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# NOVEMBER 2008

## 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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## From the Pastor:

A few weeks ago, as the financial uncertainty of our times intensified, I read to you the words of the Psalmist, **“Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult... Be still and know that I am God...”** Though all our underpinnings of earthly security change, yet God reigns and promises His care and grace for us as we seek Him.

One pastor who had suffered unspeakable loss in the tragic death of his wife and child, spoke to his congregation soon after to say, “I have been to the bottom, and it is solid!” A life based on the presence, power, love and grace of Christ has an unshakable foundation and a sure promise of eternal security. On that we can rely in all times, in season and out of season, thin or flush... For that I am deeply grateful to God and to all who are such a great strength and encouragement to me in life and faith.

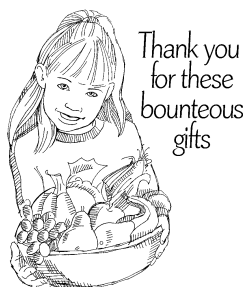
A colleague in ministry recently reminded me of Paul's words, **“You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God...”** As we move through our Stewardship focus in uncertain times, we are called to an “attitude of gratitude” for all we are and all we have, for all we love and all who love us. In that sense of grace and gratitude we can move forward together IN Christ. May God bless you and may God bless us and together make us an increasing blessing to the world.

‘See you in church!’

*Bill*  
Bill



**Bill McCoy**  
Pastor



Thank you  
for these  
bounteous  
gifts

**Come share  
Thanksgiving worship  
with your brothers  
and sisters in the  
valley!**

## Community Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, November 23, 6:00 p.m.**

**Morris Memorial United Methodist Church  
4615 MacCorkle Avenue, SE**

On Sunday evening, Nov. 23, Morris Memorial United Methodist Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service. First Presby's Geneva Choir members will sing in the combined choir, and worship will be led by pastors and lay leaders from all over the valley. You are invited to bring any of the following: **fresh fruits and vegetables** for Thanksgiving baskets, **cereal** for Manna Meal, **1 lb. bags of dried beans or rice, soup, or other canned goods** for the Covenant House Food Pantry housed here at First Presby. A monetary offering will be received to cover the other costs of the service. You are also invited to enjoy fellowship and a piece of pie following worship.

## Dear Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I have served as your Director of Community Ministry for the past dozen years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my challenging work here and the opportunity to serve the church and the community together.

I am resigning this position this December to join my husband, Jim, as he begins his retirement from Dow. We are looking forward to embarking on this new adventure together.

Fortunately we will remain in Charleston, active members of this congregation, and fully accessible whenever I can be of any future assistance to the church or staff.

*Peace in Christ,  
Frankie McCain*

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

Of the \$5,390,800 pledged to the campaign, we have received \$3,315,731. As of October 15, we have spent \$3,573,898. The difference has been covered partially by the operating budget reserve, and a loan of \$120,000 from Trustee cash which will incur interest charges. Your contributions will first be applied to this loan and to repay the budget reserve. Contributions subsequent to those pay-offs will become available for mission projects and the establishment of the HVAC Endowment Fund.

If you are new to First Presby, and would like to participate in the Capital Campaign, please review the materials on the table by the Cablish Room, or call the office for information. Thank you to everyone who has made the projects of this campaign possible.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a nurse, Sunday, Nov. 9, in the Cablish Room off the main church hallway.

## ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's group will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m., in Room E-310. For more information call 744-7634.

## ATTENTION: VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS!

Meet Bill McCoy and Jim Roberts to learn more about First Presby in this quarterly orientation series for newcomers. "What it means to be part of a church family" will be the theme of Bill's remarks on Nov. 2. The following Sunday Jim Roberts will share information about Presbyterian theology; the last Sunday of the series, the 16<sup>th</sup>, newcomers are invited to take a tour of the church buildings with Kristen Harrison.

We will meet Sunday, Nov. 2, in the Cablish Room at 10:00 a.m. each week. You may find the Cablish Room straight through the right-hand double wooden doors of the sanctuary on the left.

## The Christian Ed Division announces a C.E RESOURCE FAIR November 16-19

Resources for leaders and teachers, devotional material for small groups, individuals, families, and teens will be offered for your perusal in Room 201 of the Activities Building. The Fair begins on Sunday morning (on the landing outside 201) and will continue through Wednesday Connections.

Books and electronic media will be displayed, drawn from First Presby's resources, the Presbytery Resource Center, and Cokesbury. Children's books and Bibles will be included in a wide assortment of developmentally appropriate materials, both seasonal and general.

All are welcome!



## SHEPHERD'S CENTER



The Shepherd's Center will meet at First Presby on December 4. The fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving and the fourth Thursday of December is Christmas, the same as our usual luncheon days. The creative alternative is to have a single luncheon at this busiest time of the year early in December, Dec. 4, to be exact.

We will begin the day with the Shepherd's Centers Annual Holiday Decoration Sale in Room A 201 across from the Dining Room. Tell your friends and neighbors-they can come and buy or donate items to be sold. See the Shepherd's Center newsletter for details.

Pease join us at 11:45 a.m. for a delicious holiday meal and musical entertainment. Make your reservations with Diane Clement at 343-0590 before noon Dec. 1.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



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

Herchiel Sims Nov. 8  
David Williams Nov. 28



## Fall Back

Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, Nov. 1st.

## FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 80,000	\$ 61,202	\$ (18,798)
Trustee Funds:	4,479	4,479	-
Other Revenue:	7,020	6,850	(170)
Total Income:	91,499	72,531	(18,968)
Expenses:	113,023	105,094	(7,929)
Net Income:	\$ (21,524)	\$ (32,563)	\$ (11,039)


## YEAR-END GIVING

**It's not too early to begin planning for 2008 year-end giving and its tax consequences.** This is especially true if you are considering gifting shares of mutual funds, which can take more than 30 days to transfer between accounts.

The IRS provides guidelines about what year a taxpayer may take a deduction for a charitable contribution. The chart below provides general guidelines.

Contribution	2008 deduct	2009 deduct
Checks written in Dec. '08 and deposited in offering in January '09		X
Checks written and deposited in church in Jan. '09 but "backdated" to Dec. '08		X
Checks written and deposited in offering in Dec. '08 but "postdated" to Jan. '09	X	
Checks written in Dec. '08 and deposited in the mail and postmarked in Dec. '08, but not received by the church until Jan. '09	X	
Checks written in Dec. '08 and deposited in the mail in Dec. but not postmarked until Jan. '09		X
Shares of securities transferred from the donor's account in Dec. '08 but not received into the church's brokerage account until Jan. '09		X

**For further information please consult your tax advisor.**



### Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

**November 20th 12 Noon – 1:00 PM**

All women who are interested in improving their health habits are invited to our annual

### Women's Health Talk

- ❖ Pamela Maddox, Family Nurse Practitioner from the Women's Health Center will be speaking.
- ❖ Parish Nurses will be checking blood pressures from 11:30 – 12:00
- ❖ A special guest will be giving her personal story.

Judy Keller will lead the Prayer Group starting at 11:30 a.m. in Room A-201. Be sure to make your lunch reservation by Nov. 17 by calling 343-8961. Child care is available if reserved in advance.

### SCHEDULE FOR WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

DATE	NAME	CIRCLE CHAIR	PLACE	TIME
Nov. 13	Leah	Sally Slicer 346-1873	A-201, Hostess: Nancy Potter	9:30 a.m.
Nov. 13	Mary	Sue Shawkey 342-4233 Betty Damewood 346-4417	Edgewood Summit	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 13	Miriam	Sarah McGriff 744-3751	Hostess: Martha Jane Williams, 1819 Devondale Circle	9:45 a.m.
Nov. 13	Martha	Sara Joseph 343-1210 Jackie Taylor 346-6147	A-204, Bring a "brown bag" lunch.	12:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	Rebecca (Dinner)	Pam Healy 744-6356 Beth Ann Surber 342-7988	Dining Room-Call to make a dinner reservation.	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 20	Hannah	Nancy Martin 744-9456	A-204	10:30 a.m.
Nov. 20	Ruth	Betty Ann Morton 344-4507 Ruth Pitchford 346-8494	A-201	10:30 a.m.

**Dear Church Family,** I have tickets to the Pop Series of WV Symphony that are on Wednesday nights. I can get a ride from the church to the Clay Center. But I need a ride home after the performances. I cannot afford a cab and at that time the city bus isn't running. **If anyone could help me get home from the Clay Center, I would appreciate it.** I could help with gas money. I live just across the Kanawha City bridge. Please call me at 925-1565. Yours in Christ, Chick Maddox

### 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

**Aaron Lloyd**, Kuwait/Iraq (step-grandson of Betty Lloyd)

**Edwin Anderson**, Afghanistan (cousin of Mary Odin)

**Airman First Class Caitlin Workman**, Omaha, NE (granddaughter of Pat Workman)

**Tory Walbe**, Iraq (stepson of Marilyn Walbe)

**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.

**Nov. 2:** Rock Lake, South Charleston; Salem, Ronceverte; Sugar Grove, Morgantown; Ndugamano Church, Kenya.

**Nov. 9:** First, Mullens; First, Williamson; Chattaroy Chapel; Wandumbi Parish, Kenya.

**Nov. 16:** Bream Memorial, Charleston; Church of the Covenant, Grafton; First, Dunbar; Githakwa Church, Kenya.

**Nov. 23:** Forrest Memorial, Covington, VA; First, Hinton; Kuhn Memorial, Barboursville; Kagioini Church, Kenya.

**Nov. 30:** Marlinton; Mary's Chapel, Slatyfork; Buckeye Chapel; Wand Church, Kenya.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### PRAYER FOR THE DAY

When you wake up in the morning, say a prayer asking God to help you watch for God's blessings throughout the day. Remember to thank God throughout the day, too! God's love is with us always.

### BLESSING FOR MEALS

For food that makes us strong,  
we thank you, God.  
For love that never ends,  
we thank you, God.  
Amen.

### BIBLE VERSE

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)

### WORD OF THE MONTH

**Theology:** The Greek word "Theo" means "God." Theology is the study of God and of God's relationship to the world.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

How can you work for change in your world? Jesus called us to do things that might seem crazy, like loving our enemies. Is there someone who tries to bully other people? It's easy to go along with the crowd and join in the teasing, or stay silent instead of speaking up. What could you do instead? This is one small step that can lead to a big, big change.

### GIVING WHAT YOU HAVE

Make a card for someone you think needs to be cheered up. Spend some time with that person, giving him or her your full attention.

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

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

If you love children, consider being a part of the Child and Family Committee at First Presby. Come to the Ruffner Room at 5:15 on Wednesday, Nov. 12 as we make final plans for First Presby's Advent Workshop! Childcare is provided.

### HOW DO WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO SHARE... MONEY?

A parent recently asked that question after hearing about the biblical concept of tithing. "I understand that tithing is ten per cent, but how do I encourage that with my children?"

Among the many lessons of childhood, sharing is one of the most important. Children are taught to share toys and art supplies with siblings and friends at an early age. Sunday School classes invite children to bring an offering – of canned goods and coins – as they teach sharing what God has given us.

When a child who worships learns that giving an offering of money is one of the ways we share, there are strategies to help teach this lifelong lesson. For a child who earns or receives a regular allowance, parents can encourage giving a portion to various places. Picture a children's bank with separate compartments or, perhaps, several containers, each with its own label. Decide possibilities for labeling, such as saving, sharing, and spending. If you want to teach tithing as a Christian principal for giving, encourage your child to deposit the first tenth in the sharing container. That's the portion that is brought to Sunday School or worship. All of the rest is then left up to the child to decide which container will receive which amounts.

This method works for teens who have jobs, but seems to be easiest to teach in the early years. After all, aren't the kindergarten lessons the ones labeled, "All I ever needed to learn..." ?!

Have fun as you teach your children to share their time, their talents and their money – and do it joyfully!



### WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS

Everyone is invited for supper weekly at 5:45 p.m. (see the church calendar). Cost: \$5 for adults; \$2 for children. Make a new reservation each week.

### YOUR CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER...

The Preschool Committee invites everyone to attend a parent education class, "Being Your Child's First Teacher," with Mary Kay Bond on Wednesday, Nov. 12. We'll start at 6:45 p.m. in Room A-201. Parents and grandparents are all invited. Come and bring a friend! Child care provided.



### NEW GRANDBABIES

Barbara Knight Warren announces the birth of twin grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth and George Robert Kaplan who were born Oct. 18 in Rockledge, FL. They are the children of Heather and Jon Kaplan.



### DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 11/1: Hebrews 11:32-33a; 12:1
- 11/2: 1 Kings 3:5-9b
- 11/3: 1 Kings 3:22-27
- 11/4: 1 Kings 19:11-16, 18
- 11/5: 2 Kings 4:1-7
- 11/6: 2 Kings 18:28-35
- 11/7: 2 Kings 23:25-26
- 11/8: Mark 7:24a, 25-30
- 11/9: Mark 8:14-21
- 11/10: Mark 8:27-30
- 11/11: Mark 8:31-33
- 11/12: Isaiah 2:3a-5
- 11/13: 2 Corinthians 1:8-9
- 11/14: 2 Corinthians 2:10-11
- 11/15: 2 Corinthians 3:1-3
- 11/16: 2 Corinthians 4:6-7
- 11/17: 2 Corinthians 5:17-19
- 11/18: 2 Corinthians 6:2
- 11/19: 2 Corinthians 8:1-4
- 11/20: 2 Corinthians 12:8-10
- 11/21: 2 Corinthians 12:20
- 11/22: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- 11/23: Psalm 100:1-2, 4-5
- 11/24: Psalm 100:15-16
- 11/25: Psalm 146:3-6
- 11/26: Psalm 150
- 11/27: Mark 8:34-37
- 11/28: Mark 9:2-4, 7-8
- 11/29: Mark 9:33-37
- 11/30: Mark 10:13-16

# YOUTH NEWS: MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

## 9:45 SUNDAY MORNINGS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL in Room E-406

**New Testament time:** For November, Middle School Sunday School will focus on the Gospels. Each session will focus on a different gospel, the writer's viewpoint and stories about Jesus unique to that gospel including:

**The Early Church** - the beginnings of the church and its history as found in the book of Acts. Included are the stories of Pentecost, Peter's ministry, the martyrdom of Stephen, and Paul's conversion and ministry.

**Letters to the Early Church** - the epistles (letters) to the early churches and people.

Come and join teacher, Mary McCoy, for a new look at the New Testament.

### HIGH SCHOOL in the Youth Lounge

Yeh! Nooma has arrived! We can get anything we want, from anywhere in the world, whenever we want it. That's how it is and that's how we want it to be. Still, our lives aren't so different than other generations before us. We want spiritual direction, but it has to be real for us and available when we need it. **We want a new format for getting Christian perspectives. NOOMA is the new format**—short films that really speak to us. Compact and concise. Each NOOMA touches on issues that we care about, that we want to talk about, and it comes in a way that fits our world. Showing schedule:

- Nov. 2 Name
- Nov. 9 Trees
- Nov. 16 Rhythm
- Nov. 23 Dust

## CONFIRMATION

### EIGHTH GRADE CLASS SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:45 Room E-407

**Nov. 2**—Bible 101: Part III  
Where are the major Bible stories; how does the Bible flow from book to book?

**Nov. 9**—Bible 101: Part IV

**Nov. 16**—Mission at First Presbyterian Church will be taught by Frankie McCain. Come learn about the ministries around Kanawha County that First Presbyterian Church is involved in. We will be putting together Health Kits to be distributed by various Disaster Relief agencies. **Please bring the following items to class on the 16th:**

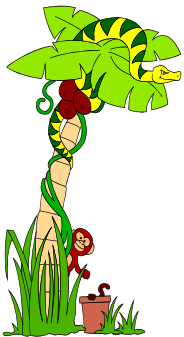
- 1 hand towel, 1 bar of soap,
- 1 toothbrush, 6 band aids
- 1 washcloth, 1 comb, 1 nail file,
- 1 tube of toothpaste (4-7 oz.)

**Nov. 22**—10:00–12:00 p.m.  
Youth Sunday  
Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Nov. 23**—8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Sunday

**Nov. 30**—The Ten  
Commandments

## YOUTH GROUPS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS



### MIDDLE SCHOOL 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Join us in November as

#### The Gospel According to Disney: Faith, Trust, and Pixie Dust

by Mark I. Pinsky  
continues with  
three more themes.

We will explore the roles that the animated features of Walt Disney played on the moral and spiritual development of generations of children.



- ☆ Nov. 2 The Lion King
- ☆ Nov 9 The Jungle Book
- ☆ Nov. 16 Beauty and the Beast

Nov. 23 —NO PYC,  
it's Youth Sunday!

Nov. 30 —No PYC  
Happy Thanksgiving!

### HIGH SCHOOL 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Coming soon...  
Youth Sunday!

On Sunday, Nov. 23, the High School Youth will have the opportunity to lead worship at both (8:45 and 11:00 a.m.) worship times! We will be preparing for this worship service during Sunday Night Youth Fellowship in November.

**Nov. 2** — Choose the theme for Youth Sunday and choose the music to accompany the service.

**Nov. 9 and 16** — Music time with Dave Percy and the Worship Team

**Nov. 16** — Liturgy and determination of roles (who does what).

**Nov. 23** — Youth Sunday!

**Everyone's gifts and talents are vitally important to make this youth-lead worship a success!**

**We need everyone to come to Youth Group during November. Your role, even a very small one, is important.**

## NINTH GRADE

Ninth grade confirmation participants have been asked to attend the High School Retreat at Bluestone put on by the Presbytery of WV, November 7-9.

**On January 30 and 31, we will go to Camp Virgil Tate for a retreat focusing on "Our Faith and the World."** We will consider how we respond to the issues of the world as Christians that exist in the rest of the world and also in our own back yard.

Call Claire Butler, Associate Pastor for Youth, with any questions: 343-8961 ext. 119.

## CONFIRMATION

## COMMUNITY MINISTRY



### RCCR'S BIG BEAN DINNER

Thursday, Nov. 20  
6:00 p.m.

Christ Church United  
Methodist Church  
1221 Quarrier Street

Please come to meet the new Executive Director of the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, Debra A. Payne, who will be the Keynote Speaker.

The Bare Bones Ensemble (Bill and Becky Kimmons and Mark Davis) will entertain us with songs performed acappella.

The menu is pure West Virginia: Beans and Cornbread, Greens and specialty homemade desserts donated by the supporting churches.

Tickets may be obtained from the church office, Jim Crockett or by calling RCCR at 346-6398.

### HABITAT CELEBRATION

Former pastor, Dr. Dean Thompson, will be the keynote speaker at the 20th anniversary celebration for Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha and Putnam County. Dinner and music included, the celebration will take place on Nov. 17 at Embassy Suites. For ticket information, call 720-0141.

**It's not too early to reserve your place with us for the 2009 Montreat Conference on Worship and Music!** Next summer's conference will take place Sunday-Saturday, June 21-27, 2009. It's a life-changing week of worship, Bible study, music, and the arts in the mountains of Montreat, North Carolina.

The conference is open to adults, youth, and children who have completed grade 3; child care for younger children of registered conferees is free. As of this writing, 13 First Presby folks are already planning to go, but there is still room for you. Conference registration will begin soon; to guarantee your housing with the church, just leave your \$100 housing payment with Jackie Lilly or Jenny Pitchford in the church office.

### ONE NIGHT WITHOUT A HOME

Covenant House and the Mental Health Association are sponsoring an event on Magic Island from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. which will be an overnight stay in minimal shelter. Bring your own sleeping bags.

An alternative possibility will be to come from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. for films, documentaries, and music.

You decide what is a responsible choice for your body or situation. Come singly, or as a class, family or group. We guarantee it will be a uniquely informational experience.

### WORLD MARKET REPORT

*A Greater Gift*, gifts that make a world of difference through fair trade sales, benefited artisans and their families from nineteen nations with sales of \$3,239, while *Alternative Gifts* of \$776 went to folks in need around the globe. With Equal Exchange coffees, Olivewood from Jerusalem, and Colors of Life from Kenya, and the Youth's Beans and Rice Project it totaled \$4,414.10. **We thank you for coming, shopping to support these worthwhile endeavors and hope you will enjoy all your purchases.**

We thank the Chairpersons of the Market, Nancy Martin and Vicky Sporck, for all their efforts; all of First Presby's staff who supported it so well; and the loyal volunteers who manned the Market. It was the work and pleasure of all together which made it such a great success.

Thank you to the Wednesday Work Crew, Sarah Holroyd, Jean O'Conner, Del Preslar, Ann Patterson, Jean Mercer, Pam Kuyk, JoAnn Dawson, Carolyn Sturgeon, Suzanne Meyer, Barbara Gessner, Linda Elliott, Anna Raab, Dick and Kay Lamb, Becky Smith, Lynn Kuyk, Lynda Strickland, Betty Kerns, Dave and Myra Moody, Diane Roberts, Pat Miller, Betty Damewood, Sally Slicer, Jim McCain, and to Tony Abatjougou who baked bread to be given to those who wrote letters to their legislators for Bread for the World. Thank you all.

### FOOD PANTRY LOW IN SUPPLIES

The food pantry housed in the Church is in critical need of food NOW! Please bring in food items each week. When you visit the grocery store, pick up a few items off the list below and bring them to the church. The Pantry needs canned meat, crackers, jam or jelly, soup, non-sugared cereals, Jello, pancake syrup, bread, canned milk, eggs, Bisquick, margarine, canned vegetables, and cheese. Thank you!

### PEACEMAKING OFFERING REPORT

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,694.03. One-quarter, \$423.51, will go to the Resolve Family Abuse Program of the YWCA here in Charleston. A second quarter will be used by the Presbytery for similar programs in West Virginia while one-half will go to the PC(USA) for national and international peacemaking programs.

### WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

All women are invited to join Church Women United in celebrating "World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 7 at First Baptist Church, 432 Shrewsbury Street, Charleston. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m.; worship at 11:00 a.m. Please park at St. Mark's—only in spots with a star on it—or in the motel parking lot. For a lunch reservation, call Darlene Kerr, 925-0098.

### CENTS-ABILITY – NOV. 16

A penny isn't worth much? Why, it is worth a fortune when it is combined with everyone else's pennies! A penny or two a meal, every day, every meal, multiplied by the members in your household, given with a prayer for the hungry and less fortunate at each meal is a wealth of gratitude and selflessness that emphasizes our real priorities in a very tangible way. Consider giving to Cents-Ability faithfully as this quarterly offering returns this November. If you have never done so before think about doing it just for the next two weeks. It may well be a new habit that blesses you in unexpected ways.

## The Impact of the HIPAA Regulations on Pastoral Care

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) was established to protect patients' privacy, particularly personal data. The Privacy Rule protects all "individually identifiable health information" held or transmitted by a covered entity or its business associate, in any form or media, whether electronic, paper, or oral. However, as it is implemented in healthcare institutions, such as hospitals, HIPAA sets limits as to what may be communicated to others, like churches and pastors.

In the past, many hospitals generated census lists of its patients according to religious affiliation. It was simple for the pastor to look at the list to determine if church members might be in the hospital. Now, with strict HIPAA regulation enforcement, hospitals are forbidden to provide this information. The only way one's church or pastors can know that you are in a hospital is for you or a family member or friend to let them know that you are being admitted or are in the hospital. Also, in order for your pastors to let others know that you are in the hospital or to let others know how you are doing is for you to give them permission to do so.

We want to visit you while you are in the hospital and provide you with Christ's love and care. Here are some things you may do to help us be a "pastoral presence" while you are in the hospital or other health care facility:

- Tell one of our pastors when you know in advance that you will be in the hospital or scheduled for surgery or tests
- If you are admitted into a hospital or health care facility unexpectedly, either call or send word to our pastors that you have been admitted
- Even if you do not want a pastoral visit, please let us know that you are in the hospital so we can keep you in our prayers. If you do not want a visit or if you would prefer that no one else know, just tell us your wishes and we will honor them
- Unless told otherwise, we do place members who are hospitalized on our Prayer List and on the "Hospital Board" in the church office

It is our joy to serve as your pastors and to minister the love and care of Christ and his church here at First Presby to you in your time of need.

## A FIRST PRESBY WELCOME TO...

**Katy Brown** joined our congregation last May. Katy and her husband, Michael Reed, were married at FPC in 1997 and now have two daughters, Ava and Maryn. She is a publicist with Steptoe and Johnson. Her interests at First Presby include teaching Sunday School, helping in the pre-school, and becoming involved in the Fellowship and Recreation Program.

**Sandy Fowler** joins us by letter of transfer, along with her daughter and son-in-law, Miranda and Chris Klingler and their children. She is an R.N. with United Health Care. Sandy has an interest in Bible study, community ministry, and Presbyterian Women.

**Miranda and Chris Klingler and Wesley, Ian and Teagan** come to us by transfer of their church letter along with Miranda's mother, Sandy Fowler. Chris is a manager with Walker Machinery, and Miranda works as a full-time mom. They are interested in Bible study, Sunday School, fellowship and recreation, and young adult events.

**Honor and Bryson McCain** are returning to Charleston and First Presby, where Bryson grew up. Bryson is now working with Associated Radiologists, Inc. as a neuroradiologist, and Honor is a full-time mom to their son, Barrett. They are interested in Bible Studies, Sunday School, music, and young adult events. Bryson and Honor come to us by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown.

**Judy Williams** comes to FPC by transfer of her church letter from Calvary United Methodist Church in Ripley. She is a CRNA at CAMC, and would like to become involved in a Sunday School class and in Presbyterian Women.

**Diane Roberts** joins us by transfer of her church letter from Hope Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama. (You may recognize her as Jim Roberts' wife.) They have three grown children, Anthony, Alison, and Anna. Diane is interested in, and has attended, many of the classes and programs at FPC since her move to WV. You

may find her at Sunday School or PW, and she would like to become involved in mission, music, and congregational care.

**Elizabeth Gaucher** comes to us by transfer of letter from New Hope Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, NC. She is married to Jamie Gaucher and is a full-time mom to their baby daughter, Clarin. Clarin's grandparents are Betty and Tom Damewood.

**Leah and Rowland Shock** join by transfer of their church letter from Teays Valley Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of three grown children, Gregory, Barry, and Erika. Rowland is very musical and has already joined the choir (bass) and Leah is exceptionally artistic. They are interested in joining a Sunday School class and want to be involved in fellowship and recreation, and Shepherd's Center.

**Diana Rustmeyer** was a former member of First Presby and has rejoined by reaffirmation of faith. She is employed by Broadspire Insurance and also cares for her sister, FPC member Pam Phares. She and Pam have already joined the choir, and Diana would like to find a Sunday School class and a Bible study group.

**Matt Rugh** comes to us from First United Presbyterian Church in Tarentom, PA. Matt works for the U.S. Government as a Secret Service agent. He is married to Michele Rugh who is a member of Sacred Heart and a substitute teacher at Charleston Catholic H.S. They have two sons, Jacob and Zachary. Matt would like to find a Sunday School class and a Bible study group, as well as a spot in the Fellowship and Recreation program.

**God has sent us some amazing new members here. If you are in a class, group, or program that these new folks might enjoy and where they could share their talents, call Robin Harlow, 343-8961 ext. 138, and she will arrange a get-together for you.**



## MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

### FROM MARY ODIN:

The world is very good at dividing people into groups. For years, I thought of myself simply as a musician and a teacher. Recently, though, I have been targeted as a mother of preschoolers, a female voter, a 40-something, a discount shopper, a reader of religious books, and even a buyer of a certain brand of yogurt. It's happening to you, too. All around you, people are gathering information in order to place you into a demographic. Just look at the coupons on the back of your grocery receipt or at the books Amazon recommends that you read.

It's pretty easy to divide people, but not always easy to bring them together. Scripture tells us that Christians are to be set apart from the world. But we are not to divide ourselves from one another within the Body of Christ. On the contrary, God has ordered things so that we absolutely need one another to function. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 tells us, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit *for the common good.*" (emphasis mine)

As followers of Christ, we do march to a different drum than the one the world is beating. The world tells people they are average, above average, underachievers, have special needs, or are gifted. God tells us that every one of us is gifted. The world tells people to develop their skills and abilities for self-promotion. (Musicians are especially prone to this.) Christ tells us to develop our skills and abilities to serve the community. The world tells people to accumulate coin against an uncertain future. We Christians, with our future secured, are free to work hard for what we need, render unto Caesar, and then give the rest away. We are really counter-culture!

As I write this, we are in the middle of stewardship season, a time when we consider the question, What of my time and treasure ought I give to further the kingdom? Since all our gifts were given to us by God for the common good, maybe we should be asking, Which of my gifts do I dare withhold?

Mary

### CHERUB AND CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

On Oct. 19, the Cathedral Choir called us to worship with choir chimes. This month, Cherubs are set to give a musical offering on Nov. 2, and the Cathedral Choir plans to sing on Nov.16. Except for the night before Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, both groups plan to rehearse each Wednesday evening this month from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (grades K-2) will meet in the Chapel until the Susie Early Room is completed. Cathedral Choir (grades 3-6) meets in E-305. Invite a friend to come sing with you this Wednesday!

### YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday evening rehearsals are being suspended this month in favor of preparation for Youth Sunday worship, which will take place during regular youth group times on Sunday evenings: 4:30-6:00 p.m. for middle school and 7:00 -8:30 p.m. for high school. Sarah Lynch will lead the music preparations for Youth Sunday, so if you have ideas, email her at [silynych13@gmail.com](mailto:silynych13@gmail.com).

### GENEVA CHOIR

Geneva Choir continues to welcome new singers each week. We will continue to rehearse in the sanctuary until the Choir Room renovations are completed; we meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Geneva Choir leads congregational singing and provides special music for Sunday worship services, primarily at 11:00 a.m. and occasionally at 8:45 a.m. This month, we will sing in the Charleston Area Choir Festival, 3:00 p.m, Nov. 16, at St. George Orthodox Cathedral. We will also participate in the combined choir for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Morris Memorial United Methodist Church in Kanawha City. 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!

### BELL CHOIR

As of this writing, Capella Bell Choir is set to play in both worship services on Sunday, Oct. 26. Bells normally rehearse on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, but we will practice in the front gallery until the Choir Room renovations are completed. 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, 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, [modin@firstpresby.com](mailto:modin@firstpresby.com), or speak to any member of the group.

### FPC LYRES CLUB

The Lyres Club rehearses together on Tuesdays in the Susie Early Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This month we plan to play during 11:00 a.m. worship on Nov. 9. If you are interested in learning to play the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church, 343-8961 ext. 137, or [modin@firstpresby.com](mailto:modin@firstpresby.com). No previous musical experience is necessary; instruments and music are available through the church.

### 2nd Annual Charleston Choir Festival



Sunday November 16, 3:00 p.m.

St. George's Orthodox Cathedral  
Lee and Court Streets


Join us in St. George Cathedral's sanctuary as several Charleston church choirs, including our own First Presby Geneva Choir, sing anthems and hymns of faith. The concert is free; an offering will be received to benefit Davis Child Shelter. Reception will follow. For more information, call 346-0106.

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**Communion 1st Sunday of Advent**  
 8:45 Worship  
 9:45 Church School  
 11:00 Worship

**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.

The Advent Workshop will be on December 7.  
 This calendar is accurate as of Nov. 20. Check the worship bulletin inserts each week for new announcements. The newsletter and the bulletin inserts are posted on the web site each week: [www.firstpresby.com](http://www.firstpresby.com)



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

**OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .**

Fred Gaul Jr. on the death of his father; the family of Lee Wilson Clay; Elizabeth McConnell on the death of her sister-in-law; Steve Hopta on the death of his aunt; Mary Ann Schacht on the death of her father and former member, Nick Cody.

**IN THE HOSPITAL . . .**

GENERAL: Joan Myers, mother of Kathy Lynch

MEMORIAL: George Hamrick  
HUBBARD HOSPICE HOUSE:

Max Blizzard

**CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS . . .**

Steve Morris' father; Maxine Poe; Rick Flynn, friend of Bill McCoy; Stachia Andrews; Linda Morris; Alice Hobbs, friend of Mary Odin; Bill Thompson, friend of Ruth and Dana Pitchford; Louise Brotherton; Roscoe Proffitt, father of Kim Smith; Becky Ceperley; Rebecca Hopper Seay, Tom & Martha's

daughter, Andy Ceperley's niece; Guy Weaver, Amber Panetta's uncle; Maggie Graney; Paula Bailey, Steve Morris' friend/secretary; Margaret Moore, sister of Roberta Allison; Wilma Sibray; Barbara Brown; Betti Volkens; James Sampson, friend of Okey Moffat; Jackie Taylor; Vicki & Barry Blizzard, friends of Jim Buckalew; Bill McCoy's mother & father; Cindy & Gary Hogan, friends of Mendy Stoecklin; Marguerite Kelly, related to Chick Maddox; Al Stern, Mary Odin's cousin; Ruth Shepherd; Ed Vazquez, Ruth Shepherd's son-in-law; Joan Ellison; Walter Workman.

**EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS . . .**

Jack Gasteau; Candy Galyean; David Caruthers, Nancy Brallier's brother-in-law; Anne Taylor Bradley, Jackie Taylor's sister-in-law; Alex Earl, cousin of Chick Maddox; Dr. James Maddox, uncle of Chick Maddox; Joseph Sprouse.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS . . .**

Josie Keaton (Jim & Toni Clendenin's 16 month old granddaughter); Louise Rosenbaum; Charlie Young (father of Harriett Hoy).

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS . . .**

Amy Isaac; Sonia Doeringer (Mary Odin's sister-in-law); Honor McCain; Amber Panetta.

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

*In Memoriam*

**Ada B. Oates**  
*October 13, 2008*

**Frances K. Holbrook**  
*October 24, 2008*