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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 Times: 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

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FROM THE PASTOR:

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another”

(Proverbs 27:17, RSV)

I will soon participate once again in “The Pastors’ Masters” in Atlanta, GA, where I will join seven friends who are colleagues in ministry for golf, theological discussions and debates, ecclesiastical cross-pollination, lots of laughter and much encouragement. Each year as I am privileged to share this time with these precious friends, I find that I am encouraged, challenged, inspired and strengthened in my personal faith and in my ministry. These seven friends live lives and serve in ministry with excellence, intelligence and creativity and as I glimpse what God is doing through them and their congregations, (from Dayton, OH, Richmond, VA, Nashville, TN, Mendham, NJ, Philadelphia, PA and Atlanta), I am uplifted and renewed. For that I am thankful to God and to you all for your encouragement and support in participating in enriching experiences like “The Pastors’ Masters.”

Each year I am reminded of the words that begin this letter, and the fact that we are all to work to sharpen one another in faith and ministry on a regular and ongoing basis. In a nutshell, what is so encouraging to me during the time shared with my friends in Atlanta is the many ways I see Christ at work in each of them, in each of their ministries, in each of their churches. It tends to cause me to recognize with a bit clearer vision where Christ is at work in my life and in the ministry we share in and through First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. It is my hope and prayer that as we work and play and pray together we truly sharpen one another in faith and faithfulness that people may readily see Christ at work in our lives day to day, and be drawn to Him. God bless you.

‘ See you in church!

Bill
Bill



Bill McCoy



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion / Palm Sunday - April 17

Worship 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 21

Worship 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 22

Worship 12:10 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 24

Worship 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Agape Love Feast 10:00 a.m.
in the church dining room

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP

Elementary schools in Charleston are now sites of Christian learning through Child Evangelism Fellowship.

If you would like to learn more about CEF, contact Jim McCain **this week** at (304) 343-0648 for important news.



NEW GRANDBABY

Congratulations to Penny and Jerry Swan on the birth of granddaughter, Abigail Virginia Swan, born March 3. Baby Abigail joins her parents and brother, Taylor, at their home in Salinas, CA.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations to Florian Ceperley who will be celebrating a "90 and over" birthday during on April 30.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Goal = \$1,150,000

Pledged = \$1,089,786

What is God's commitment to me?

What is my commitment to God?

Please mail or call your pledge for 2011 in to the church today.

With every member's support we can do wondrous things.

TRANSITIONS

Young adults (20ish-30ish) have started a new Sunday School class. You may join them on the second floor of the Education Building, near the elevator at 9:45 a.m. They are interested in local mission, being faithful Christians in the here and now, and more!

SATURDAY, APRIL 2: FESTIVAL OF FAITH

It is not too late—come to the church on Saturday, April 2 for the Presbytery's annual event: Festival of Faith. Cost: \$15.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel's keynote address is "They're Playing Our Psalm: The Psalms as a Soundtrack for Faith and Life."

The day will begin and end with worship with two times in between for workshops. Dr. Bechtel's workshop is "The Lost Art of Lament."

Other workshops include:

These Psalms Were Meant for Singing!

Jeremiah 29:11 Mission Study Update

How Shall I Love My Neighbor . . . Who is a Muslim?

Retirement: Now What?

Preventative Health and Faith: Leaven in the Community

Youth Ministry: Same Old...or New Day?

unChristian: Ministry with Millennials

"Hands-In" Ministry: Puppetry Basics and Beyond

Sex Trafficking: Opening Our Eyes to Tragedy

Off Your Seat/On Your Feet

Horizons 2011-12: Confessing the Beatitudes

Earth Care Congregations

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

If you haven't had your blood pressure checked recently, please stop by the church library on Sunday, April 10. A parish nurse will assist you.

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011



<u>Month of February</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge Offerings*:	\$ 80,000	\$ 68,994	\$ (11,006)
Trustee Funds:	145,560	145,567	7
Other Revenue:	10,109	8,201	(1,908)
Total Income:	235,669	222,762	(12,907)
Expenses:	265,311	257,898	(7,413)
Net Income (loss):	\$ (29,642)	\$ (35,136)	\$ (5,494)
Year to date: 2011			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 270,000	\$ 254,516	\$ (15,484)
Trustee Funds:	154,840	155,183	343
Other Revenue:	122,973	117,801	(5,172)
Total Income:	547,813	527,500	(15,267)
Expenses:	382,829	367,562	(20,313)
Net Income (loss):	\$ 164,984	\$ 159,938	\$ (5,046)

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY: From Lent to Easter Agape Feast

In John 6:35, Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (New Living Translation). For anyone who understands life as a journey of faith, these words are full of hope and encouragement. They are words of hope because we all hunger for meaning, for a purpose for our lives.

No matter what crooks and turns our journey may have taken, no matter how many dead ends we have faced, when we turn our lives around to follow the way of Jesus - the way of giving ourselves to others in service and the way of receiving God's love in the gift of abundant, everlasting life -we are assured that he will feed us the bread that sustains our souls and the living water that quenches our spiritual thirst. They encourage us to continue the journey even when the going gets tough, because that same bread that gives us hope will sustain us along the way.

It is our hope that you have found "bread for the journey" along the way during this season of Lent through our Lenten Growth Groups, Sunday School, Lay Academy, and worship services. Those are some of the offerings of "bread" that we provide here at First Presby. Whether your schedule has allowed you to engage in these opportunities or you've found other sources of sustenance, like Bible reading/study or special events in the community, we hope that you have found renewal and redirection as we approach Easter Sunday on April 24.

Easter is the culmination of all of our hopes as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the promises his resurrection holds for each of us. "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

Join us during the Sunday School Hour (10:00-10:45) in the Dining Room on Easter Sunday Morning for our annual Agape Feast. We will celebrate the culmination of our Lenten "Bread for the Journey" by bringing our favorite breads and dips or toppings to share during a time of fellowship between our Easter Sunday morning worship services. You bring the bread and we will provide the coffee, water, and juice.

What is an Agape Feast? The Agape, or Love Feast, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the *koinonia* (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

**Let's celebrate God's abundant love
as we share an abundance of bread!**



THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER IS OPEN!

Come to the third floor of the Education Building, Room E-302, to discover the Spirituality Center.

Developed by Barbara Hopta, the Center will be open daily, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. throughout Lent with a focus on the Psalms.

In the Center you will find ideas for meditation, scripture, and art/craft supplies in an atmosphere of reflection and calm.

The Spirituality Center welcomes people of all ages!

Questions? Contact Barbara Hopta at 304-343-8961 ext. 127.

RECIPES FOR JOURNEY BREAD

Here are two versions of a recipe for "Journey Bread," (AKA Johnnycake or corn pone) you might enjoy making. If you like it, you may want to bring some to share at our Easter Agape Feast.

Journey Bread with Syrup

Add a 1/4 cup oil or shortening into skillet over medium heat. Attach a frying thermometer to the side of the skillet or dip it into the fat to determine the temperature.

In a mixing bowl, combine 1 cup white cornmeal, 1/8 teaspoon salt and 1/3 cup maple syrup, honey or molasses. While stirring, pour just enough water into the mixture until a smooth batter forms.

Wait for the oil or shortening to reach 380 degrees. Insert the thermometer into the oil, without touching the bottom or sides of the skillet, and read the temperature. Drop the batter by 1/4 cupfuls into the hot oil and cook for four to six minutes.

Flip the journey bread cakes with a spatula and cook for another four to six minutes or until browned. Remove the cakes to a frying rack or paper towels to drain. Repeat with any remaining batter.

Store leftovers between wax paper sheets in an airtight container.

Journey Cakes without Syrup

Melt 1/4 cup shortening or pour 1/4 cup oil into a skillet over medium heat. Heat until the frying thermometer inserted reads 380 degrees.

Mix together 1 cup white cornmeal and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Mix in 1 1/4 cup boiling water and 2 teaspoons sugar to make thick batter cakes, common in south Rhode Island. Use 1 3/4 cups milk instead of the boiling water to create Newport-style cakes.

Drop the batter by 1/4 cupfuls into the 380 degree oil and fry for four to six minutes.

Flip the journey bread cakes and cook for another four to six minutes on the opposite side. Transfer to paper towels or a rack to drain.

Serve hot with honey or molasses, hot butter and maple syrup.

LEGACY GIFT

During your lifetime, you express your faith by attending church, attending Sunday school, studying the Bible, praying, along with demonstrating your faith through your actions and words. Leaving a gift to the church in your estate plan is a final expression of your faith to God. It is one more way of building your personal relationship with God and helping to ensure that the church continues for generations to come.

Our assets, in the Christian understanding, are gifts from God entrusted by God to our management. How we deal with our assets accurately reflects our values and whether we believe in him. Leaving assets to the church, for it to continue, needs to be an integral part of our church's life. It is a ministry of faith in action.

God calls members of the church not only to be faithful stewards now but also to join the mission into the future. Bear testimony of your faith by including a provision in your estate plan for the future support of the ministry and mission of our church. A Legacy Gift made through wills and bequests, gift annuities, life insurance, property, securities and charitable remainder trusts can be designated to any aspect of the church.

A Legacy Gift is a reflection of the personal relationship that you have with God and an enduring statement of your faith. It is a living testimony to a vital faith. And the person who believes the church will continue indefinitely is one who firmly believes that it is God, not humankind, who is in charge.

When we are no longer here, a Legacy Gift is a way to show God our love for him and our desire for the church to continue for those that come after us just as those before us have done.

Please prayerfully consider your Legacy Gift and contact Jackie Lilly in the church office to complete the Confidential Letter of Intent. The Letter of Intent simply lets the church know that you plan to do something towards remembering the church when you are gone.

Note: Please always include the street address of the church (16 Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston, WV 25301) when designating the church as a beneficiary of your will, trust, IRA

Information on Planned Giving and Legacy Gifts is available on the Stewardship Table outside of the church office.

If you have any questions about including First Presbyterian Church in your estate plan or simply want to know more, please call any one of the following Legacy Gift, Planned Giving Committee Members:

Sandy Zando (304) 344-0688
David Pitchford (304) 552-1839
David Nolan (304) 346-3700

Phil Hereford (304) 346-1800
Terry Raab (304) 344-3425

MONTREAT OFFERS NEW CONFERENCES:

May 29—June 1 Being Spiritual in a Crazy Busy World

Donald Miller, Keynote Speaker

Workshops: Art, Practice of Justice, Grounding Beyond Certitude, Connection in the Workplace, Beyond Bathrodes: Drama and Storytelling for the Church, Lenses for Seeing God at Work, Conversations with the Preacher of the Day

How do we pause in the midst of a fast-paced life to reconnect with our creator? Are we as "crazy busy" as the world around us or, in this sweeping examination of the challenges we face, will we find a source of stillness and peace?

Getting Unstuck October 23—27

Worship Leaders: Craig Barnes, Amy Mircale; Cynthia Rigby, and Debra Mumford

Workshops: Adaptive Leadership; Coaching for Development; Music: Giving life and Voice to Worship; Leadership for the 21st Century; Exhibition of the Kingdom of God; What is Biblical Authority?; The Kindle and the Spirit; Sabbath Keeping; Relationship Between Gospel and Justice; Celebrating Endings, Envisioning Beginnings; Feed My Sheep; Liturgy/Drama/Arts Giving Life and Voice to Worship; When Things End Well, When Things Don't End Well; Re-imagine Evangelism: Creating A Come As You Are Culture.

What would it mean to get "unstuck" in relationship to how we understand God, the church, and spirituality.

MORE INFORMATION IS
AVAILABLE AT:
WWW.MONTREAT.ORG/456

CHILD AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Prayer

Loving God, when things aren't going too well and I can't find my way, help me to persevere. Tie a knot in my rope and don't let me go. Help me to hang on. Amen.

Blessing for Meals

We thank You, God, for food to eat and food to share with those we meet. Amen.

Bible Verse

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
(1 Corinthians 13:7)

Word of the Month: Persevere

Have you ever heard the saying "When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on"? That's what it means to persevere. To persevere is to not give up, even when things aren't looking too good.

What You Can Do

To persevere is to follow through. Is there something that you have promised to do but haven't gotten around to doing? Maybe it is time to start that project or finish that job that has been hanging over you. What you can give now are your time and your attention.

(Portions taken from *2010 Children's Mission Yearbook*)

ANNUAL EGG HUNT COMING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Sponsored by the Child/Family Committee, our Annual Egg Hunt begins with egg dyeing from 5:15 until 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Connections dinner follows (reservations, please).

The egg hunt for all ages begins at 6:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we will hunt eggs outside. Invite your friends! Be sure to register for supper.

Here's how you can help: Donate plastic eggs and/or individually wrapped candy. Donations may be placed in the container near the main office by the water fountain. All donations are needed by April 3. Thank you!



Covenant Kids prepared and delivered 200 sandwiches, fruit and snacks to Manna Meal on March 6.

Presbytery of WV announces: 2011 Soap and Socks Collection!

Bars of soap and pairs of socks will be shared with agencies and schools in the Kanawha Valley that assist children in need, according to Presbytery's Christian Nurture & Worship Committee.

Please donate individually wrapped bars of soap and pairs of socks, and watch our contributions grow! Place your items in a container in the Preschool hallway. This project goes through June 5.

Help CREATE Nazareth for Bible School!

Are you a "hands-on" person with a creative bend? Have you ever had a notion to create/paint/design something big – that will last? Bible School is in need of several **CREATIVE SPACES** as we make Nazareth take shape and come alive!

Previous artistic experience is not required. We will form a team and learn from Janet Chambers how to create scenery that will transform our space, and can be used in classrooms after Bible School has ended.

Interested in learning more or joining the team? **Call Janet Chambers or email Barbara Hopta at bhopta@firstpresby.com.**

Register for Family Bible School, June 12-16: Call 304-343-8961 or follow the online link at www.firstpresby.com.



You are invited to the

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

April 21, 12:00 p.m.

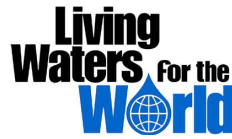
Living Waters for the World

Special presentation by Dick Smith and friends:
Learn how it works and why.

All are welcome—just make a reservation for lunch.

Also join us for Prayer at 11:30 a.m. in Room A-201.

Please call the church at 304-343-8961 by March 14 for a lunch reservation.



PARTNERS IN PRAYER

We pray for churches in our Presbytery and in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa.

April 3: First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill; Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Hurricane; Rome Presbyterian Church, Proctorville, Ohio; Gura Parish, Kenya.

April 10: First PC, South Charleston; First PC, Terra Alta; Westminster PC, Charleston; Gathaith PC, Kenya.

April 17: Arthurdale Community PC; Beverly PC; Buffalo PC; Gititu PC, Kenya.

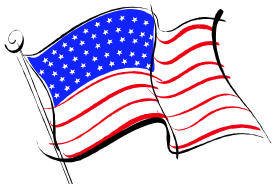
April 24: Clifton PC, Maxwelton; Elk Hills PC, Charleston; Glenville PC; Thageini PC, Kenya.

JOIN PW AS WE STUDY THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

DATE	NAME	CIRCLE CHAIR	PLACE	TIME
April 14	Mary	Betty Damewood 346-4417	Edgewood Summit	10:00 a.m.
April 14	Martha	Kay Lamb 744-2444 Ruth Hayes 346-1723	E-406, Bring a "brown bag" lunch.	Noon
April 13	Rebecca (Dinner)	Jarve Currence 746-0615 Sarah Roach 342-3353	A-201. Call to make a dinner reservation.	5:30 p.m.
April 21	Hannah	Orita Bonnett 744-9745	A-204	10:00 a.m.
April 21	Ruth	Ruth Pitchford 346-8494 Barbara Gessner 344-1365	A-201	10:30 a.m.

DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 4/1:** Jeremiah 6:16; Ephesians 4:25-32
- 4/2:** Psalm 119:97-105
- 4/3:** 2 Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 18:18-22
- 4/4:** John 20:19-23
- 4/5:** 1 John 3:1-5
- 4/6:** Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Acts 20:35
- 4/7:** Jonah 2:1-10
- 4/8:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- 4/9:** Leviticus 19:33-34
- 4/10:** Ephesians 1:1-14
- 4/11:** Isaiah 6:1-8
- 4/12:** Proverbs 3:5-6
- 4/13:** Luke 1:26-28
- 4/14:** Lamentations 3:22-26
- 4/15:** Luke 13:29; 23:32-43
- 4/16:** Psalm 71:13-19
- 4/17:** Matthew 27:45-56
- 4/18:** John 15:1-11
- 4/19:** Romans 8:18-30
- 4/20:** Hebrews 12:14-15
- 4/21:** John 13:1-17
- 4/22:** Matthew 27:11-26; Luke 23:34
- 4/23:** Luke 7:1-7
- 4/24:** Matthew 28:1-10, 16-29; 1 Cor. 15:17
- 4/25:** John 8:32; Galatians 4:1-7
- 4/26:** 1 Corinthians 3:5-9
- 4/27:** Hosea 11:1-11; Romans 8:38-39
- 4/28:** Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 4:4
- 4/29:** Matthew 6:9-13
- 4/30:** Psalm 25:4-10



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

- Richard Anderson**, Iraq, cousin of Mary Odin
- SN Charles M. Holbrook**, Navy, Great Lakes, Illinois
- Captain Gene Seiter**, Army near Kabul, Afghanistan, nephew of Carolyn Sturgeon
- Eric Wilson**, Navy
- Frankie Bottorff**, Navy, San Diego, CA
- Brian Leister**, Citadel
- Ryan Hovis**, United States Coast Guard, Yorktown, VA, son of Tammy Hovis
- Shelly Park**, Iraq, granddaughter of Sarah and Mac McGriff
- 2nd Lt. Stephen Bruner**, Army, Fort Benning, Columbus, GA
- 1st Lt. Matthew M. Bruner**, Army, Fort Stewart, GA
- Edwin Anderson**, US, cousin of Mary Odin
- Airman 1st Class Caitlin Workman**, Omaha, NE, granddaughter of Pat Workman
- Airman 1st Class Franz S. Workman IV**, Moody AFB, GA, grandson of Pat Workman
- Warrant Officer David McDarmont**, Iraq, son of Liz O'Finan
- Owen Brown**, US Navy, Pensacola, FL, son of Earle Brown
- David Rucker**, Germany, nephew of Barbara Brown
- Donald Boylen**, US Navy at sea, grandson of Dick and Becky Smith

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

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Dear Members,

This year as we prepare to celebrate Easter and on Easter morning bring our offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, we are reminded of the ministries made possible by this churchwide special offering. From Detroit to Darfur, from Louisiana to Libya, those most in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People program, and their partners in ministry. Our hearts are full of compassion, but sometimes our ears are full of whatever is on the mind of the media this week. In this environment, it becomes easy to forget the pain of those in trouble spots around the world like Japan, Haiti, New Zealand, and Pakistan, and all the other places where poverty, disaster, and war cause displacement and suffering.

When we give our gifts, we know that staff in the three One Great Hour of Sharing programs will be listening to the cries of our sisters and brothers throughout the next year. And they will be responding for us in Christ's name to those cries. To new emergencies they will respond as they have in Haiti—immediately, directly, and through our partners wherever the emergency occurs. But equally important, they will stay there long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere—stay there and help rebuild lives and communities on a firmer foundation. To date, through the PDA program, \$100,000 has been sent to Japan to provide immediate relief in the wake of the tsunami and earthquake disaster.

Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters—these are all ways that One Great Hour of Sharing is changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world.

Please consider how you will join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing received on Easter Sunday – bring your fish boxes!

Sharing Brings Joy - To Others, to God, and to Us



— Sue Webster, Director of Community Ministry

MORE THAN JUST A LITTLE DROP

By Jessica Lewis



I'm just a drop of water, a little bit of H₂O. But with some help from you, oh the places that I'll go!

I just need a little help getting these germs off of my back. I just need a little trip through that system that you packed.

The children will be so happy, so full of hope, you'll see. That you brought them something special, a clean little.... Me.

I guess I shouldn't brag, I get all the credit, you know, but you're bringing something bigger than some clean H₂O.

You're bringing them a message, one of hope and care and love. You're showing them the ways of our Father up above. He sent me to this town from a cloud up in the sky, and I believe He sent you too, with a message from up high.

So please accept my "thank you" for helping make me clean. And enjoy the love you feel when those children's smiles gleam.

First Presbyterian's Living Waters for the World team is busy planning and preparing for their first clean water installation trip. Please keep the LWW team and the Siales community (recipients of the water filtration system) in your prayers as we will soon embark on bringing clean water and Living Water to the people of Nicaragua.

The Presbytery of West Virginia's Christian Nurture & Worship Committee invites you to join in celebrating the

FINAL YEAR of the Decade of the Child

Soap and Socks Collection



First Presby's pre-school program has adopted this project, and through the end of May the students will be bringing in soap and socks. **Let's help them in their efforts!** A large basket will be placed in the pre-school hallway for individually wrapped bars of soap and pairs of socks. All items collected will be shared with agencies and schools who assist children with needs.

CORNER ON CENTS-ABILITY

Spring seems especially beautiful this year, making it harder than ever to believe that in some of the homes behind those flowers there are hungry people. And with children at home during summer missing their lunch at school, there will be more mouths to feed and even more need for our Cents-Ability contributions. Please continue to collect your coins and bring your offering to church of Sunday, April 17.

In Memoriam

Evelyn "Lynn" B. Kuyk
February 25, 2011

Addison "A.D." Ellison, Jr.
February 25, 2011

Paul H. Trotter
February 28, 2011

Ernestine Wells
March 1, 2011

**SICK, HOSPITALIZED, OR IN
NEED OF PRAYER?**

Let your church family know of any needs you have. The church has a telephone/e-mail prayer chain, a "pray for" list in the newsletter, and prayers during worship.

Tell us your concerns or ask a friend to inform us. If you want to tell us about someone else, a friend or family member, be sure to respectfully ask their permission first. You can also confide in one of the pastors and request it be kept confidential. Rev. Jim Roberts maintains the "pray for" list. Please call him at 304-343-8961, ext. 118.



Save The Date!

Dear First Presby Congregation,

Dust off your hammers, paint brushes, gardening tools, and get ready to make sandwiches! We have an incredible opportunity to join together to Blitz Build a home for a family in our community. **The build dates are September 18 – October 2.**

We already know who the family is that will be blessed with the home and where the house will be located. **Now – we just need you!** In order to prepare for this amazing journey we need people who are willing to head up a team. The teams are as follows:

Family Lead: Will work with our assigned family to develop a relationship and ascertain special needs.

Volunteer Lead: Will work to round up volunteer builders.

Construction Leads: Will generally deal with construction schedules, materials, etc.

Hospitality Lead: Will work with other volunteers to make sure work crews have food/drink on a daily basis.

Publicity: Will work with First Presby and local newspapers to publicize the build.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Bob Orders, Jack Hoblitzell or Chris Klingler, or simply place your name on the sign-up sheets in the church main hallway.

The time commitment to this build can be one day or more if you have the time. Watch for much more information as we prepare to give of ourselves to benefit others and glorify God.

Funding for this Habitat for Humanity House is provided by the mission component of the capital campaign fund made possible through the very generous giving of our congregation.

**"MEET ME ON THE
BRIDGE"**

- 75% of the civilians killed in war are women and children.
- Every year, 60 million girls are sexually assaulted at or en route to school.
- 41 million girls are still denied a primary education and two thirds of the world's illiterate young people are female.
- When a woman is educated, her child's chance of survival is increased by 50%.
- The world's biggest health inequality: Every minute, a woman with no medical care dies in pregnancy or childbirth



The "Meet Me at the Bridge" event was a BIG success. If you would like to learn more about how to turn oppression into opportunity for women worldwide, read the book, Half The Sky written by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. There is a copy of this book in the First Presby Library.



MUSIC AND WORSHIP NEWS

JOIN A MUSICAL GROUP, BUILD COMMUNITY, AND WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!

FROM MARY ODIN

It's been a long winter. Snow days and very cold weather have kept us indoors most of the time, so on the first pleasant day recently we all hopped into the car and headed for the park. On her way out the door, Ruth grabbed her birthday present from last summer, a sparkly pink scooter that had been folded in the closet for four months. Once at the park, it was a perfect day for about an hour until a sudden cloudburst sent everyone running for their cars.

The next day was cooler but still a fine day to play outdoors. When Ruth reached into the closet for her beloved scooter, it was gone. We searched the house, the car, everywhere. When she realized she must have left it at the park, Ruth burst into tears. Her brother James, trying desperately to comfort her, reminded her that she could ask for another scooter for her next birthday, but it didn't help. Ruth loved *that* scooter, the one she knew had been specially selected for her by her brother for her seventh birthday. No other scooter could ever take its place.

There was an unusual silence in our car on the way back to the park. I knew that as a child in Chicago, anything I brought to a public park disappeared the moment I turned my head. On the other hand, lost items were routinely delivered to my grandmother's porch during my summers in her small town in North Carolina. I didn't want to posit a theory about the way things work in Charleston. My heart sank as I remembered we had never even labeled that scooter with Ruth's name.

We arrived at the park and had just begun retracing our steps when Ruth suddenly started to run. From a distance, she had seen her beloved scooter leaning against the back of a guard rail. Without even pausing to look back or shout "I found it!", she hopped on and rode and rode as fast as she could. She was the very picture of joy.

This month, we celebrate the highest Holy Day of our faith: Easter. From our pulpit, Bill has said more than once that the Incarnation, God's coming to us as Jesus, was the biggest rescue effort ever mounted in human history. If Jesus' birth at Christmas was God running to us, then Easter is God reunited with what is rightfully His. At Easter, we are invited to give ourselves to God and let Him put us to our proper use. Without Jesus, we are utterly lost, as useless as Ruth's scooter leaning against that guard rail. We may look pink and sparkly, and we may even find ourselves in a park. But we are completely unable to fulfill our intended purpose without our Owner, the One knows us and loves us, who longs to be with us and grieves when we are separated from Him.

Our whole family joined with Ruth in the desperate search for her scooter. As God's family, let us join with Him this Easter as He desperately seeks His lost children, so that He may say to us with joy, "This brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." (Luke 15:32)

GENEVA CHOIR

Geneva Choir for youth and adults rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 in the Choir Room and gives musical offerings primarily at 11:00 a.m. worship. This month, we will also sing at the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. You do not need to be able to read music to sing in the choir, and we have robes to fit everyone, so come join us!

FPC LYRES CLUB

Our folk harp players rehearse in the Ruffner Room on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30. This month, we will play for the Vandalia Rotary Club on April 12 at the Marriott. To join us, simply contact Mary Odin at modin@firstpresby.com. No previous musical experience is necessary; instruments and music are available through the church.

WORSHIP TEAM

This ensemble uses voice, guitar, and other instruments to accompany congregational song at both worship services on Sundays. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings. To join us, contact Bill McCoy or Mary Odin.

CHERUB CHOIR AND MUSIC OF THE ANGELS

Our children's choirs rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (grades K-2) meets downstairs with Debbie Eads in the Susie Early Room. Music of the Angels (grades 3 and up) meets upstairs in Room E-305 with Mary Odin. This month, both choirs plan to sing in worship on Palm Sunday, April 17. Come join us and invite a friend!

PRESBY THESPIES

This group offers dramatic gifts to God in worship and other settings. To add your name to the list of actors available for occasional, short-term commitments, contact director Carole Carter through the church office. All ages are invited.

CAPELLA BELL CHOIR

The Capella Bells rehearse on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. with director Kathy Lynch. To join us, contact bell director Kathy Lynch through the church office.

2011 Montreat Worship and Music Conference: June 19-25, 2011

Chestnut Lodge is now full and we have **six beds remaining** at Hickory Lodge next door. **Let Mary Odin know your plans to attend this life-changing week of worship, Bible study, music, and the arts near Asheville, NC.** Adults, youth, and children who have completed third grade may register. Child care and clubs for ages 6 months through high school is available. Room and board costs are around \$150; conference registration ranges from \$250 to \$460. Scholarships are available. **Early registration deadline is April 15.** Leave your \$100 deposit in the church office to reserve your housing.



*Our children need
Jesus Christ in their lives
in the face of a culture
that is leading them
away from God.*



Eight of our number met on March 23 and took the following action as regards LOGOS: we will proceed with plans to initiate a LOGOS program at First Presby on Wednesdays beginning fall of 2011.

Immediate goals include the following:

- ✦ Recruitment of three to five adults to attend the April 8 & 9 LOGOS workshop in Cincinnati (expenses paid)
- ✦ Development and advertisement of job descriptions for all of the components of the LOGOS ministry program
- ✦ Development of schedule for Wednesday evenings beginning fall 2011 that will be shared with the Coordinating Council (the group which represents all of the Divisions of First Presby and sets the Session agenda) prior to the April Session meeting
- ✦ Scheduling of Wednesday Connections meal and program on April 27 to simulate, as best we can with our current schedule, some of the components of a LOGOS evening

LOGOS helps create a strong scripturally-based understanding of who God is in the lives of our youth, the nature of our personal relationship with God, and the resulting impact on our relationships with others because of God's presence in our lives.

Every week at LOGOS, there is a shared meal. Youth are assigned to tables for the year, along with one or two adults who act as "table parents." The group around the table becomes a family as they share meals together throughout the year. Food is served family style. Conversation is purposeful. Life is celebrated!

Table parents will need to commit to about an hour a week of church family time with their youth during the school year. During a visit to the Huntington program, one table parent said to Barbara Hopta, "I know LOGOS is for the kids, but I enjoy LOGOS so much I feel guilty!"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
					1 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	2 Festival Of Faith
3 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Lay Academy High School Youth Group	4 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Disciple Bible Study 7:00 Ballroom Dancing	5 9:30 Tuesday Study Group 3:30 Imaging the Word 5:30 Lyres 7:00 Women's Group (off site) 7:15 Boy Scouts	6 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Property Division 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:00 Christian Education Div. 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Deacons 6:45 Mission Division 6:45 Personnel Division 6:45 Worship Division 8:15 Worship Music Team 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	7 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Women's Beth Moore study 10:00 PW Coordinating Team 11:30 PW Bible Moderators 5:15 Coordinating Council 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Music Together 7:30 Geneva Choir	8 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise Middle School Youth Group	9
10 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School Stop by the Library for a blood pressure check. 11:00 Worship 4:00 Lay Academy High School Youth Group	11 8:30 Aerobics 10:30 Knitting Into The Mystery 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Disciple Bible Study	12 9:30 Tuesday Study Group 3:30 Imaging the Word 5:30 Lyres 7:00 Women's Group (off site) 7:15 Boy Scouts	13 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Finance Division 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:15 Child and Family Committee 5:30 Rebecca Circle 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Session 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	14 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Women's study 10:00 Mary Circle (at Edgewood Summit) 12:00 Martha Circle 5:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Geneva Choir	15 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise Middle School Youth Group	16
17 Palm Sunday and Cents-Ability Offering  8:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Lay Academy	18 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Disciple Bible Study 7:00 Ballroom Dancing	19 9:30 Tuesday Study Group 3:30 Imaging the Word 5:30 Lyres 7:00 Women's Group (off site) 7:00 Alzheimers Support Group 7:15 Boy Scouts	20 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Fellowship and Rec. Div. 5:00 Visitors/New Members Div. 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:30 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Lay Academy -Revelation 7:00 Worship Music Team 7:30 Contemplative Prayer (May Newsletter Deadline)	21 Maundy Thursday 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Women's Beth Moore Study 10:00 Hannah Circle 10:30 Ruth Circle 11:30 Prayer Group 12:00 PW Luncheon 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Music Together 7:00 Worship 8:30 Geneva Choir	22 Good Friday 12:10 Worship (Church Office Closed)	23
24  Easter One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 8:45 Worship 10:00 Agape Feast 11:00 Worship	25 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Disciple Bible Study 7:00 Ballroom Dancing	26 9:30 Tuesday Study Group 5:30 Lyres 7:00 Women's Group (off site) 7:15 Boy Scouts	27 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:30 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Lay Academy -Revelation 7:00 Worship Music Team 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	28 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Women's Beth Moore Study 10-1:00 Shepherd's Center programs and luncheon 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Music Together 7:30 Geneva Choir	29 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	30



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Judy Price on the death of her mother; Mike Basile on the death of his father; Dave McQuain on the death of his mother; Ailene Phillips on the death of her father-in-law; Kay Morgan on the death of her step-father.

IN THE HOSPITAL:

St. Francis: Carol Stiles

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(In Memoriams are listed inside.)