

INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Roberta J. Kearney

PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. J. Earl Naegele

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SECRETARY: Lynda Scheirer

CUSTODIAN: Sally Heimbach

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Sue Vitale

SOUND TECH: Ron Gingrich

DEACON GREETER: Zona Farmer

FELLOWSHIP DEACON: Debbie Lillegard

FLOWER DEACON: Darlene Dourney

CLOSER: Ann Lowell

USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN: Mary Lee Wilber

CHILDCARE: Danielle Freeman

USHERS: Joe Seem, Suzanne Seem, Dick Garber, Ann Lowell

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Chas & Melanie Shimer, in celebration of their 17th wedding anniversary.
The Decker family, in celebration of Lisa's birthday.

ELDERS:

Class of 2009—John Baittinger, Lisa Decker, Ann Lowell, Sam Wilber
Class of 2010—Lynn Ingram, Dorothy Nicholas, Alicia Shussett, Joe Smits
Class of 2011—Ron Gingrich, Sue Vitale, Tom Lawall, Jim Millick

DEACONS:

Class of 2009—Carolyn Baittinger, Sally Heimbach, John Stewart, Chuck Waters
Class of 2010—Peter Ferguson, Larry Hemberger, Debbie Lillegard, Melanie Shimer
Class of 2011—Darlene Dourney, Zona Farmer, Don Piper, Hank Rath

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10:30 AM
OCTOBER 25, 2009**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, it is so easy for us to lose sight of your vision for us in the world. You have required that we do justice, but we are more comfortable when it's "just us." You have required of us a kindness, but we are most at peace with our "own kind." You have asked us to walk humbly beside you, but our self-centeredness refused to keep the pace. Forgive us. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 301 in the Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship. Please use the prelude time to listen for God's invitation to praise Him.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

"Een Vaste Burg"

COR KEE

WELCOME

*SONG FOR ASSEMBLY *"For Surely I Know the Plans"*

G. S. OATEN

Come gather my friends and see,
The Fruits of the Spirit lived out:
As we see Jesus in One and all,
We rise to administer grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

WE HAVE GOD, CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS. WE ARE CALLED TO OPEN OUR EYES AND OUR HEARTS TO CHRIST, AND TO JOURNEY WITH HIM ON THE ROAD FROM EMMAUS. THE ROAD WE TAKE IS A PRAYERFUL ONE; IT IS A ROAD OF DISCOVERY AND SURPRISE.

Leader: On the journey, let us worship God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

*HYMN #288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food,
That formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD YOU INVITE US TO SING A NEW SONG TO YOU, A SONG OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE, TO TELL ALL THE GENERATIONS ABOUT YOU. YET WE FAIL EVEN TO REMEMBER FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT, YOUR GREAT FAITHFULNESS TO US. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SLOW DOWN, TO TAKE IN THE PEOPLE AND NEEDS AROUND US, TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE ALREADY DOING, TO SEE WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE US DO. GUIDE OUR STEPS, OUR HEARTS, OUR WILL, AND OUR HANDS. WE ASK IN JESUS' NAME.

HYMN #572

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #592

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: Every good and perfect gift comes to us from God.

People: Thanks be to God for the beauty and diversity of creation.

Leader: Thanks be to God for our ancestors of faith.

People: Thanks be to God for loving families and encouraging friends.

Leader: Thanks be to God for meaningful work.

People: Thanks be to God for the variety of talents within the body of Christ.

Leader: Thanks be to God for freedom of conscience, speech and worship.

People: Thanks be to God for calling us to covenant relationship.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Please use "debts & debtors".*)

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE WORD OF GOD

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

MATTHEW 5:17-19

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

FIRST LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-7

NT – Pg. 194 in the gray Bible, Pg. 191 in the blue Bible

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

PSALM 146

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Unison: ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

*HYMN # 335

"Though I May Speak"

O WALY WALY

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 22:15-22

NT – Pg. 22 in either Bible

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

"Paying Taxes"

REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

Announcements

Sharing Our Mission Story

The insert in today's bulletin gives us a thumbnail sketch of the various uses of the mission dollars that we give to the Presbyterian Church (USA) from our operating budget. In 2009, Faith Presbyterian Church pledged \$14,000. Of that, 60% stays with the Lehigh Presbytery, 5% goes to the Synod of the Trinity and the remaining 35% goes to the General Assembly Mission Council, the mission agency of the PC (USA).



Cash & Carry SCRIP

4—\$25.00 WEIS Cards

4—\$25.00 GIANT Cards

See Sally Heimbach for purchase.



Parish Life—W.O.F. Daytime

November 19

1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Devotions & Tea

Fall Flower Arranging

Speaker: Rosie Ebersole

Come—Relax—Refresh!



Pledge Drive

Our stewardship pledge drive for 2010 is currently in progress. Pledge cards are available in the pew. Please take one and consider what gift of treasure you will give in faithfulness to sustain the generations at Faith Church.

You can turn in your pledge card at any time in the offering plate, but they will be formally collected and dedicated on November 1, during worship.



Operation Christmas Child

On **November 1**, Women of Faith will be hosting a "Packing Party" to gather and assemble our congregation's shoe boxes. Everyone is invited to join in, pack a box, enjoy some refreshments, and participate in the fellowship of this special event. In the meantime, keep collecting your shoe boxes and various goodies you and your family would like to include. For more information on what can be included in the boxes, see the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall for an OCC brochure. If you do not wish to pack a box, consider donating to help cover the shipping costs of our boxes. There are many ways to be involved in our OCC project.

My Time with God

Feasting with God

In the 5 weeks we have spent reading through the gospel of Matthew, Jesus has been teaching and healing people in Galilee. But this week, in Chapter 21, Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey.

Although this change in location is significant - because Jesus goes from engaging people of mixed religious and economic backgrounds to engaging folks whose lives center around the religious and political life of Jerusalem - Chapters 19 - 22 all show a consistent challenge to Jesus' message.

Whether inside or outside Jerusalem - Jesus is constantly being approached by people who want Jesus to tell them the exactly what they must do to be "religious." The rich young man, Peter; the wife of Zebedee; the religious leaders - all want Jesus to guarantee a reward for their religious behavior. As if they can confine their faith to a few very specific areas of their life, and live however they want in every other area. How hard it is to hear that Jesus wants us to live our faith in every part of our lives. Pray about any ways you are wanting your faith to be limited to just a few parts of your life.



Devotional Fellowship Group

Thursdays...9:30—11 am

Study Material: *"My Time with God"*

Locations of the meetings:

Oct. 29..... Susan Moring

Nov. 5..... Amy Waters

Nov. 12..... Susan Moring

We welcome any who would like to join us for one or more of the sessions. Directions available in the church office or contact Deanna Robinson (610-395-0669) at DSWRobinson@ptd.net

My Time With God—Week #6

For this week we are reading

Matthew 22:41—26:19



First Thursdays

Sunrise Devotional

Join us the first Thursday of each month, at 6:30 am in the parlor, for a brief devotional to start the day. There is no commitment to attend every month.

Drop in if you need prayer, support or just want to try it out. The group meets at 6:30 am sharp and closes promptly at 7:00 am.

Come if you have a question about your faith, want to talk more about Sunday's sermon, are wondering about something, or need prayer or support.

For questions see Janie Slamon or Louise Schaefer. **Next meeting, November 5, at 6:30 am.**



Contact Information

Pastoral Care Needs

To contact our Interim Pastor, please use Roberta Kearney's email address:

pastor.roberta@faithchurchemmaus.org.

For pastoral needs between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on a Monday through Thursday, contact the church office—610-967-5600.

After hours, please contact Carolyn Baittinger, Moderator of Deacons—610-967-2858; or Lynn Ingram, Clerk of Session—610-966-0897, who will make the appropriate connections.

For medical emergencies or deaths, contact Roberta at 610-428-1835.



Fairly Traded Coffee

The Mission Committee is offering the congregation the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Coffee. Both “**regular**” and “**de-caf**” drip coffee is available for \$7.00 per bag. Now, for your further coffee enjoyment, we also offer **whole bean, French vanilla, hazelnut crème** flavored coffees, along with **hot cocoa**, at the same price of \$7.00 per bag.

Fairly traded coffee is served at our fellowship hour following worship if you'd like to get a taste before buying. Please look for the display on the table in Fellowship Hall. If paying by check, please write “Fair Trade Coffee” on the memo line.



Lend a Hand—Give a Can

The Mission Committee is extending the food & clothing drive thru Thanksgiving. During this difficult economic time, there are even more families in need. Please consider adding a few canned goods when you shop this week and bring them into Church. All donations are now being delivered to the Emmaus Food Bank. In regards to clothing, there is a specific need for winter clothing!



Membership Conversations

Our Fall Membership Conversation series is in progress. For information on our next series, or questions about joining the church, please contact Ann Lowell at lowellga@ptd.net



Daybreak needs your help!

We prepare a meal at Daybreak once a month, and provide cookies, too. But there is another way you can help. Travel-sized toiletries are needed, shampoo, conditioner, etc. like the ones you get at a hotel. Note cards are also needed. Those who would like to donate can do so by placing items in the box in Fellowship Hall.

For more information, please talk to Laurie Payea (610-366-9099).

Adult Sunday School

November 1 & 8

Parlor "Our Dialogues Within Ourselves; With Others; With God – Diane Perry
Room 5 Devotional discussion – "My Time with God" – Rev. Kearney



Gulfport Missouri Recovery Mission Trip

Join us for our annual trip to the Gulf coast to continue in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina.
If interested, contact Jim or Diane Millick at 610-366-1261.



Lemon Tree Holiday Bazaar

Westminster's Village's Lemon Tree Holiday Bazaar needs donations of handmade items. Do you have a favorite hobby? Why not make a few items for the Bazaar?

Questions? Call Ruth Young (610) 782-8358.

(Westminster Village is a continuing care facility that is part of the Presbyterian Senior Living network.)



Invitation from Catasauqua Women

The Presbyterian Women of the Catasauqua Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring their Nutcracker Sweet Craft Fair in the Chapel of the church at 2nd & Pine Streets in Catasauqua, PA on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Chinese Auction

Baked goods will be available.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served.



Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Ruth Murray, mother of **Laurie Payea**, recovering from surgery; and **Larry Murray**, Laurie's brother, who is dealing with health issues.

Melanie Shimer, as she recovers from a broken leg.

Dave Weber, as he undergoes another round of chemo.

Lorraine Whaley, sister of **Kathy Hemberger**, on her recent cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The grandfather of **Chad Gorr**, as he continues his ongoing battle with ALS.

Blanche Ring, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, under-going treatment for cancer.

All **church members** & their families who are experiencing job loss and economic uncertainty.

We respect your privacy. If you have a joy or a concern you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact your deacon, or call the church office (610) 967-5600.

In MILITARY SERVICE

Keep these people in your prayers!

Bethany Kauffman, niece of **Jim & Penny Pantano**, serving in the Middle East.

Charles Van Heest, grandson of **Kay & Dave Weber**.

Doland J. Miller, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**

Amanda and **Jeremy Miller**, grandchildren of **George J. Smits**.

Lucas Whittington, grandnephew of **Cliff & Donna Lucas**.

Lehigh Presbytery Churches

Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley

Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church, East Stroudsburg



Birthday Blessings

October 26— Bobbi Greb

October 27— Lisa Decker, Pam Mongi

October 29— Dodi Perrin

October 31— Rachael Ingram

Two Weeks of Faith

Room Numbers, indicating where meetings will be held (when known), are shown in parenthesis following the listing.

This Week

Sunday, October 25

9:00 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service
11:45 am—Alpha Choir (7)
7:00 pm—Membership Conversations #1 (5)

Monday, October 26

5:00 to 9:00 pm—Mission Event by Outside Group (FH & Nursery)
7:00 pm—Christian Education (P)

Tuesday, October 27

6:30 pm—Pastor Nominating Committee
7:00 pm—Quilting (FH)

Wednesday, October 28

Noon—Bible Exploration (5)
6:00 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)
7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, October 29

9:30 am—Devotional Fellowship Group (Moring)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

Next Week

Sunday, November 1

9:00 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service
11:30 am—Operation Christmas Child Packing Party (FH)
11:45 am—Alpha Choir (7)

Monday, November 2

5:00 to 9:00 pm—Mission Event by Outside Group (FH & Nursery)
7:00 pm—Worship

Tuesday, November 3

6:30 pm—Pastor Nominating Committee
7:00 pm—Quilting (FH)

Wednesday, November 4

Noon—Bible Exploration (5)
6:00 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)

7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, November 5

6:30 am—First Thursday Sunrise Devotional (P)

9:30 am—Devotional Fellowship Group (Waters)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

4-11 pm— Outside Group (FH)

Inserts

The Power of a Simple Gift
Operation Christmas Child
A project of Samaritan's Purse

A simple gift. A simple message.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good news of God's love. Here are some ways you can make a difference.

Pray.

Pray that God will touch the heart of every child who received a shoe box gift, and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.

Pack a Gift.

A shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love. Instructional brochures will be available at your church, or you can find everything you need online (see below).

Give.

Remember to give \$7 or more per box to cover shipping and other project costs.

Volunteer.

Make an eternal impact on the lives of children by using your gifts serving alongside us. Opportunities range from short-term service in a Processing Center, to seasonal involvement as a project leader to year-round roles on a volunteer Area Team.

Faith's Packing Party

Next Sunday – November 1st

Join us!

Follow your box online

Find out the destination of your shoe box by making your donation online at

www.samaritanspurse.org/ezgive

Questions? 1-800-353-5949

Lehigh Presbytery Messenger
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"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'" Isaiah 52:7

Deep Gladness, Deep Hunger

To all the Saints of the Lehigh Presbytery,

Grace to you and peace!

It is a great blessing that as Reformed Christians we recognize that all of the baptized have the potential to be ministers of the faith, as we live into who God made us to be. Everyone is called to ministry, and no one ministry is better than any other. I hold to this article of faith dearly, and celebrate as this truth is lived out in our congregations.

Frederick Buechner, a Presbyterian whose call is to be an author, has written that "The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done....The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." That does not mean that it is always easy, or always appreciated, but it is our reason for being. To do what God has called us to do is a source of great joy to the Holy One, and can be for us as well.

While those called to be butchers, bakers, and candlestick makers – and everyone in between – has the opportunity and obligation to witness to Christ crucified and raised, there are some whose calling is to particular ministry in the church and in the world. These are the pastors of the church, and October is a month designated to give them thanks. Pastoral ministry is not always easy, or always appreciated, so I hope that you will take a moment to share a word of gratitude, to minister to those who minister to you.

To all of the pastors of Lehigh Presbytery, from the bottom of my heart to the top of my prayer list, my thanks to each and every one of you.
God is all in all,

Steve Shussett
Teaching Presbyter

Upcoming Church Articles for November

First PC, Allentown, PA
Parish of Bangor/Roseto
Freeland Presbyterian Church
Revs. Bill & Stephanie Black, missionaries in Kenya

WE GATHER TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

October 11, 2009

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus
Freeland Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2009

First Presbyterian Church, Hazleton
First Presbyterian Church, Hokendauqua

October 25, 2009

Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley
First Presbyterian Church, Lehighton

November 1, 2009

First Presbyterian Church, Mahanoy City
Middle Smithfield, East Stroudsburg

November 8, 2009

First Presbyterian Church, Milford
Community Presbyterian Church of Mt. Bethel/Portland

ARABIC MINISTRY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALLENTOWN

Many of our church members have been observing with great interest the activities of our congregation's Arabic Ministry. Led by Moufid Khoury, this program helps to bridge communities and cultures by serving the spiritual and social needs of many in the Arabic community in Allentown (approximately 10% of the city's population).

The roots of this ministry go back to 1994, when the congregation began offering worship services in the Arabic language in our Chapel. Over the last several years, however, the work of this ministry has been expanding. This year alone, Moufid was responsible for offering Arabic language classes; two Arabic cooking classes; an Arabic language Inquirers' class through which twelve new members were received; Bible study opportunities in Arabic, and so much more. Additionally, a support team consisting of Hweida Attieh, Elias Hazim, Salma Moussa and Renée Saleh provided many critical outreach services to a variety of individuals.

Because of Moufid's leadership, the ministry has been recognized by our denomination, and he was invited to participate in a denomination-sponsored trip to Syria to meet with Iraqi Christians. He was also elected as a member of the Middle Eastern Caucus of the PC (USA). In addition to these activities, work is underway to formalize our ongoing covenant church relationship with the Amar Evangelical Church in Amar, Syria where many of our Arab members are from.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ASHLAND

2009 has been an exciting year for us. Through Affirmation of Faith, we have welcomed 18 members (four in 2008 & 14 in 2009) and five new members through Confirmation in May 2009. Since March our office has been under a new transformation with our new Secretary, Lorie Ossman. We are now connected to the internet and can be reached via email at fumpc_ashland@verizon.net. We have a new webpage <http://www.gbqm-umc.org/fumpc/> which was made possible by The General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church. Our first monthly newsletter arrived in September. Anyone interested in receiving a copy, please email the church and Lorie will make sure you receive your copy.

In May, we had our Annual Longaberger themed Basket Bingo, hosted by our Women's Society. On Saturday, September 26th we held our annual Yard/Soup/Bake sale. A continuous fundraiser that our Women's Society conducts is a kitchen knife sale. You can order knives at anytime during the year.

October 25th, our Sunday school children will go door to door in our Church neighborhood for Trick or Treat for UNICEF. A fall Pastor Appreciation dinner will follow the Trick or Treat for UNICEF. It is a time for fellowship, fun and games for all.

Our Church is very fortunate to have Dr. David G. Heberling as our Pastor for the past year. We continue to pray that we may grow and serve the Lord in our Community.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CATASAUQUA

The Catasauqua Presbyterian Women support missions around the United States and extend all the way to Gambel Presbyterian Church on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska.

Autism Speaks has been a focus of our giving recently because several families within our church have family members dealing with Autism and have made us aware of the work of this organization. In addition to giving financially to Autism Speaks, one of our programs featured speakers about Autism. We contribute financially to Camp Brainerd and supply them with something on their "Wish List" when the ladies go up for their annual retreat. This year we gave camperships to all the children in our church family who wanted to attend camp.

We send monetary contributions to the Catasauqua Food Bank. For 2008 our Advent Mission Project provided gifts to the children and adults served by the Catasauqua Food Bank.

We provided pajamas and books to the children at the Sixth Street Shelter in Allentown and gave pajamas and underwear to Sheckler Elementary School in Catasauqua to be used as needed by students. We provided June birthday gifts for the residents of Westminster Village and delivered some donated items to Pippa Passes, Kentucky in support of the mission outreach of the June Buchanan School and Alice Lloyd College.

Our mission outreach continues as new missions are brought to our attention and we do what we can to comfort and support those in need in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

PLEASANT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BRODHEADSVILLE

At Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church, missions are important to us. We have taken a special interest in the Dominican Republic this year. One of our own members was born and raised there, so she knows first-hand how great the needs are. With money raised, we were able to purchase mattresses to get people off the floor, and netting to protect them from the insects. Bedding materials were also collected and when a wheelchair was needed, another member was able to supply it.

We are now in the midst of preparing to look for a new shepherd for our congregation. Our vision team has met and canvassed the church and found that our vision statement was lacking the passion we feel to reach our neighbors whether down the street, around town, or across the globe. We want to make God's love more visible through a bolder commitment by inspiring each other and our neighbors to learn to live God's way.

God has truly blessed us with people to fill our pulpit. We've enjoyed each one that has visited us in the past several months and want to thank all who are praying for us as we go through this transition. It will be awhile before we can see what God has in store for us, but we are enjoying God's refreshing Word sent to us through these individuals.

This fall will bring our annual participation with the other Ashland Ministerium Churches in CROP Walk to be held at the North Schuylkill High School track on Sunday, October 11, 2009. 20% of the money comes back to our community Food Bank.

Town Hall Meetings on Camp Brainerd Business Plan

Monday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. - Faith Presby. Church, Second & Cherokee Sts, Emmaus

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. - First Presby. Church, 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA

Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Pennside Presby. Church, 253 N. 25th St, Reading, PA

Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. – Hope of Christ, 44 West White St, Summit Hill, PA

Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. – Community Church, 1755 S Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel, PA

Join us and share your thoughts and questions on the future plans for the camp!

Sharing our Mission Story

The Lehigh Presbytery

Strengthening and Supporting Congregations

Lehigh Presbytery is active in mission to its congregations and outreach in Christ's name locally, regionally, and internationally.

DID YOU KNOW...

For every dollar your congregation gives to Shared (Unified) Giving, sixty cents supports the mission work of the Presbytery.

The Jeremiah Initiative of the Presbytery, in partnership with the Synod of the Trinity and the Center for Parish Development, is engaging twelve of the Presbytery's 37 worshipping communities in a process of Bible study, discernment, planning and implementation, all to become the churches they believe God intends them to be. Each church moves at its own pace, supported by its Presbytery partners. Our Teaching Presbyter and consultants from other churches, all trained by the Center for Parish Development, devote significant time and energy to this transformation effort. An emergent church is alive and growing in Lehigh Presbytery. The BARN, currently meeting at the Swain School in Allentown, seeks to reach out to the unchurched of our community in a way that exemplifies God's love and care for our neighbors, both in the Allentown community and internationally through mission trips to Honduras.

The Presbytery's Camp Brainerd provides a valuable camping ministry for the youth of our congregations. Brainerd also provides a central meeting and retreat facility for our presbytery churches, as well as many in the wider community. A significant portion of presbytery mission funds contributed by our member churches are used to help support this ministry. In partnership with our congregations, the Presbytery provides resources for mission and outreach, including church-to-church and church-to-community partnerships. Examples of these are the Presbytery's partnership with the Hungarian Reformed Church of Romania and church-to-church partnerships with churches in that country and elsewhere around the world. Local community outreach has been encouraged, exemplified by grants to the Pen Argyl congregation for its community lunches and to Church of the Mountain in Delaware Water Gap for its Appalachian Trail ministry. Our congregations have been involved in the Presbytery-wide Helping Hands effort to provide disaster assistance, as a result of hurricanes in the South and flooding in the Midwest in coordination with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. There have now been eight Helping Hands team trips to Katrina-ravaged Mississippi to provide recovery assistance. Lehigh Presbytery also supports pastors' retreats and this year's Solemn Assembly, a worship opportunity for the entire presbytery. There are also presbytery-wide learning and networking opportunities such as Winterfest, a national webinar on church unity, and guest speakers on issues of importance to the church. From its missions funds, Lehigh Presbytery also provides funds for Westminster Village of Presbyterian Senior Living, for the PC(USA) Youth Triennium, and the Presbytery Resource Center that provides current books and media for our members' use.

Through your church's shared (unified) giving or designated mission gift to the Synod of the Trinity:

- . You strengthen congregations through Missional Church Training
- . You help Presbyterian young people become scholars
- . You support campus ministry at more than 25 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania and West Virginia
- . You support Presbyterian related colleges and universities within the Synod's bounds
- . You help establish new churches

- . You support a Synod Summer Conference providing for Christian education and spiritual growth
- . You support Leadership Development activities throughout the Synod
- . You make skilled consulting services available to all our presbyteries and congregations in: Church Development Personnel Judicial Issues Strategy Mission Outreach Network Formation Ecumenical Relations

PRESBYTERY MISSION QUICK FACTS

- . Thirty-six worshipping communities with 10,133 members in eight counties of eastern Pennsylvania
- . The Presbytery operates Brainerd Presbyterian Center, a 34 acre camp and conference center.
- . Lehigh Presbytery includes two Arabic fellowships, the Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley, and a new church development, The Barn
- . Lehigh Presbytery is called by God to nurture its congregations as they grow in every way into communities whose head is Jesus Christ, so that they will go out to make disciples, baptizing and teaching in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to witness, through their actions, to the love of God.

Sharing Our Mission Story... The Synod of the Trinity

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SYNOD MISSION QUICK FACTS

Over 100 churches transforming using Synod sponsored Missional Church training programs.

- . 94 Presbyterian young people receiving graduate and undergraduate scholarships from the synod in 2009.

Ten new churches receiving financial support from The Synod of the Trinity over the past three years.

Over \$100,000 funding Peacemaking and Mission Travel grants over the past three years.

Providing \$130,000 for Disaster Relief for Synod flood relief and Katrina Assistance 2006-2009.

Telling the mission story to 1,281 churches with 245,587 members in sixteen Presbyteries.

Sharing Our Mission Story... The Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

General Assembly Mission Council ... The mission agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
The General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) is the mission and ministry agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The GAMC serves Christ in the church and the world in six ministry areas:

Compassion, Peace and Justice helps Presbyterians respond to the needs of the world's most vulnerable people, address injustice, advocate for peace, and respond to disasters.

Evangelism and Church Growth equips, empowers and inspires Presbyterians to share their faith in Christ and to become connected to a community of faith.

Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women equips racial ethnic congregations, develops communities of faith that reflect our multicultural society, builds leaders of all races and genders, and works for racial and gender justice.

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Theology Worship and Education develops educational materials, worship resources, leader development programs, and theological studies that support the church's faith and life.
Office of Vocation (shared with Office of the General Assembly) assists presbyteries and congregations in the nurture of Christian vocation, and the preparation, credentialing, call and support of church professionals.

World Mission sends mission personnel into the world, equips Presbyterians for mission, and continues the historic emphasis on doing mission in partnership. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
1-888-728-7228 www.pcusa.org

PC(USA) MISSION QUICK FACTS

In 2008, responded to disasters in 40 presbyteries and 13 synods through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Commissioned 30 new mission co-workers in 2009, for a total of 200 missionaries in 60 countries.

Awarded more than 760 scholarships, grants and loans to students in 2008.

Disbursed more than \$2 million for health and development programs in over 30 countries in 2008.

Published the Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study and the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.

Worked with 33 presbyteries and 3 synods in 2008 to train leaders and equip small, urban or rural churches.