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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:

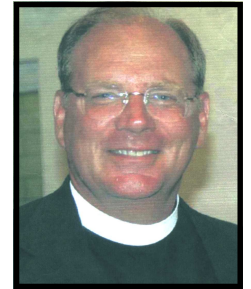
Marj Carpenter* observed that the Presbyterians have done more than any other group to take mission to the world, but we've done the worst job of communicating to our own people what we have done well. Traditionally, at our best we have looked forward. That is true of Christ's church in general and of the Presbyterian church in specific. One vestige of that emphasis is to fail to teach and learn our heritage in the broad sweep of mission and ministry around the world. It is true as well at the local level.

First Presbyterian Church, Charleston has for years been very faithfully active in ministry to and with the city of Charleston. We have begun and perpetuated numerous ministries to clothe the naked, house the homeless, feed the hungry, shelter youth and children, and put hands and feet and faces on the Gospel. Often we, as a congregation are unaware of the scope of that shared ministry. Stop by the table in the main hallway of the Sanctuary Building and pick up a brochure of the Community Ministries, or speak to our own Director of Community Ministries, Sue Webster, and you'll catch a glimpse of what this church has done well over so many years.

As we enter this month of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for all those efforts, for all those faithful people who have preceded us in ministry, for all those who carry on and support those ministries currently and for those who will follow. We have a great legacy of caring, grace and the love of Christ in action to celebrate and follow as we live our lives out of a sense of deep gratitude for Christ and His work which we are privileged to share here in Charleston.

'See you in church,

Bill
Bill



Bill McCoy

*Carpenter, former director of Presbyterian News Service, has received more than 150 writing awards in her long journalism career. For over 30 years she visited nearly 600 mission stations in 130 countries. She authored two books on Presbyterian global mission and has spoken in more than 6000 PC(USA) congregations. Now retired, Carpenter is well known within the church and wrote the weekly column "In This Corner" for the Presbyterian Outlook.

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME ENDS**



ON NOVEMBER 6

Remember to change the time on all of your clocks—going back one hour—before you go to sleep on Saturday night.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating a “90 and over” birthday during November:

Roberta Allison Nov. 7
Herchiel Sims Nov. 8

WEDDING NEWS

Congratulations to Julie Hull and Nathan Horn who were married on October 23.



NEW BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Lisa and Otis O'Connor on the birth of grandson Collin James O'Connor on September 22. Colin is the son of Chandra and James O'Connor and great-nephew of Barbara Morton.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

If you haven't had your blood pressure checked recently, please stop by the church library on Sunday, November 14. A parish nurse will be ready to assist you.

GETTING TO KNOW FIRST PRESBY

Each quarter the Visitors/New Members Ministry offers an orientation class (Inquirer's Class) for newcomers. The next three-week session begins with a light brunch on Sunday, November 7 at 9:45 a.m., and continues on November 14 and 21.

This class covers topics such as Christian faith, what it means to be a member, the history and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church, and the activities and programs at First Presby. There will be an opportunity to meet the pastors and some members, take a church tour, and also to ask any questions you might have. As an additional help, there is a blue Sunday School flyer in the pew racks.

Please join us in the Ruffner Room, which is located through the left-hand double doors at the front of the Sanctuary. There is child care for little ones and Sunday School for bigger ones, or bring your children with you. To find out more, call Robin at 343-8961, or email robin@firstpresby.com.



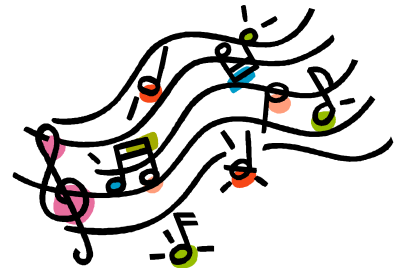
**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE
ARMED FORCES**

- 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**, going into active duty with the Army
- 1st Lt. Matthew M. Bruner**, Army, Kurkuck, Iraq
- 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**, VA, grandson of Dick and Becky Smith

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

**PRESCHOOL PARENT
EDUCATION:
Discipline**

The Preschool Committee invites you to attend a parent education class, “Discipline” with church member Dr. Jeff Harlow on Wednesday, November 10 at 6:45 p.m. in Room A-201. Come and bring a friend.



**Charleston
Choir Festival
November 7 at 3 pm**

This year First Presby is hosting the Charleston Choir Festival. Several choirs will showcase their faith in song on Sunday, November 7. Join us for this wonderful event at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. While the concert is free, an offering to benefit the Davis Child Shelter will be received. Please be generous. A light reception will follow in the Dining Room. Invite your friends!

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE!

A faithful family in our church has offered a way to increase your talents for the Lord.

And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' —Matthew 25: 20-21

If we, as a church, increase our stewardship pledge total for 2011 by \$50,000 with new or increased pledges, **one family will increase their pledge by \$50,000.** Imagine God's work we could accomplish with \$100,000! Please prayerfully consider if you are able to increase your pledge, or pledge for the first time, and return your commitment card as soon as possible. If you have already pledged and are able to increase your pledge to help us meet our goal, please call Jackie or Jenny in the office at 304-343-8961.

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2010



<u>Month of September</u>	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,822	\$ (11,178)
Trustee Funds:	9,450	9,450	-
Other Revenue:	8,170	16,496	8,326
Total Income:	177,620	74,768	(2,852)
Expenses:	104,078	105,656	1,578
Net Income (loss):	\$ (26,458)	\$ (30,888)	\$ (4,430)

<u>Year to date: 2010</u>	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 775,000	\$ 748,097	\$ (26,903)
Trustee Funds:	248,795	247,313	(1,482)
Other Revenue:	128,302	132,096	3,794
Total Income:	1,152,097	1,127,506	(24,591)
Expenses:	1,184,092	1,167,759	(16,333)
Net Income (loss):	\$ (31,995)	\$ (40,253)	\$ (8,258)

We are Searching For a Director of Youth Ministry

Looking for an exciting position working with middle and high school youth ministry groups? Are you called to nurture the spiritual growth of teens, strengthening their faith in Christ? First Presbyterian Church in Charleston, WV, is seeking an energetic director to partner with other church leaders and oversee all aspects of our growing youth programs.

Major duties and responsibilities include:

- Help plan youth ministry programs, including participation in recreational camps and outings.
- Facilitate Sunday School, including confirmation class.
- Recruit and train volunteer adult advisors.
- Assist in budget planning and management.
- Extend pastoral care to youth and their families.
- Assist in worship as requested by the pastor.

For more information, visit www.firstpresby.com.

SIX GREAT DATES:

Date # 2

November 12

Come and learn "What's Love Got To Do With It?" as Dr. Lowery leads us through navigating the stages of a marriage relationship in his *Balanced & Blessed* marriage enrichment program. Jim and Diane Roberts will facilitate our discussion following Dr. Lowery's video. Then you have the next two hours for your date du jour.

Remember, we have free childcare both during the *Balanced & Blessed* program and your date. Six Great Dates is for couples of any age—married or planning to get married.

It's okay if you missed the previous Great Date. You can "catch up" on what you missed by reading that lesson in the participants book (\$5 each). Contact the church office for a book.

The video begins at 6:00 p.m., and your date with continued free childcare is from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Calling to say you will need child care is appreciated: Call Ina at 304-343-8961. Thank you.

PARISH NURSE RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Susan Watkins received special recognition during the WVU School of Nursing 50th anniversary celebration. Susan was one of 50 nurses recognized. She also was in the first School of Nursing graduating class. Susan is one of First Presby's Parish Nurses. To learn more about the Parish Nurses program, contact Jim Roberts at 304-343-8961.

BAD WEATHER POLICY



If Kanawha County Schools close or dismiss early, church activities are cancelled, unless you are directly notified to the contrary. If schools open late, check with the church office. On days when school is not in session, listen to WCHS-AM 580. When in doubt, please call the church office at 304-343-8961. **PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY WORSHIP ALWAYS TAKES PLACE.**



You are invited to the

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

November 18

at Noon in the Church Dining Room

Special Guest: Mark Spangler

Director of Davis-Stuart, Inc.

(Remember to bring your Davis-Stuart Offering.)

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

Call the church at 304-343-8961 by November 16 for a lunch reservation.



DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 11/1: Hebrews 11:32-33a; 12:1a
- 11/2: 1 Kings 3:5-9b
- 11/3: 1 Kings 3:22c-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: Isaiah 2:3a-5
- 11/12: Mark 8:31-33
- 11/13: 2 Corinthians 1:8-9
- 11/14: 2 Corinthians 2:10-11
- 11/15: 2 Corinthians 3:1b-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 145:15-16
- 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

JOIN PW AS WE STUDY THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

DATE	NAME	CIRCLE CHAIR	PLACE	TIME
Nov. 11	Mary	Betty Damewood 346-4417	Edgewood Summit	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 11	Martha	Kay Lamb 744-2444 Ruth Hayes 346-1723	A-201, Bring a "brown bag" lunch.	Noon
Nov. 17	Rebecca (Dinner)	Jarve Currence 746-0615 Sarah Roach 342-3353	A-201. Call to make a dinner reservation.	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Hannah	Orita Bonnett 744-9745	A-204	10:30 a.m.
Nov. 18	Ruth	Betty Ann Morton 344-4507 Ruth Pitchford 346-8494	A-201	10:30 a.m.

LOVE LIGHT TREE

Sara Joseph, Mission Opportunities Coordinator for Presbyterian Women, is scheduling volunteers for our annual day at the Town Center Mall helping with the Hospice Love Light Tree.

This year we have Monday, December 13. Please call Sara at 304-343-1210 to volunteer. She needs nine more helpers! Thank you.



MANNA MEAL NEEDS HELP

Manna Meal will renovate its 1930's kitchen at St. John's Episcopal Church. The renovation will take five months and begin this November or December. **During this time, they are looking for groups to prepare one meal a month for them. Manna Meal will provide the food.** The meal may be prepared in advance. If your Sunday School Class or PW Circle is able to do this, please call the church office at 304-343-8961. Thank you.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

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

November 7: First Presbyterian Church, Mullens; First PC, Williamson; Chattaroy Chapel; Thanks for our Veterans; Pray for Peace; Wand PC, Kenya.

November 14: Bream Memorial PC, Charleston; Church of the Covenant, Grafton; First PC, Dunbar; Githakwa PC, Kenya.

November 21: Forrest Memorial PC, Covington, VA; First PC, Hinton; Kuhn Memorial PC, Barboursville; Kagio-ini PC, Kenya.

November 28: Marlinton PC; Mary's Chapel, Slatyfork; Buckeye Chapel; Kigogoini PC, Kenya.

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.

LIVING GREEN:

One Step At a Time

- ✦ Buy only what you need.
- ✦ Tune up your car.
- ✦ Try organic food.
- ✦ Recycle one thing.
- ✦ Change you thermostat setting- save energy.
- ✦ Change one light bulb- consider LED light.
- ✦ Shop for green cleaners or MAKE your own.
- ✦ Walk outdoors, ride a bike, use public transportation.
- ✦ Support Living Waters for the World.

*From First Presby's
Care for Creation Committee
Property Division*

CHILD AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRAYER

Dear God, as I breathe slowly in and out, I am surrounded by your love. I feel grateful that You are with me, and I am not afraid. I give everything over to You. Your will be done in all things. Amen.

BLESSING FOR MEALS

Lord, thank you that every day we have good things to eat. Help us to appreciate what we have and try not to be fussy or wasteful. Amen.

BIBLE VERSE

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.
(Psalm 143:10)

WORD OF THE MONTH: AFFIRM

To affirm is to strongly accept and support something and be willing to say so in a positive and public way.

WHAT YOU CAN GIVE

Give your worries and concerns over to God and say this simple prayer: "Your will be done." Say thank you to God and know that everything will be all right.

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



"Open hearts in Bethlehem," a Christmas Musical Drama by Kenneth E. Bailey, will be presented by the class as a reader's theatre in the dining room on Sunday, December 19, during the Christian Education hour. All classes are invited to attend at 9:45 a.m.

Have You Affirmed a Child Today?

Children, regardless of their age, need affirmation and love. The following story comes from the *2010 Children's Mission Yearbook*.

"You will never be good enough. God doesn't care about you." Imagine being told that over and over again.

Mean words can hurt. Ki Thomas Golson was told those things for the first eighteen years of her life. Even after she became an honor student and was awarded a music scholarship to a state university, Ki was told she would fail. She was sent to college with just \$50 in her pocket.

At the Presbyterian Student Center at Georgia Southwestern State University, Ki met a diverse group of young Christians who loved and accepted her for the wonderful person that she was. The students in the campus ministry program affirmed that Ki was a beloved child of God. She felt transformed by the love of God in Jesus Christ. She realized how much she had to give back to the world. Ki discovered that her life was worth talking about. While on campus she taught a women's Bible study. After graduation, she remained involved in campus ministry and helping college students.

Now she is a music teacher at Sylvester Primary School in Adel, Georgia, and brings hope and healing to children from backgrounds like the one she grew up in.

- Barbara Hopta

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Mean words hurt, but kind words can heal. If someone is saying mean things to you, turn it around by saying something kind to them. Do not let words hurt you. Affirm that you are a beloved child of God.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Be sure to read the list of events on the Music and Worship page, and add the following to your calendar, as well:

November 29 – letters mailed to children for participation in the Christmas Eve Tableau. **Be sure to respond to this!**

Sunday, December 5 at 9:45 a.m. in the Dining Room - Advent Workshop. Children of all ages and their parents are invited to create Advent memories with their hands.

Sunday, December 12 – Tableau costuming in third floor class rooms at noon following 11:00 worship. Come and be fitted!

Sunday, December 19 – the class presents "Open Hearts in Bethlehem" at 9:45 in the Dining Room. All children, youth, and adults are invited to this Christmas musical drama. Young children's classes will meet as usual.

Sunday, December 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Tableau rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Friday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. – Tableau participants gather in the Ruffner Room.

GLOBAL MARKETPLACE REPORT

The Global Marketplace 2010 has come and gone. What joy, love and excitement was celebrated! A special "thank you" to everyone who helped: The Wednesday Work Crew for constructing huts and the Sunday crew for constructing more huts; those who worked so diligently setting up the beautiful displays; the volunteers who worked as cashiers or assisted by telling the shoppers about each mission; Sherry and Kim and all of the many servers for preparing and serving the delicious dinner; Lee and friends for unloading the olive oil and many other tasks they did. We could never have had such an event without your smiling faces and willingness to help.

Yes, didn't we have amazing beauty in many wonderful items? We are praising God for our sales of over \$26,000 not including the alternative gifts.

I ask that you pause a moment and think about all the grateful and smiling faces all over the world—the people in Nicaragua, the widows and orphans in Uganda, the young girls in India, the people of Palestine, the families of Guatemala, the children of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda, the artisans in 37 countries represented by Ten Thousand Villages.

When you shopped, you spread the love of Jesus from WV all over the world. There are now mothers who can feed their children and send them to school. Young women who feel worthy of God's love. People will now receive medical care.

Your purchases of alternative gifts will provide clean water to families and education to children at the Little School, both in Nicaragua. Support and hope will be realized by children through Bethany Christian Services and the Children's Home Society of WV. Families in Guatemala will have the blessing of enjoying a traditional Christmas meal. Your gifts to the International Justice Mission will further their goal to end human trafficking.

Thank you, God, for making us aware of the needs of many and providing us the ability to reach across the world to help so may. God has done wonders among us!

Mary Kay Boyle and Sue Webster

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

RCCR's Beans and Cornbread Dinner

Thursday, November 18
6:00 p.m.

Temple Israel on Kanawha Blvd.

Help support the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal and their important housing ministry: Samaritan Inn provides transitional housing for homeless men; Smith Street Station's efficiency apartments; and Jubilee Housing with housing development education and counseling.

The menu is pure West Virginia-style beans, cornbread, greens, and dessert. Tickets are \$60 with 90% tax deductible. Contact the church office at 304-343-8961 or RCCR at 304-346-6398 for your ticket.

THANK YOU!

We gave \$722. to the Peacemaking Offering in October.

DAVIS-STUART, INC.

On November 21 we will receive our annual offering for the Chaplaincy Program at the Davis-Stuart Presbyterian residential facility for therapeutic care of adolescents near Lewisburg, WV. Our continued support of the Chaplaincy Program is very important. Share what you are able.

CENTS-ABILITY

The Cents-Ability Offering will be received on November 28. Everyone can contribute a small amount at every meal they have! This simple act is an expression of thanksgiving for what we have received. The hunger offering is an important to our community food pantries and to the poor in WV.

A FIRST PRESBY WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Mary Helen Tully comes to us by transfer of her church letter. She is a self-employed distributor of "Send Out Cards" that are used by companies, churches and other organizations. *Welcome, Mary Helen.*

Al Raposo, Julia Leal, and son Kevin Santos come to us by profession of faith. Al is a professional singer who is rehabbing a home on the East End with the help of Julia and Kevin. Kevin is a sophomore at Capital High School. They are interested in Bible Study, Sunday School, recreation and sports, and music. Julia and Kevin are already singing in the choir. *Welcome Al, Julia, and Kevin.*

Leslee Botorff comes to First Presby by letter of transfer from FPC in Shelbyville, KY. Leslee's son, Frankie, is in the Navy in CA, and her daughter, Jenna, is a sophomore at OSU. Her husband Michael is the Chairman of the School of Pharmacy at UC. Leslee is employed by Macy's. She is interested in Bible study, Sunday School, Presbyterian Women, and Congregational Care. *Welcome, Leslee.*

Bobbie Renner, daughter of Leslee Botorff, also comes by transfer of her letter from Shelbyville, KY. She has one son, Cooper, and is a Pharmacy Tech. She is interested in Sunday School, recreation, mission, young adult events and pre-school for Cooper. *Welcome, Bobbie and Cooper.*

Bill and Idell Hamady were received into FPC by profession of faith. Bill is the retired president of Big Star Supermarkets and Idell is retired from the YWCA where she taught yoga. They are the parents of member Patti Wolfe. *Welcome, Bill and Idell.*

John Poffenbarger joins his wife, Susan, and daughter Helen Jordan in membership by profession of faith. He is a lawyer with Bowles, Rice and has an interest in fellowship, recreation and sports, and adult classes and/or events. *Welcome, John.*

Marvin Conley comes back to Charleston and to First Presby by letter of transfer from FPC in Clemmons, N.C. He was a child of this church, and his parents are Jason and JoAnn Conley. He is already singing in the church choir. *Welcome, Marvin.*

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Middle School Youth (grades 6 – 8) meet in the Activities Building, Room 109. (Directly across the hall from the gym.)

High School Youth (grades 9 - 12) will meet in the Youth Lounge, ground floor of the Activities Building. (Across the hall from the Recreation Room.)

**Join us for real faith talks
about real life.
And fun!**

Beth Leister, Mary McCoy and others

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

With the Thanksgiving holiday coming up, we will try to meet the first two Sundays in November.

Details are being worked out. Watch your email for specifics or call Beth Leister at 304-342-3051.

If you are not receiving church email, please call the church office at 304-343-8961 or send an email to firstpresby@firstpresby.com or june@firstpresby.com. Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT FEBRUARY 26

What will you be doing on Saturday, February 26? Why not attend a Youth Connection Event in Summerville, WV? Add this date to your calendar now. What are the hot topic issues in the PC(USA)? Add your voice to those speaking to the Church. Email Beth Leister at leisterfam5@suddenlink.com. Tell her you may be interested in this event.

JOIN THE ADVENT CONSPIRACY!

Advent is a season where we are called to put down our burdens and lift a song up to our God.

It's a season where love wins, peace reigns, and a king is celebrated with each breath. Entering the story of Advent means entering this season with an overwhelming passion to worship God to the fullest as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We like gifts. Our kids really like gifts. But consider this: America spends an average of \$450 billion a year every Christmas. How often have you spent money on Christmas presents for no other reason than obligation? How many times have you received a gift out of that same obligation? Thanks, but no thanks, right?

We're asking people to consider buying one less gift this Christmas and making a donation to one or more of our five Alternative Gift designations sponsored by First Presby this year:

Living Waters for the World to provide water filtration systems for clean water to communities in Nicaragua;

International Justice Mission, a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation, and other forms of violent repression by working with local officials to ensure immediate victim rescue and aftercare, prosecuting perpetrators, and promoting functioning public justice systems;

Bethany Christian Services and Children's Home Society of West Virginia to provide meaning and hope to at-risk, neglected, abused, and otherwise homeless/hopeless children both in West Virginia and around the world;

Maya Families, in the Highlands of Guatemala, operates a variety of programs including education, medical assistance, food, and front-line assistance during natural disasters, providing a hand-up to needy Mayan people within their communities;

La Escuelita (The Little School) provides medical checkups, basic education and school supplies, and a hot lunch every day to children in Managua, Nicaragua.

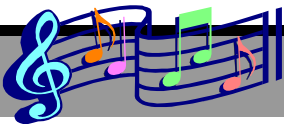
God's gift to us was a relationship built on love.

So it's no wonder why we're drawn to the idea that Christmas should be a time to love our friends and family in the most memorable ways possible. Time is the real gift Christmas offers us, and no matter how hard we look, it can't be found at the mall. Instead of going out and spending more, take the time to make something or do something that will draw you closer to those you love most. Take the time to make love visible through relational giving.

When Jesus loved, He loved in ways never imagined. Though rich, he became poor to love the poor, the forgotten, the overlooked and the sick. He played to the margins. By spending less at Christmas we have the opportunity to join Him in giving resources to those who need help the most.

Join the Advent Conspiracy and take back Christmas and see that Christmas can *still* change the world!





MUSIC AND WORSHIP NEWS

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

FROM MARY ODIN

The beginning of November is our last chance to catch our breath before the holidays begin. What a privilege to spend an entire month being grateful for all our blessings! The end of this month is also the time when First Presby people begin asking one another, "Have you heard when Lessons and Carols is?" or "Do you know whether we're going caroling on the trolleys this year?"

In the spirit of good communication, below is a list of events for the next several weeks. You'll need to watch the green sheets for specific details about these and other non-worship events, but if you mark the following dates and times on your calendar now, you won't miss any of these holiday traditions:

Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m. – 4th Annual Charleston Choir Festival, right here at First Presby! We finally get to host this wonderful free concert of sacred song from many denominations. An offering will be received to benefit Davis Child Shelter and a reception will follow in the Dining Room. As of this writing, six other choirs and churches are coming, so we need lots of help. If you can bring a plate of cookies or help host in any way, please call, email, or find Mary and offer your services. She will be most grateful!

Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, hosted by Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1530 Third Ave., Charleston. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Male Chorus will sing, and an offering will be received for Covenant House.

Thursday, December 9 at 6:45 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service in the Chapel.

Sunday, December 12 at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – Services of Lessons and Carols.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 14 and 15 at 12:15 p.m. – First Presby Preschool Christmas Worship in the sanctuary.

Wednesday evening, December 15 – Christmas Celebration and Caroling on the Trolleys.

Friday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. – Christmas Tableau and Candlelight Worship services.

Sundays, December 26 and January 2 – ONE worship service each morning at **11:00 a.m.**

WORSHIP TEAM

This ensemble of vocalists and instrumentalists uses guitar, mandolin, banjo, violin, horn, bass, and other instruments to accompany congregational song at both worship services on Sunday mornings at 8:45am and 11am. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings. To play or sing with us, contact Mary Odin at church at modin@firstpresby.com.

FPC LYRES CLUB

Our folk harp players rehearse in the Ruffner Room on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm. To join us, contact Mary Odin at modin@firstpresby.com. No previous experience is necessary; instruments and music are available through the church.

GENEVA CHOIR

Geneva Choir for youth and adults rehearses on Thursdays 7:30-9pm in the Choir Room. We provide special music for worship each week, primarily at 11am and occasionally at 8:45am. To sing with us, just come to rehearsal! You do not have to be a church member, but helps to have a sense of humor. We have openings in all sections and robes to fit everyone, so come and bring 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. All ages are invited.

JOIN THE CAPELLA BELL CHOIR!

The Capella Bell Choir is looking for a few new ringers. If you think God might be calling you to this ministry, contact director Kathy Lynch. Bells rehearse on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7pm and give musical offerings regularly in both worship services. Experience is helpful but not required.

CHERUB CHOIR AND MUSIC OF THE ANGELS

Our children's choirs rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:15-6pm. 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 E-305 with Mary Odin. This month, our children's choirs will not meet the evening before Thanksgiving, Nov. 24.

For weekly updates on your musical group's activities, go to our website: <http://firstpresby.com/musicasp> and follow the links to your page.





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

It's not too soon to make plans to attend next summer's conference. We filled our house with 19 people last year, so let Mary know your plans ASAP so she can arrange for more housing in the lodge next door. It's a life-changing week of worship, Bible study, music, and the arts in the mountains of Montreat, NC. Adults, youth, and children who have completed grade 3 may register for the conference. Childcare and clubs for ages 6 months through high school is free for all children of conferees. The entire week of room and board cost only about \$150; registration for all six days ranges from \$250 (child/youth registering early) to \$460 (adult registering late). Scholarships are available.

Conference registration begins on December 15. You can leave your \$100 housing deposit with Jackie Lilly or Jenny Pitchford in the church office any time.

NOVEMBER 2010

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
 <p>Set all of your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday, November 6.</p> 	1 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Disciple Bible study 7:00 Ballroom Dancing	2 Election Day (no Preschool) 9:30 Tuesday Study Group 5:30 Lyres 7:15 Boy Scouts	3 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Property Division 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:15 Christian Education Div. 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Deacons 6:45 Mission Division 6:45 Personnel Division 6:45 Worship Division 7:30 Contemplative Prayer 8:00 Worship Music Team	4 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 6:30 Music Together 7:30 Geneva Choir	5 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	6 End of Daylight Savings Time 
	7 8:45 Worship 9:45 Inquirers' Class 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Area Choir Festival	8 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Disciple Bible study 7:00 Ballroom Dancing	9 9:30 Tuesday Study Group 12:30 Preschool Committee 5:30 Lyres 7:15 Boy Scouts	10 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 PW Rebecca Dinner Circle 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Session 6:45 Preschool Parent Education Program 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	11 Veteran's Day (No Preschool) 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Women's Beth Moore study 10:00 PW Mary Circle at Edgewood Summit 10-1:00 Shepherd's Center programs and luncheon 12:00 Martha Circle 5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Music Together 7:30 Geneva Choir	12 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Six Great Dates
14 8:45 Worship 9:45 Inquirers' Class 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Lay Academy Class Stop by the church library to get your blood pressure checked by a nurse.	15 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Disciple Bible Study 7:00 Ballroom Dancing	16 9:30 Tuesday Study Group 5:30 Lyres 7:00 Alzheimers Support Group 7:15 Boy Scouts	17 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Fellowship and Rec. Div. 5:00 Visitors/New Members Div. 5:00 Wednesday Connections 5:15 Children's Choirs 7:30 Contemplative Prayer 8:00 Worship Music Team (Newsletter Deadline)	18 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:00 Dads Group 9:30 Women's Beth Moore Study 10:30 PW Hannah Circle 10:30 PW Ruth Circle 11:30 Prayer Group 12:00 PW Luncheon 5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Music Together 7:30 Geneva Choir	19 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	20
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28 First Sunday of Advent Communion and Cents-Ability Offering 8:45 Worship 9:45 Combined Class in Dining Room 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	29 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Disciple Bible Study 7:00 Ballroom Dancing	30 9:30 Tuesday Study Group 5:30 Lyres 7:15 Boy Scouts	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 21, 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1530 Third Ave., Charleston. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Male Chorus will sing, and an offering will be received for Covenant House.			



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PRAYER CONCERNS

SYMPATHY TO:

Mary Helen Tully on the death of her step-grandmother; Drema Young on the death of her brother-in-law and nephew; Ruth Pitchford on the death of her friend Jenny Hicks; Jack Burkhard on the death of his wife; Harry Deitzler on the death of his mother; Ruth Shepherd on the death of her son-in-law Ed Vazquez.

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS:

Fred Gaul; John Syner, brother of JoAnn Sparks'; Shaina Riggall, friend of Nancy Winefordner; Roy Robertson, uncle of Mary Helen Tully; John Friend; Celia and Walker Hinkle, twin cousins of Steve Slack; Patrick Pezoulas; Arianna Swint; Marlin Hall; Vicki Bridges; Lesley Haddad Meadows, friend of Candy Strader; Carol Gardner; Helen Blair at Valley Nursing Center; Ruth Gates at Oak Ridge Center; Judy Mathews Schulze, twin sister of Frank Mathews; Joey Henshaw, friend of Beth Suter; Pat Miller; son-in-law of Karen White; Emily Belcher, daughter of a friend of Ellen Golden.

EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Betty Childers; Jim Scherr; Barbara Klingler, mother of Chris Klingler; Sophia Slack, daughter of Steve and Sandy

Slack; Teresa O'Connor, daughter-in-law of Otis & Lisa O'Connor; Ruth Pitchford; Leslie Meadows, neighbor of Jenny Pitchford; Traci McVey, granddaughter of Ruth Gates; Jon Stoecklin; Ron Vogelbach; Helen Davis, mother of Anne Keller; Susan Slater, friend of Claude Churchwell; Marsha Cornell, friend of Amy Keller.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:

Janet Riffle, friend of Sally Slicer; Cleo Kennedy, mother of Barbara Brown, and Cleo's son, Joe; Jeanne Weil, friend of Barbara Brown; Steve Carcaterra, friend of Bill McCoy; Jane and John Lewis, friends of Bill McCoy; Craig Christensen, nephew of Dave Christensen; Kim Thompson, friend of Sandy Zando; Mary Murphy, friend of Perry Keller; Rhea Essa and son Ramsey, and Rhea's brother, Jeff, friends of Toni Clendenin; Susan Petryszak, friend of Marie & John Nesius; Michelle Swanson, step-granddaughter of Dick Golden; Leigh Ann Hesson, friend of Sandy Zando; Kathy Goble; Sue Place, friend of Sandy Zando; Mary McFarland, sister of Sarah McGriff; Sandy McGriff daughter-in-law of Sarah & Mac McGriff; Phyllis Dowd,

friend of Lindsey McCoy; Eleanor Hemphill, mother of Barbara Hopta; Kara Bruning, friend of Barbara Gessner; Sylvia Grandall; Betty Holland; George Hamrick; Bruce and Mary Ellen, and their sons Zack and Bryan; Aaron Owen, son of Tammie Owen; Art & June Turner and their son Jerrod, friends of Bob Welty; Jeanne Persinger, sister of Truman Chafin; Tammy Rhodes, friend of Pat Doumaux; Dr. Audrey Farley, daughter of Elizabeth & John Lambros; Eleanor Scott; Edwin Scherr, father of Jim; Laura (Bulla), daughter of Tom Bulla; Chuan Rong Tsao, brother-in-law of Howard Doumaux; Jack Gastineau; Candy Galyean; Joseph Sprouse; Charles Hendricks; Louise Rosenbaum; Charlie Young.

In Memoriam

Fred Williams

October 19, 2010

Paul Francke, Jr.

October 21, 2010