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ALTAR FLOWERS:

The Millicks, in honor of Diane's birthday.

Nancy O'Leary, in memory of loved ones.

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
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM
NOVEMBER 15, 2009



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Foundation of the world, there is no Rock like you. In the darkness of our darkest night, we cling to you. In the joy of each new day, we stand firm singing your praise. Gracious God, place the mantle of your loving-kindness around the caregivers in your midst. In the dawn, let your face shine upon them as they offer gifts of care. In the eventide, enfold them and their loved ones in your protective arms. These things we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Heart of all care and compassion. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 322 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: "Siciliano" J. S. BACH

WELCOME

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

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

When God is revealed to us, Jesus invites us in saying:

FOLLOW ME. COME AND SEE.

Having known us from the very beginning, God shapes us still saying:

FOLLOW ME. COME AND SEE.

God uses our ordinary gifts and our everyday lives, saying:

FOLLOW ME. COME AND SEE.

God seeks our service, with the gifts we have to give, saying:

FOLLOW ME. COME AND SEE.

God calls us ever deeper into the mystery of faith, saying:

FOLLOW ME. COME AND SEE.



*HYMN #423: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

GOD, IN JESUS, WE ARE CALLED TO FORGIVE OUR FRIENDS AND OUR ENEMIES. WE ARE CALLED TO SPEAK A MESSAGE OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING, YET WE STRUGGLE EVEN TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS FOR OURSELVES. HELP US TO SEE WHAT IS TRULY WITHIN OUR HEARTS, TO SEE WHEN AND HOW OUR ACTIONS HARM OTHERS NEAR AND FAR. AS WE MAKE OUR CONFESSION TO YOU, BLESS US WITH THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS, SO WE CAN SPEAK YOUR HEALING WORDS TO OTHERS.

HYMN #572: KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #579: GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
MINUTE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sally Heimbach
JOYS AND CONCERNS

...Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...
...Give us this day our daily bread...

LORD'S PRAYER (*Please use "debts & debtors".*) PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM: "You're Worthy of My Praise" DAVID RUIS
Youth Choir

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

OT – Pg. 190 in the gray Bible, Pg. 179 in the blue Bible

3The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 37:1-9, 13 NEW CENTURY VERSION

- ¹ Don't be upset because of evil people.
Don't be jealous of those who do wrong,
- ² **BECAUSE LIKE THE GRASS, THEY WILL SOON DRY UP.
LIKE GREEN PLANTS, THEY WILL SOON DIE AWAY.**
- ³ Trust the Lord and do good.
Live in the land and feed on truth.
- ⁴ **ENJOY SERVING THE LORD,
AND HE WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT.**
- ⁵ Depend on the LORD;
trust him, and he will take care of you.
- ⁶ **THEN YOUR GOODNESS WILL SHINE LIKE THE SUN,
AND YOUR FAIRNESS LIKE THE NOONDAY SUN.**
- ⁷ Wait and trust the Lord.
Don't be upset when others get rich
or when someone else's plans succeed.
- ⁸ **DON'T GET ANGRY.
DON'T BE UPSET; IT ONLY LEADS TO TROUBLE.**
- ⁹ Evil people will be sent away,
but those who trust the LORD will inherit the land.
- ¹³ **BUT THE LORD LAUGHS AT THE WICKED,
BECAUSE HE SEES THAT THEIR DAY IS COMING.**

*HYMN: "Ancient Words"

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

SECOND LESSON: MARK 1:12-20

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON "Jesus says, 'Come and see.'"

REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY "Mighty to Save" REUBEN MORGAN &
Youth Choir BEN FIELDING

COMMISSIONING OF KATRINA TEAM

*DEDICATION HYMN: "*Freely, Freely*"

Freely, freely, you have received.
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe
Others will know that I live.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation.

WE BELIEVE IN CHRIST AND ARE MARKED, WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS CHRIST'S OWN FOREVER.

Living together in trust and hope,
WE CONFESS THE FAITH OF OUR BAPTISM.

**I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

**AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD;
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST,
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED;
HE DESCENDED INTO HELL;
THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD;
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;
FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.**

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST,
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS;
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY;
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.**

Announcements

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, **November 22**, to receive the report of the Nominating Committee.



Daybreak needs more than cookies!

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



W.O.F. Christmas Party

All women are invited to the Women of Faith Christmas party on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00 pm at the home of Dorothy Smickley.

There will be a gift exchange for any who like to participate. Gifts should be priced between \$8 and \$10. Join us for an evening of fun, food and laughter.

A sign-up sheet can be found in Fellowship Hall. If there are any questions, please contact Dorothy at 610-965-2406.



Cash & Carry SCRIP

(4) \$25 Weis Gift Cards

(4) \$25 Giant Gift Cards

To purchase, see Sally Heimbach



Parish Life—W.O.F. Daytime

Thursday, November 19

1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Devotions & Tea

Fall Flower Arranging

Speaker: Rosie Ebersole

Come—Relax—Refresh!



Stewardship at Faith Church

Share your gifts of time, talents and treasure with Faith Church. Turn in your pledge card with the amount of your financial gift to help us plan Faith Church's financial picture for 2010.

As of November 8, 2009, we have received a total of **74** pledges in the amount of **\$179,687.16** toward an approximate budget of **\$230,000.00**. Pledges cards are available in your pew and are still being collected with the morning offering.

Advent Candle Lighting

We are looking for families, individuals or groups to light the Advent candles during Advent worship services and both services on Christmas Eve. If you are interested, or think you *might* be, please contact Roberta at pastor.roberta@faithchurchemmaus.org



Today!!!

...is the deadline

for the December issue of The Faith Flyer !

Remember to send your submissions to ADNYL2@RCN.COM



My Time with God

Jesus – Man of Action – that’s the picture Mark paints of Jesus.

Just as soon as Jesus is baptized and tested in the wilderness – Jesus comes out ready to take on the world. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus does not wait for those who will oppose him to show up. No. Jesus immediately goes straight into the heart and center of social, religious, and political order. Jesus goes to the synagogue and begins to teach about God’s new order (God’s kingdom) and is immediately attacked by “evil” spirits. Spirits threatened by what Jesus is saying, threatened because the crowds recognize he teaches with authority. Jesus message is one of hope, for his words and actions challenge existing understandings of forgiveness, of Sabbath keeping, of who is included or excluded, of who belongs to God’s family.

Jesus’ ministry is among the poor and outcast – and what a relief and joy it is to all those in the crowd, to be recognized and respected – to be healed and treated.

What in our social, religious and political order would Jesus challenge? Who is Jesus calling us to see and serve?

My Time With God—Week #9

For this week we are reading

Mark 5:37—9:13



Nursery

Childcare is provided from 9AM to Noon in the Nursery for infants and children up to age 3 during Sunday School time and worship.

Volunteers are needed to assist our paid childcare provider. Young adults are welcome to assist during the 9:00 -10:15 time period. Adult and teen volunteers are needed during worship time. Sign up on the sign-up sheet on the nursery complex door.

Contributions to help defray the cost of this care are welcome. Please place them in the offering plate and clearly mark them "Nursery Care Provider".



Adult Sunday School

November 22nd and 29th

There will only be one Adult Sunday School Offering.

Room 5 "My Time with God" Leader—Rev. Kearney

December 6

Parlor "*The American Theocracy*" by Kevin Phillips. The Perils and Politics of Radical Religion, Oil and Borrowed Money Leader—Bruce Kunkle
(Reading of the book is not necessary.)

Room 5 "*My Time with God*"
Leader—Rev. Kearney

December 13

Parlor "*The Audacity of Hope*" by Barack Obama
Leader—Bruce Kunkle
(Reading of the book is not necessary)

Room 5 "*My Time with God*"
Leader—Rev. Kearney



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



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.

Fairly traded coffee would make a great gift for the holidays. Perhaps in a gift basket? If you want to order, please see Sally Heimbach.



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!



Gulfport, Mississippi Recovery Mission Trip

Join the Millick family on their 6th trip to the Gulf coast to continue in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina. It's been a very rewarding experience that they'd love to share.

If interested, contact Jim or Diane Millick at 610-366-1261.



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, December 3, at 6:30 am.**



Poinsettia Display

Please be a part of our annual poinsettia display. The plants will be arranged for Christmas Eve. Then you can pick yours up and enjoy for the rest of the holidays. Simply fill out an order form below on a red envelope, found in the pews, and drop in the offering plate with a check or cash. Checks should be made payable to "Faith Presbyterian Church" and marking "poinsettia" on the memo line.

6" branched—1 plant (4-6 blooms)\$ 6.00

Available in red, white, pink or marble.

The **deadline for orders** to be received by the church is **November 30, 2009.**



Good Common Sense

As we enter the cold and flu season, it's good to remember some common sense ways we can help one another stay well.

First, of course, is to stay home if you are not feeling well or are already sick.

Second, is to minimize hand contact with one another, which does not mean eliminating greeting one another.

Third, in our enthusiasm to be welcoming, we need to remember and honor all who prefer not to be touched, for whatever reason. We want to respect people's preferences and to care for those whose immune systems are vulnerable due to chemotherapy, or for any other reason.

Finally, church is a place we deliberately recognize and greet everyone with a smile, with eye contact, and a touch. So when we pass the Peace of Christ, when we greet or leave one another, we can reduce hand contact by touching someone on the arm, by joining wrists, or by facing one another.

Let us be sure in all we do, we greet one another in the Lord.



Birthday Blessings

November 16—Diane Millick

November 17—David Webb

November 21—Patricia Colson, Sally Heimbach

Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

The **Baittinger & Lingold** families, on the death of **Carolyn's** mother, **Clare Hoffman**.
Darlene Dourney & Chad Gorr, on the death of Darlene's father, Chad's grandfather.
Ruth Murray, mother of **Laurie Payea**, recovering from surgery; and **Larry Murray**, Laurie's brother,
who is dealing with health issues.
Dave Weber, as he undergoes another round of chemo.
Lorraine Whaley, sister of **Kathy Hemberger**, on her recent cancer diagnosis and treatment.
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!

Anthony Acciani, cousin of the **McWhinney/DePhillips** family.
Bethany Kauffman, niece of **Jim & Penny Pantano**.
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.

Olivet United Presbyterian Church, Easton
Faith United Presbyterian Church, Pen Argyl



Two Weeks of Faith

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

This Week

Sunday, November 15 Flyer Deadline

9:00 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service
11:45 am—Alpha Choir (S)
11:45 am—Membership/Session Meeting
5:00pm—G.L.U.E. **
7:00 pm—Youth Music (S)
7:30 pm—Youth Bells (S)
8:00 pm—Y2K***

Monday, November 16

6:30 pm—Partnership (P)
7:00 pm—Building & Grounds (2)
7:30 pm—Mission (P)

Tuesday, November 17

6:30 pm—Pastor Nominating Committee
7:15 pm—Deacons (P)

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

10:00 am—Flyer Crew (FH)
1:00 pm—Parish Life/W.O.F. Daytime Event (FH)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

8:30 am—Faith Church Work Day (rain date)

Next Week

Sunday, November 22

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:00 am—Alpha Choir (S)

10:30 am—Worship Service—Reception of Members

7:00 pm—Youth Music (S)

Monday, November 23

Tuesday, November 24

Wednesday, November 25

No Rehearsals

Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 27

Saturday, November 28

**Women of Faith*

***God Leads Us Everywhere*

****Youth To Kenya*



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

TO THE FIFTH POWER

To all the Saints,
Grace to you, and peace.

God gives gifts in strange packages. For example, thanks to the occasional quirk of the calendar, there are some months with a fifth week. For those of us with meetings on the first, second, third, and/or fourth weeks of a month, it is a pleasant surprise to find a week that no one expected and during which nothing has been planned.

These days, folks can use any pleasant surprises they can get. Hopefully the indicators are right and the economy is improving, but right now the hard realities are just as hard for many people as they have been for the last months. The Committee on Ministry of the Lehigh Presbytery is aware of this, and while churches are still encouraged to give raises when they can, where that is unfortunately not possible, churches are encouraged to find other ways to share their appreciation for the ministries provided. Perhaps that is extra vacation time, or a lump sum that does not affect medical and pension because it is not salary. Maybe a mission trip not counted as vacation.

I'd like to offer one more possibility, for every church to consider, raise or no raise: the fifth Sunday. Not as a day off, but as a Sabbath and as an experience. **What if on the fifth Sundays of the year, your pastor did not lead worship at your congregation, but was expected to worship in other congregations**, both for the sake of their spiritual health, but also as an opportunity to learn how others worship? Perhaps other church members could accompany her/him, to make it a group learning experience.

I first saw this in my home church, a congregation of less than 250 members with a solo pastor. It is not only for “big” churches! If a substitute preacher is found each time, that is only a few hundred dollars annually. It is also an opportunity for elders to preach or for others to lead worship. But most of all, it is an opportunity for your pastor to be fed rather than feed, and for your congregation to benefit from the experimentation of others.

God is all in all,

Steve Shussett
Teaching Presbyter

We Gather Together in Prayer

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

- November 8, 2009:** First Presbyterian Church, Milford
Community Presbyterian Church, Mt. Bethel/Portland
- November 15, 2009:** Olivet United Presbyterian Church, Easton
Faith United Presbyterian Church, Pen Argyl
- November 22, 2009:** Pennside Presbyterian Church, Reading
Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church, Brodheadsville
- November 29, 2009:** United Presbyterian Church, Pottsville
First Presbyterian Church, Reading

REVS. BILL & STEPHANIE BLACK

Stephanie and I (Bill) just started our second year of teaching at the Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology just outside Kenya's capital city. After serving for nearly eight years in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, we are finding our new life in Nairobi to be full of great people and strategic opportunities for ministry. But it's the chance to serve as faculty of one of the continent's flagship post-graduate theological colleges that we are most excited about. Stephanie is teaching Hermeneutics and Greek, and I am teaching the Systematic Theology cycle and courses in Pastoral Ministry. And we've got fantastic students! In my theology class alone I have 35 students from 20 different ethnic groups, 10 different countries and 21 different denominations, all of which makes for fascinating discussions! Stephanie is also continuing her work overseeing the accreditation process for Africa's theological colleges, which gives her reason periodically to trek off to all sorts of interesting destinations as she helps various schools achieve international standards for theological education. It is an immense privilege to find ourselves on the cutting edge of the global Christian movement and to be doing what we can to help these future leaders take their next steps in Christ. Since we are completely dependent upon the generosity of individuals and local congregations who financially support us, we invite you to contact us if you would like to learn more about our work or explore becoming part of our support team.

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PRESBYTERIAN PARISH OF BANGOR/ROSETO

History of our Parish

Our Parish located on Kennedy Drive in Roseto, resulted from the merger of Bangor and Roseto in January of 1972. The history of the two parishes is filled with rich stories from the founding members. Since our parish was founded in 1893 we have a long history of devotion and service to our communities from our members. Our parish has grown from the original one room with 64 members to our present day location. We have as a memorial the original keystone that we proudly display to this day as a reminder of our past.

Today's Parish

As I enter the doors of the Parish before Sunday Service and watch, I am struck with the images of the activity that is occurring. I wonder if our founders had the same realization that something special is going on here. I watch as the greeters begin to distribute the weekly bulletin getting them into the hands of those early morning members and welcoming them with warm smiles. I watch as our members wait patiently for their turn to sign up to have a prayer said for a needy person. I see our parents arriving with children eager for the activities in our Sunday school. I see a young couple tentatively walk into the Parish for a meeting with the Pastor for a premarital conference. I see the members bustle in to the choir room busily putting on their robes and warming up their voices for the service.

What I love most about this remarkable Parish is that its people are committed to making the most out of the Christian experience. I love the fact that those who preceded us as members and founders of the Presbyterian Parish of Bangor and Roseto generously provided for the future. Our founders laid a solid foundation of commitment to community and faith for us to follow. The members of the Parish feel that we are more than caretakers and that we are active participants in a Parish moving forward in our community. Most of our members talk about the deep sense of satisfaction in being part of a Parish filled with faith.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALLENTOWN

The Rev. Tony Sundermeier was installed as the 23rd Pastor and new Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Allentown on October 25. Elder Paul Lucia, Moderator of the Lehigh Presbytery, presided over the service, with members of the Lehigh and Philadelphia Presbytery, including the Rev. Katherine Sundermeier, Tony's wife; the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Miller, Tony's father-in-law and Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Moorestown, NJ; and Pastors and Elders from Bethlehem, Emmaus, Hatfield, Philadelphia and West Chester, participated in a service that was filled with faith, music, laughter and wisdom, and attended by hundreds of members, friends and community leaders.

To mark this occasion, and to set the tone of Tony's commitment to mission, over 350 church members dedicated their times & talents with a day of service on Saturday, October 24. Throughout the day members volunteered for a variety of projects including cleaning the Allentown Soup Kitchen; helped to spruce up the Sixth Street Shelter; prepared care packages for the troops serving overseas; knitted hats for newborns for those in need; delivered food to the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank; and sang to homebound members and those in assisted living facilities; over 13 projects that enabled First Presbyterian parishioners of all ages and talents to serve.

Rev. Sundermeier, who came to First Presbyterian Church of Allentown from Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA, will continue First Presbyterian Church of Allentown's rich history of serving God, its members and the community at large.

FREELAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FREELAND

The loss of our faithful elder and clerk, Walter McClellan has been traumatic to this church family this year. Whenever something needed to be done he was there and it was done promptly and well. We miss his counsel, enjoyable and surprising wit, and his great care for others. He would say to new members, "remember the church doors are always open to you".

Plans are being made to purchase new hymnals and new Bibles for the pews in honor and memory of him. It is hoped that a dedication service will be held early in the New Year.

The clothing give-away is still blossoming and reaching more and more people. Over 40 people received clothing during October with many of those taking clothing for others, family or those that they know in need. Our volunteers are finding themselves feeling at times overwhelmed. Needed now are clothing for children, and coats for children and adults. We are appreciative of the wonderful, clean clothing that has been very graciously donated recently.

The congregation, through the leadership of the women's fellowship, is reaching out to sponsor a new child in the Philippines. We have had a wonderful relationship with a child over the years and look forward to this new opportunity. Volunteers from the congregation conducted a successful fund raiser at the Laurel Mall Fall festival which not only raised money for these children but was a witness to the work of the church.

A highlight for our church and pastor in September was the wedding of the Rev. Hueholt's granddaughter, Bethany Hueholt to Jamie Leavens. They will reside near Glen Burnie, MD when Bethany completes her doctorate in Chemistry. As one member put it, it was nice to see the church almost filled.

Rev. Glen and Lois Hueholt and Rev. Tom MacAdam were honored with a delightful evening and dinner by the women's group in September.