5:30 Bell choir 6:30 Karate 7:30 Geneva choir	4 8:30 Aerobics 10:30 PW Bible Moderators 2:00 Senior Exercise	5 <i>Festival of Faith</i>
6 Blood Pressure checkup 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 6:30 High school Youth Group at the home Ellie McCoy	7 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Rebuilding 6:30 Disciple 3	8 9:30 Bible study 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate 7:00 Ballroom dance class	9 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 High School Committee 5:00 Finance Division 5:15 Child and Family Committee 5:15 Cherub and Cathedral Choirs 5:45 Supper 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 6:45 Session 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	10 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 8:00 Planning for fall Youth Program 9:30 Leah Circle 9:30 Francke Bible study 10:00 Mary Circle at Edgewood Summit 12:00 Martha Circle 5:30 Bell choir 6:00 Rebecca Circle 6:30 Karate 7:30 Geneva choir	11 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	12
13 Cents-Ability Offering 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 6:30 High school Youth Group at the home of Alex Hersch	14 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Rebuilding 6:30 Disciple 3	15 9:30 Bible study 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate 7:00 Alzheimers' Support Group 7:00 Dance lessons	16 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Middle School Committee 5:00 Fellowship & Recreation Div. 5:00 Visitor/New Members Div. 5:15 Library Committee 5:15 Cherub and Cathedral Choirs 5:45 Supper 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	17 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 9:30 Francke Bible study 10:30 Hannah Circle 10:30 Ruth Circle 11:30 PW Prayer Group 12:00 PW Luncheon 5:30 Bell choir 6:30 Karate 7:30 Geneva choir	18 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	19
20 Healthcare Decisions 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 6:30 High school Youth Group scavenger hunt!	21 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Rebuilding 6:30 Disciple 3	22 9:30 Bible study 4:30 Knitting Into the Mystery 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate 7:00 Dance lessons	23 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:15 Cherub and Cathedral Choirs 5:45 Supper 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	24 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 9:30 Francke Bible study <i>Shepherd's Center Spring Benefit Luncheon</i> 6:30 Karate 7:30 Geneva choir	25 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	26 9:00 Bread for the World workshop
27 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 6:30 High School Youth Group meeting in the Youth Lounge	28 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Rebuilding 6:30 Disciple 3	29 9:30 Bible study 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate Support Group 7:00 Dance lessons	30 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:15 Cherub and Cathedral Choirs 5:45 Supper 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	May 1 7:00 p.m. at the Cultural Center: Dr. Lipstadt	May 2 Church Women United, Friendship Day Luncheon and Program	

In Memoriam

Ruth J. Evans

February 28, 2008

Clara Currence Thomas

February 29, 2008

Isabelle Scott Bennett

March 18, 2008

Donna G. Reed

March 23, 2008

PRAYER CONCERNS —*Please minister through prayer, cards, calls and visits.*

IN THE HOSPITAL . . .

MEMORIAL: Max Blizzard
THOMAS: Virginia Phares

OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

Jerry Walker on the death of his mother;
Mary Kay Boyle on the death of her mother;
Vic Burkhammer on the death of his aunt;
Pam and Brain Healy and family on the death of their granddaughter;
David Zinn on the death of his mother;
Betty Dahmer and family on the death of her husband.

PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Becky Ceperley; Joseph Sprouse; Chris Daugherty; Peg Northeimer; Max and Betty Blizzard; Carolyn Nolan, sister-in-law of Dick Nolan; Donna Reed; Connie Payne; Sonia Call, sister of Fred Gaul's friend Todd; Carl Gable (brother of Cindy Wilson); Anne Taylor Bradley, Jackie Taylor's sister-in-law; Carl Mercer; Ken Stewart; Filomino Alicie; Ed Vazquez, Ruth Shepherd's son-in-law; and Matt and Tonya Potter, request prayer for their baby to be born in March

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

David Taylor; Cooper (foster child of Kathryn and Reuben Ellis); Casey Carson (friend of Mary Odin); Susan Ackerman (friend of Emily Couch); Rick Hoy; Cleo Kennedy (mother of Barbara Brown); Tammy Rhodes (friend of Pat Doumaux); Sara Cotto-Thorner Matheney; Amy Cottrell; Harry Drouillard (friend of Mary and Pat Bond); Blair Sprouse; Don Hayes (friend of Dick Golden); Virginia Tatum (mother of Vickie Janney); Matt Copeland; Robert H. Badger (brother of Frank Badger); John Beckett (friend of Jo and Roger Kerr & Barbara & Steve Hopta); Curt Davis (Steve Hopta's uncle); Jimmie Welch, Jeanne Fitch and Jamie Hamrick (friends of Claude Churchwell); Dorcas Keaton (great-aunt of Chick Maddox); Kenya Goard (friend of the Slack family); Deborah Coffman (colleague of Dave Cottrell); Melanie Curry and Noah Lacy (friends of Katha Morris); Eddie Scherr (father of Jim Scherr); Susan Mollenkoph (daughter of Betsy and Clark Thurston); Howard, Alida, and Karla Shaffer, and Monalynn Buckner (children of Barbara Shaffer); Martha Hatcher (mother of Heather Barry); Wini Carter (mother of Carole

Carter); Mike Rosier (family of Kit Reed); Linda and Lew Metcalf, and Ed and Lou Gonzalez (friends of Mary Odin); Terry Folsie (friend of Marilyn Walbe); Nan Bolt (John's mother); Nancy Peterson; A.D. Ellison; Eric Asbeck; Lillie Saunders (Darlene Kerr's mother); Liz O'Finan; Linda Morris; Julia Sparks (Margaret Bolt's mother); Charlie Young (father of Harriett Hoy); John Hopkins; Grady Riester (grandson of Tom and Nancy Bulla); Carolyn Soule (sister of Nancy Bulla); Gini Lucas; Tom Collins (family of Margaret Bolt); Virginia Fizer (Kay Propst's mother); Gracie Meek (Carol Buckalew's grandniece); Mary Catherine Lowder-Bailey; Claire (Judy Keller's family member); Joye Russell (friend of Robin Harlow); Thelma Marcus (mother of Liz O'Finan); Fred Monk; Jennifer Stewart (Ken Stewart's daughter).

Please call the church, 343-8961, to keep us informed and to removed or add yourself or a family member to this list.