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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 8:45 and 11:00

11:00 Radio Broadcast: 580 AM WCHS

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Easter Affirmed

Easter is God's rainbow for all who rise at dawn.

It is Noah's ark,
Jonah's whale,
David's song.

It is Moses' rod,
Samson's strength,
Solomon's wisdom.

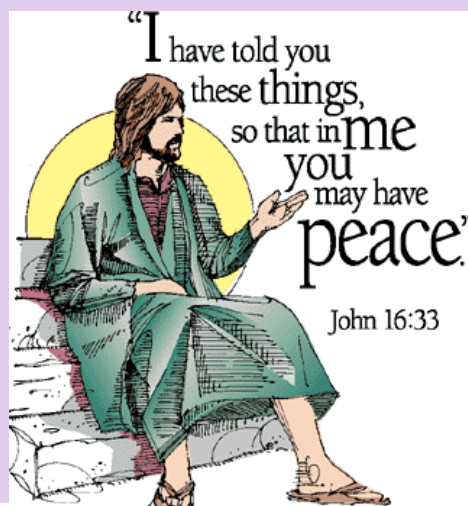
It is water from Jacob's well,
Manna is the wilderness,
A feast of loaves and fishes.

It is Paul's great preaching,
Peter's great confession,
Wine and bread broken.

It is a journey for the wise
And all with ears to hear
The word of Jesus Christ:

"Love one another . . . Pick up your bed and walk.
Drink from me and never thirst . . .
Be my witnesses in all the earth . . ."

Yes, Easter is God's rainbow
For all who rise at dawn,
An Emmaus celebration
Who find the empty tomb.



Taken from *A Kaleidoscope of Christmas and Easter Poetry and Monologues* by First Presby member and author, **Joan Wyrick Ellison**. This book and others by Joan can be found in the church library.

**Maundy Thursday
Worship
with Communion
April 9, 7:00 p.m.**



Please join us for
**Good Friday
Worship Service
April 10
12:10 — 12:40 p.m.**



During this brief service we will reflect upon the great cost of our salvation as we remember our Lord's crucifixion and consider the implications of that solemn day on our lives as his disciples.

**SING "HALLELUJAH!"
WITH US!**

On Easter Sunday morning, April 12, we will sing the "Hallelujah!" chorus from G.F. Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*, at the conclusion of both worship services. The Geneva Choir will lead the congregational singing from the floor on the chancel, and you are invited to join us! We'll rehearse "Hallelujah!" immediately following the Maundy Thursday service on April 9 to help you feel comfortable with it.

Whether you rehearse with us Thursday or not, though, please feel free to join us on the chancel Sunday morning. The music will be in your bulletin, and the noises will be joyful!

**One
great hour
of sharing**



Have you been using the Sharing calendar and fish bank? If so, you are joining people from all over the United States in this Easter offering. The money will be used for blankets, tents, and medicines after natural disasters, food for the hungry, and grants to small groups of people for water wells, tools, livestock, sewing machines and lots more! Bring your One Great Hour of Sharing to the church on Easter Sunday!

"Where is your treasure?" This question prompts us to reconsider what we have and how we will use our resources. Envelopes for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be available in worship and from the information tables in the church building.

**LET'S FEAST ON GOD'S
LOVE ON EASTER SUNDAY!**

We will celebrate Easter with an **Agape Feast during the Sunday School hour (9:45—10:45 a.m.) on April 12 in the church dining room.**

What's an Agape Feast? It's also known as a Love Feast, a fellowship meal that recalls the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry, and is an expression of the fellowship that we Christians enjoy when we come together as "the household of God." Ours won't be a full meal, but instead, appetizers. Isn't that a great image?

The appetizers we share at our Agape Feast will whet our appetite for the full feast we will share around the Lord's Table when we are re-united at the heavenly banquet promised by our risen Lord!

Everybody plan to bring your favorite bread/chips and dip to share with each other during the "Feast." We will sing songs, read from our scriptures, and give thanks to God for the friendships we share in Christ as we enjoy the bounty set before us.

SPRING WALK!

A joyous walk to celebrate the end of Lent will take place on the Sunrise Carriage Trail on Friday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m. and on Sunday, April 5, at 4:00 p.m.

This will be a contemplative and interpretive walk to look for spring and the new life in the forest. Joan Steven will lead the walks that leave from 746 Myrtle Road and stroll down the hill. The smooth unpaved trail is a .7 mile walk. You will have to walk back up the hill or have someone meet you at the bottom. Parking is available on Crawford Road.

**ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY
SUPPORT GROUP**

The Alzheimer's group will meet at First Presby on Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m., in Room E-310. For more information call 744-7634.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a nurse, Sunday, April 12, in the CHURCH LIBRARY.

SPORTS NEWS

As the 2008-09 CCRA Basketball season ended, the First Presbyterian Church's teams had a good year. At the annual basketball dinner, all participants and their coaches were recognized for their efforts.

Our High School Girls and Middle School Boys finished the season ending tournament in second place. We had three elementary boys who were combined with the St. Matthews team and they went on to win the tournament. Congratulations to Michael Susman, George Battle, and Alex Arbogast for a job well done!

Our K-2 program was a huge success with all the boys and girls developing basketball and social skills under the supervision of Head Coach Kurt Suter, Assistant Coaches Jarrett Walker and Zach Griffith and Adult Coach, Beth Suter. Thanks for all your gifts of time and energy to our future basketball players!!!!

Two seniors were honored by being selected as co-recipients of the Christian Athlete of the Year presentation. Congratulations to Emma Moredock and Michelle Raney for providing their leadership skills in sports and Christian life through the First Presbyterian Church.

Remember that youth and children desiring to play basketball next year need to be regular attendees at worship and/or Sunday School all the time, not just during the playing season. Registration for 09-10 will commence in September. Watch your August mail for more information.

As Adult Volleyball nears the end of its season and tournament time looms, our men's team is holding steady in 6th place. Our women's team has a tight hold on first place. Men's games are each Sunday at Emmanuel Baptist while the women play each Sunday at First Presby.

**Summer Fellowship activities
being planned:**

- "On the Green" gatherings after Sunday worship will begin May 24.
- Hot Dog Sunday will be in June.
- WV Power Baseball Game will be in June.
- Ice Cream Sundae Sunday will be held in August.
- All Church Picnic will be Sunday, Sept. 6, following worship, at Coonskin Park, Columbia Shelter (same as last year).

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Helen Walker comes to us from Richmond, VA. Her husband, Seth, is a physician at CAMC and they have a two year old son, William. Helen has been involved in churches all her life and is interested in becoming part of a Sunday School class and young adult events. She is a friend of Nancy and John Brallier. Welcome, Helen, Seth, and William!

Erma and John Morton come to us by transfer of their church letter from New Orleans, LA. John is the son of Barbara Morton and grew up here in First Presby. He and Erma have two children, Jack (age 4) and Maggie (age 2) who will be active in the

pre-school. They would like to find a Sunday School class for themselves and for the children and are interested in fellowship events. Welcome, Erma, John, Jack and Maggie!

Curt Marble comes to us by transfer of his church letter from South Hills Presbyterian Church where he was an elder. He is retired from Columbia Gas Transmission Co. Curt is married to Kay Marble and they have two grown sons. He has many friends here at First Presby and would like to join a Sunday School class, a Bible study and adult fellowship events. Welcome, Curt!

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN 9:45-10:45 A.M.

Infants: Room E-108
 Toddlers: Room E-114
 Two and Three-year-olds: Room E-217.
 Four and Five-year olds: Room E-112.
 Covenant Kids (1st-5th grade) start in the Chapel, then proceed to the third floor of the Education Building for hands-on workshops. Parents: Pick up your children in the Sanctuary at 10:45.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Choices! Choices! Lots of variety but all are waiting to welcome you! Select a class, meeting 9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings, from the list below.

COVENANT CLASS, Room E-403

- Minor Prophets of the Old Testament

THE CLASS, Room A-204

- The Wired Word

DISCOVERY CLASS, Recreation Room, Activities Building

- A Shepherd's Look at Psalm 23
- Fair Trade and Equal Exchange

FOUNDATIONS CLASS, Room A-109

- Portraits of Jesus
- Soup Ministry
- Chemical Addiction & Recovery

KOINONIA CLASS, Room E-412

- Vision for First Presby
- (Bluestone Guy's weekend)

RUFFNER CLASS, Room A-201

- Guest Okey Moffat

SENECA CLASS, Ruffner Room

- New Testament 101

SOJOURNERS CLASS, E-411

- Death and Resurrection

TRINITY BIBLE CLASS, Susie Early Room

- Path to New Life

(Education Building=E
 Activities Building=A)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

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

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

Don't miss the American Boychoir Concert

of Princeton, NJ— in our Church Sanctuary
Sunday evening, April 19 7:00 p.m.

General admission: \$10/person. Tickets can be purchased in advance through our church office or at the door.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

Your Congregational Nominating Committee is preparing for the election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees for the Class of 2012 and we would like to have your suggestions in that process.

Please use this form for the purpose of listing your recommendations for the 15 Elders, 8 Deacons and 2 Trustees in the Class of 2012. Bring or mail your suggestions to the Church office **no later than Sunday, April 10**. You can also drop them in the marked boxes in the hallway near the Church office and in the narthex.

Those eligible for reelection, from the Class of 2009, are:

ELDERS: Dee Campbell, Kristen Harrison, Pam Kuyk
 DEACONS: Mary Kay Bond, Bob Joseph, Jane McEldowney,
 Sandy Nistendirk, George Weissert, Chris Zinn
 TRUSTEE: Dina Mohler, Sandy Thomas

15 NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS, Class of 2012

8 NOMINATIONS FOR DEANS

2 NOMINATIONS FOR TRUSTEES

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SPRING GATHERING FOR WOMEN

Beckley will be the location for the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 25.

For more information, contact Janice Lessley or Suzanne Meyer.

From the women of Beckley Presbyterian Church: We are hosting the Spring Gathering on April 25, 2009. We would like to assemble a small devotional booklet as our gift to those attending the gathering. We would like devotions from the women in the churches in our presbytery.

The title will be "God Will Do Wonders Among You." Each original devotion should include a title, author, home church. If a favorite devotion is shared from a published work information to reference the source needs to be included. E-mail Helen Trader, trader2@peoplepc.com. Deadline for submissions: April 13, 2009.

WE ARE DOING A NEW THING!

"All Are Invited" is the title of the April Presbyterian Women's Bible study, and the Rebecca Dinner Circle invites all women in the church to come on Wednesday, April 8 for a Wednesday Connection dinner early (5:30) and then the Bible study from Luke 14:7-24 and Luke 16:19-31. We are doing a new thing!

Please make your reservation for the Wednesday Connection dinner, pay at the door, pick up your meal and then go to Room A-204, to share your meal with other circle members and hear the lesson. To learn more call Circle chairman Pam Healy, 744-6356.

COVENANT HOUSE NEEDS:

Socks (new or used), underwear, canned tuna, chicken or other meat, powdered milk, feminine hygiene items, multi-vitamins, Ensure, bed linens, and towels.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Room A-109

Foundations Class

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Come and enjoy a very well scripted power point presentation on "Chemical Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery" by Chick Maddox, president and founder of Drug and Alcohol Presentations, Inc. and long-time member of First Presbyterian Church. Especially relevant to the medical profession but of interest to all. Please view the web site www.drugandalcoholpresentations.com for information and please come!

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

MM2 David A. Kaylor, aboard the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower (grandson of George and Thema Frisch)

2nd Lt. Matthew M. Bruner, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

Edwin Anderson (cousin of Mary Odin)
Airman First 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, OH (son of Liz O'Finan)

Owen Brown, Pensacola, FL (son of Earle Brown) in the Navy

David Rucker, Germany (Barbara Brown's nephew)

Donald Boylen, VA (grandson of Dick and Becky Smith)

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

PARTNERS IN PRAYER


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

April 5: First Presby, Oak Hill; PC of the Covenant, Hurricane; Rome PC, Proctorville, OH; Gura Parish in Kenya.

April 12: First Presby, South Charleston; First Presby, Terra Alta; Westminster PC, Charleston; Gathaith Church in Kenya.

April 19: Arthurdale Community PC; Beverly PC; Buffalo PC; Gitui Church in Kenya.

April 26: Clifton PC, Maxwelton; Elk Hills PC, Charleston; Glenville PC; Thageini Church in Kenya.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 16, 2009

**What is the Charleston-Banska Bystrica Sister City Alliance?
How is First Presby involved?**

Bob Newman and Linda Elliott

Plus... a Sing-A-Long led by Carole Carter

And a Special Offering of Layettees or funds for purchasing layette items

Nancy Martin will lead the Prayer Group at 11:30 a.m. in Room A-203
Luncheon begins at 12:00.

Be sure to make your luncheon reservation by March. 16 – call 343-8961
Childcare is available if reserved by calling Ina at 343-8961, ext. 122.

SCHEDULE FOR PW BIBLE STUDIES

DATE	NAME	CIRCLE CHAIR	PLACE	TIME
April 9	Leah	Sally Slicer 346-1873	A-201; hostess: Hae Won Chun	9:30 a.m.
April 9	Mary	Sue Shawkey 342-4233 Betty Damewood 346-4417	Edgewood Summit	10:00 a.m.
April 9	Miriam	Sarah McGriff 744-3751	Mary Parsons, 913 Alynwood Circle	9:45 a.m.
April 9	Martha	Sara Joseph 343-1210 Jackie Taylor 346-6147	A-204, Bring a "brown bag" lunch. Hostess: Sara Joseph	Noon
April 8	Rebecca (Dinner)	Pam Healy 744-6356 Beth Ann Surber 342-7988	A-204-Call to make a dinner reservation.	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Hannah	Nancy Martin 744-9456	A-204	10:30 a.m.
April 16	Ruth	Betty Ann Morton 344-4507 Ruth Pitchford 346-8494	A-201	10:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



WHERE IS?

As Presbyterians prepare to take the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) staff express their **appreciation and thankfulness for the continued generosity of Presbyterians** in the United States that enables us - together - to witness the healing love of Christ to disaster survivors around the world. This year the OGHS theme is "Where is your Treasure?" Your treasure is helping disaster survivors find hope out of the chaos of the disasters that have impacted their lives.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PRESBYTERIAN VOLUNTEER VILLAGE MANAGERS

Responsible individuals are needed to help oversee the management and function of the Presbyterian Volunteer Villages throughout the U.S. Gulf Coast. Responsibilities include providing hospitality, and worksite management for the many Presbyterian volunteers serving hurricane survivors in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Although Presbyterian Volunteer Village Managers are volunteers, a nominal per diem is provided to cover food and incidentals. In addition, housing and transportation are provided within the village. Learn more and get an application.

FATHER-SON WEEK

Space is still available for Father-Son Week in New Orleans, June 21-27. Father and son duos are needed to help rebuild homes in Louisiana destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. This unique opportunity offers a chance for fathers and sons to bond as they work with other father and son teams from across the United States in rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.



Make your Father's Day special this year - call your son and meet him in the U.S. Gulf Coast for the week of June 21-27, 2009. Get more information or register your team by visiting the PDA Web site or calling (866) 732-6121.

MANNA MEAL STARTS A VEGETABLE GARDEN

Here's a summertime opportunity for you and your family! Volunteer at the new garden that Manna Meal will have this summer. Take a couple hours on a Saturday morning, and when the produce comes in, you might want to help with canning and freezing! Contact Myra Dolan, drmusicmom@suddenlink.net or Jean Simpson, 304-345-7121. The idea of having fresh vegetables has everyone at Manna Meal excited.

They also welcome those who garden at home to **Plant A Row for the Hungry** and donate it to Manna Meal. They are anxious to receive fresh garlic, carrots, celery, or whatever you like to grow.

LUNCH AND LEARN



Lunch and Learn are free workshops for caregivers hosted by the Alzheimer's Association. Bring a brown bag lunch on April 15 for information about care options and how to make those decisions. Contact April Lewis for more information: 1-800-491-2717, or april.lewis@alz.org.

PALS BOOK CLUB



Have you read *Contrary Blues* by John Billheimer? The PALS Book Club (sponsored by the Shepherd's Center and the Kanawha Public Library) will meet April 17 in the Ruffner Room to discuss this book. Everyone who has read this book are welcome to join the discussion from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Copies of *Contrary Blues* are available from the main church office. Please remember to sign out your copy of the book! All are welcome.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER AT FIRST PRESBY



The Spring Benefit Luncheon is a fund raiser to support the publication and mailing of the Shepherd's Center Newsletter. To prepare adequate servings, we must have your reservations. Call Linda Rhodes, 304-545-1743, by noon on April 20.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

9:00-11:00

Free blood pressure checks

10:30-11:15 Adventures in Learning: Deloris Wilder, from WV Bureau of Senior Services, will discuss the "Seniors Exercise Program."

11:45 Special Hot Lunch \$15.00 (\$9 is tax deductible) Menu:

Presbyterian Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, oriental slaw, rolls and dessert.

12:30 Program:

B-TIES

Dixieland Band

After eleven years, the band has performed more than 200 times and published two CDs. Come and hear the great Dixieland sound!

Remember to make your reservation: Call Linda Rhodes, 304-545-1743, by noon on April 20.

MUSICAL MYSTERIES REVEALED: Which part do I sing?

All our voices are different, but most hymns are written for four particular types: high female (**soprano**), low female (**alto**), high male (**tenor**), or low male (**bass**). In the "SATB" style found in our hymnal, the soprano part usually sings the melody; the altos, tenors, and basses sing other parts stacked underneath. The tunes sung by altos, tenors, and basses are called "harmonies", and they support the melody to make it sound fuller and more interesting. Whether your voice is high, low, male, or female, you're welcome to sing any part you like. But if you're looking for the melody, look on top. Our sopranos aren't a bit selfish; they love to share their part with you!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PRAYER

God, we know that you treasure each of your creatures. Help us to love those people we know and to act lovingly toward the people we don't know who need help. Guide us to share some of the love you pour on us with all of your creation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORD OF THE MONTH

Treasure: Your treasure is what is most important to you, what you value the most.

BIBLE VERSE

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Matthew 6:19-21)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Choose one week this month and do the following: Make a list of five of your favorite possessions (things that belong to you). Try to spend at least one day this week without each of the possessions. Now make a list of five people you most care about. What would it be like having to spend a day without seeing or communicating with any of them? Think about what treasures are really the most important to you: the things that you own or the people you love?

Feeling stressed?
*Come to the
Spirituality Center
Room E-306*

Leave refreshed!

**Open daily
throughout Lent.**
For All Ages

BLESSING FOR MEALS

Lord, thank you for this food. Help us to not waste our food by taking more than we need. Help us this month to eat what our bodies need to be healthy and strong. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

After World War II, Christians in the United States looked at the damage the war had done to people's lives, especially in Europe and Asia, and realized that Americans had been spared much of the pain and sadness that other people faced. They were thankful and felt they should help those who faced much greater hardship.

Church leaders did a one-hour radio show with some of the day's biggest stars asking people to give generously the next day at church. People responded so generously that leaders decided to repeat the offering the next year, and then the next. That was the beginning of One Great Hour of Sharing.

RECIPE: Thai Noodles

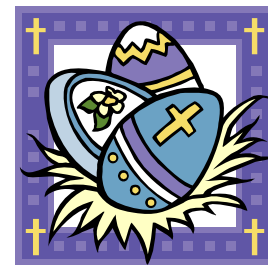
This tasty noodle dish is like the noodles people eat in Thailand. This recipe makes enough for four servings.

Ingredients

- 8 oz. spaghetti, broken in half
- 2 tbs. smooth peanut butter
- grated orange peel and juice of 1 orange
- 1 tbs. soy sauce
- 1 small garlic clove, pressed
- 1 peeled orange cut into bite-size pieces
- 2 tbs. green onions, thinly sliced

With an adult helping you, cook the spaghetti in hot water on the stove. Carefully drain out the hot water in a colander.

Make a sauce for the noodles by combining the peanut butter, orange peel and juice, soy sauce and garlic. Warm the sauce up a little on the stovetop or in the microwave. Add the warm (not hot) sauce to the cooked spaghetti. Add the orange pieces. Toss gently. Sprinkle onions on top and serve.



HAPPY HUNTING!

Kids of all ages are invited to hunt for Easter eggs on April 5 at 2:00. Meet at Celebration Station (corner of Bradford and Quarrier at Piedmont Elementary) for egg hunting, egg dyeing, and playground fun.

This annual Child/Family Committee event is a great way to reach out to our neighbors! Invite your friends and bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs. Rain location: FPC Activities Building.



DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 4/1: John 8:3-11
- 4/2: John 11:17-37
- 4/3: John 11:38-44
- 4/4: John 13:21-38
- 4/5: John 14:1-14
- 4/6: Matthew 26:36-46
- 4/7: Matthew 26:47-53
- 4/8: Matthew 26:55-56
- 4/9: Luke 22:47-53
- 4/10: Matthew 27:45-50
- 4/11: Luke 8:22-25
- 4/12: John 20:11-18
- 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 24:1-16, 30-31
- 4/18: John 20:2-28
- 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

APRIL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Don't forget...
Festival of Faith
Youth Track
Saturday, April 4

Middle School Youth

will continue meeting on
 Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
 Boys in Room E-405
 Girls in the Youth Lounge

Everyone is invited

to help with the
Easter Egg Hunt

on Sunday, April 5,
 starting at 2:00

at Celebration Station

Come early and help hide the eggs!

Wednesday, April 15

**All Confirmation students need to
 be in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. to
 meet with members of Session.**

Sunday, April 19

Come and experience the
American Boy Choir Concert!
 7:00-9:00 p.m. Cost: \$10

Summer Work Camp

8th-12th:

**We're going to
 Philadelphia!**

Turn in your registration
 for the Summer Work Camp
 at Broad Street Ministries
 or talk with Claire about
 this upcoming event!

For more information,
 contact Claire Butler,
 304-343-8961 ext. 119, or
 youth@firstpresby.com.

MAY EVENT FOR DAYMARK

Next month DAYMARK, Inc. will honor First Presby member **Ardath Francke** for her vision and 35 years of service to the organization. Mrs. Francke played a key role in creating DAYMARK and they will honor her at their annual fundraiser, "A Night to Remember."

The event is a night of food, friends, music and remembrance of both the youth in crisis who have been helped by DAYMARK and the wonderful people who have provided that help.

Join us at St. George Orthodox Church on May 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m., for a night featuring a cocktail buffet provided by Charleston's leading chefs, wine donated by Falcor and music by Steve Payne and the Soul Doctors.

DAYMARK is the parent organization of Patchwork, Turning Point and New Connections. This local organization is very efficiently run but United Way funding is significantly reduced this year, making it more important than ever that our community show its support. Tickets are \$75 and are 75% deductible. They may be purchased from DAYMARK board members/First Presby members Sue Webster, Sara Long, Mary McCoy, Ardath Francke and Nikki Moses, or by calling DAYMARK, (304) 340-3675, or at www.daymark.org.

LIBRARY ACQUISITION

The Ruffner Class would like to announce a donation to the library in memory of Charles Glotfelty. The New Testament For Everyone – 16 Volumes by Bishop N. T. Wright is now available in our library. Biblical scholar and Anglican bishop Wright offers user-friendly guides to the New Testament combined with his own readable translation of the entire text. Each volume features short Scripture passages followed by accessible commentary, background information, explanations, and application suggestions; and a glossary. Includes the Gospels, Acts, the letters of Paul, and Hebrews.

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.

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT

Month of February 2009

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 80,000	\$ 49,532	\$ (30,468)
Trustee Funds:	4,380	8,560	4,180
Other Revenue:	16,510	6,852	(9,658)
Total Income:	100,890	64,944	(35,946)
Expenses:	122,466	114,793	(7,673)
Net Income:	\$ (21,576)	\$ (49,849)	\$ (28,273)

Year-To-Date 2009

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 270,000	\$ 249,918	\$ (20,082)
Trustee Funds:	8,760	12,940	4,180
Other Revenue:	67,920	64,505	(3,415)
Total Income:	346,680	327,363	(19,317)
Expenses:	255,340	243,103	(12,237)
Net Income:	\$ 91,340	\$ 84,260	\$ (7,080)



MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

FROM MARY ODIN

A little more a year ago, I received an email from the American Boychoir in Princeton, NJ. They were organizing their spring '09 concert tour and wondered if we would host a concert in our sanctuary. Their touring choir, approximately 30 singers in grades 4-8, invited our children to sing the first part of the concert and join the Boychoir in singing a song together at the end. I took the idea to the Worship Division and then to the Session, and with their support began working on details for the event.

The American Boychoir is a world-class ensemble, so I wanted as many local children as possible to share this once-in-a-lifetime experience with us.

I contacted Selina Midkiff, the director of the Appalachian Children's Chorus, who enthusiastically partnered with me to organize a weekend of music for our children. She suggested we host a Sacred Choral Festival and engaged Ruth Dwyer, a well-known composer, music educator, and clinician, to work with our children for two days in preparation for the concert. Soon, children from churches all over the valley and beyond began working to learn the six sacred anthems Ruth selected. They will meet together for the first time on Friday evening, April 17.

When you come to the concert two days later on Sunday evening, April 19, you will see the fruits of many people's labor. Some workers will be featured prominently: the boys and girls who devoted themselves to finishing homework so they could get to rehearsal, to marking their music and memorizing it, and to singing in tune with a beautiful sound. Those efforts we will surely applaud after every song is sung.

But many workers will not be featured prominently at the concert on April 19. Romans 12:6-8 tells us, "Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." In the context of our concert with the American Boychoir, this passage speaks equally of the performers and of the workers who prepared the physical space for as many as 200 singers, who mailed postcard reminders to young singers each week, who saw that money was collected and bills were paid, who served as ushers and

ticket-takers, who provided meals at the church, who opened their homes to young choristers from out of town, who designed and made the concert shirts, and a whole host of others. In Romans 12, Paul does not rate the gifts in order of importance. He only names them and tells us how to use them. When we offer our applause that evening, we must offer it to God for all of His gifts which worked together to produce the concert.

I hope you will be available to join us in our sanctuary on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. to share in this celebration. A few of the many singers will be First Presby's own. I am so proud of every single one of them, and we are so grateful to all of you who have contributed or will contribute your unique gifts to the effort. **Come, see and hear what the Lord has done!**

Mary

CHERUB AND CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

Cherub and Cathedral Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6:00 p.m.. Cherub Choir (grades K-2) meets in the Susie Early Room with Debbie Eads and Toni Clendenin; Cathedral Choir (grades 3-6) meets in Room E-305 with Mary Odin. The Cherub Choir gave a beautiful musical offering on March 1; this month, the Cathedral Choir will give a concert with the American Boychoir in our sanctuary on April 19. Come to your choir and bring a friend!

HIGH SCHOOL PRAISE BAND

If you play an instrument or like to sing, come to Room A-203 in the Activities Building at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings and jam with us! Any questions, contact Sarah Lynch 304-932-9797 or sjlynch13@gmail.com.

GENEVA CHOIR

To join the Geneva Choir, just come to rehearsal on Thursday. You do not have to be a church member or an experienced musician to sing with us, but it helps to have a sense of humor. We have openings in all sections, so bring a friend! Geneva Choir (youth and adults) rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. The group leads congregational singing and provides special music for Sunday worship services, primarily at 11:00 a.m. and occasionally at 8:45 a.m.

BELL CHOIR

Capella Bell Choir (youth and adults) gave two beautiful musical offerings on March 15, assisted by Marilyn Wrenn (flute) and Carole Carter (narrator). Bells rehearse on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room and give musical offerings in both worship services. If you'd like to ring with Capella Bells, contact director Sarah Lynch or talk to any member of the group. Experience is helpful but not required.

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, banjo, and other instruments to accompany congregational song. We normally rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m., depending on the Division meeting schedule. If you'd like to play or sing with us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com or speak to any member of the group.

FPC LYRES CLUB

The Lyres Club rehearses on Tuesday evenings in the Ruffner Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and regularly gives musical offerings in worship. If you are interested in learning to play the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church at 343-8961 ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com. No previous musical experience is necessary; instruments and music are available through the church.


**Register before April 15
for the 2009 Montreat Conference on
Worship and Music
Sunday, June 21-Saturday, June 27!**

This life-changing week of worship, Bible study, music, and the arts in the mountains of Montreat, North Carolina is open to adults, youth, and children who have completed 3rd grade. Childcare for younger children of registered conferees is free. To learn more or to register online, go to <http://www.presbysmusic.org/ConfMontreat.htm>. **Registration fees increase on April 15!** Be sure to let Mary Odin know you're going and leave your \$100 housing payment with Jackie Lilly or Jenny Pitchford in the church office. You do not have to be a church musician or even a church member to attend this conference; there is something for everyone, including arts, crafts, cooking and outdoor activities. Plus, the worship services are terrific for everyone. Invite a friend to come with you for the week!

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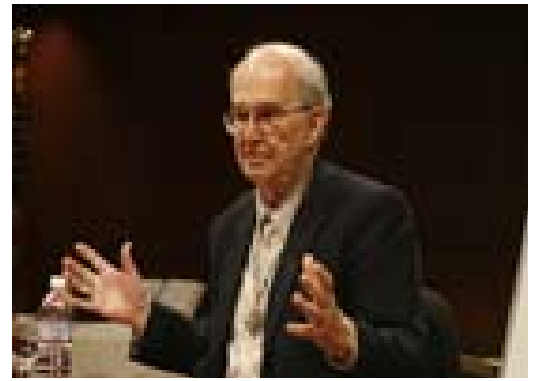
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			5 Passion/Palm Sunday 8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 2:00 Easter Egg Hunt (Celebration Station) 4:00 Spring Walk on Carriage Trail	6 8:30 Aerobics 9:30 Lent: Knitting 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:30 Disciple Class 6:30 Lent: Hallelujah	7 9:30 Lent: Kneeling 5:30 Lyres Club 6:00 Karate 7:00 Lent: Yoga 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts	8 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 10:30 Lent: Parables 2:00 Senior Exercise 4:30 Lent: Prayer 5:00 Finance Division 5:15 Child & Family Comm. 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:30 Rebecca Dinner Circle 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Session Meeting 6:45 Middle School Lent 6:45 Lenten Spirituality Center 7:30 Contemplative Prayer
12 Easter One Great Hour of Sharing <i>Get your blood pressure checked by a Parish Nurse</i> 8:45 Worship 9:45 Agape Love Feast 11:00 Worship	13 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:30 Disciple Class	14 5:30 Lyres Club 6:00 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts	15 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Fellowship/Recreation Div. 5:00 Visitors/New Members Div. 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Middle School Groups 7:00 Confirmation Exam 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	16 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible Study 10:30 Hannah Circle 10:30 Ruth Circle 11:30 Prayer Group 12:00 Presbyterian Women's Luncheon 5:30 Bell Choir 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir	17 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Dad's Group 2:00 PALS Book Club 2:00 Senior Exercise	18 2:00 Roller Skating
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You are invited to meet and hear **Kenneth E. Bailey, Th.D.**

- Presbyterian author and lecturer in Middle Eastern New Testament Studies New Wilmington, PA
- Canon Theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Research Professor of New Testament at the Ecumenical Institute (Tantur) Jerusalem (Emeritus)



Dr. Bailey spent 40 years (1955-1995) living and teaching in seminaries and institutes in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus. His area of specialty is the cultural background and literary forms of the New Testament. His books, videos and accomplishments are too numerous to list here. You can learn more by viewing: <http://www.shenango.org/Bailey/bio.htm>. He brings a new and fascinating look to familiar Bible stories!

Dr. Ken Bailey has been invited to speak at First Presby on May 2 & 3.

Dr. Bailey will present two different lectures from his new book Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes:

**Saturday, May 2, 9:00-12:30 AND Sunday May 3, 9:45-10:45
in the Church Dining Room.**

**On May 3, Dr. Bailey will also be our guest preacher in Sunday worship 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Please join us for this special event!**

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please minister through prayer,
cards, calls and visits.*

IN THE HOSPITAL . . .

GENERAL: Idelle Hamady

MEMORIAL: Bill Hamady

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Janet Reeves, sister of Beverly Campbell; Bob & Joyce Sepp; A.D. Ellison; Becky Cerperley; Dottie Meadows; Barbara Gessner; Laura (Bulla), Tom Bulla's daughter; Honor McCain; Mary Jane Vanderwilt; George Bryant; Beth Sattes; Liz Nelson; Ron Reedy; Dave & Myra Moody; John & Jo Slaughter (friends of Fred Gaul); Betty McClung's friend Debbie; David Kerns, classmate of Alison Pitchford; Rick Hoy; Grey Yetter; Nancy Peterson; Blair Sprouse; Barbara Warren; Neva Jo Adams; David Webster (friend of Tom Morgan); Imy Albright..

EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Joseph Sprouse, son of Blair and Jeff Sprouse; Don Best, (friend of the Doumaux's); Michael Kane, (Doumaux's son's father-in-law); Bob Turbanic, (Bill McCoy's friend); Gracie Black, friend of Steven Slack; Sarah Burton, (friend of Jim Buckalew); Barbara Tewkesbury, (friend of Jim Buckalew); Nancy Struthers.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Rick Flynn (friend of Bill McCoy); Paula Bailey (Steve Morris' friend); Vicki & Barry Blizzard (friends of Jim Buckalew); Linda Morris; Barbara Brown; Ed Vazquez (Ruth Shepherd's son-in-law); Jack Gastineau; Candy Galyean; David Caruthers (Nancy Brallier's brother-in-law); Ruth Shepherd; Alex Earl (cousin of Chick Maddox); Dr. James Maddox (uncle of Chick); Charles Hendricks; Louise Rosenbaum; Charlie Young.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS . . .

Honor McCain; Melissa Orders; Theresa Padgett (George Weissert's daughter); Reagan Hawker (Les & Donna Hawker's daughter-in-law).

BIRTHS:

Allison LaRocca gave birth to Olivia Maria on March 3. Proud grandparents are Dwayne and Judy Price.
Jenny Hoy Mills gave birth to Charles Austin on Feb. 27. Proud grandparents are Harriet and Rick Hoy.

Call Jim Roberts, 343-8961 ext. 118, to keep him informed, to be remove from the list, or to add yourself or a family member to the list.

In Memoriam

Eddie Brice Owens III
February 28, 2009