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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This month, as we continue our Lenten journey, we also prepare for One Great Hour of Sharing. From Detroit to Darfur, from Louisiana to Libya, those most in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People program, and their partners in ministry, work that is made possible by this church-wide special offering.

Our hearts are full of compassion, but our ears are full of whatever story is the current focus of the media. In this environment, it becomes incredibly easy to forget the pain of those in trouble spots around the world like Haiti, New Zealand, and Pakistan — and even Japan! (Who would have thought Libya and Elizabeth Taylor could push aside updates of one of the most devastating disasters of our time?)

This is why we at First Presbyterian Church give to One Great Hour of Sharing. This one time a year when we give our gifts, we know that staff in the three One Great Hour of Sharing programs are listening now and throughout the coming year to the cries of our sisters and brothers at home and around the world, where poverty, disaster, and war cause displacement and suffering. They will be the hands and feet of Christ, responding with resources we offer in Jesus' name. To new emergencies they will respond as they have in Haiti and Japan — immediately, directly, and through our partners wherever the emergency occurs. But equally important, they will stay there long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere — stay there and help rebuild lives and communities on a firmer foundation.

Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters— these are all ways that One Great Hour of Sharing is changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world. We'll read about examples of this in bulletin inserts in the coming weeks, but I invite you as well to go on our denomination's website, <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/specialofferings/one-great-hour-sharing-offering/>, to see "Sharing Brings Joy," a short video about the offering's impact around the world.

On April 17, Palm Sunday, we will dedicate our offering to OGHS, using envelopes in your offering boxes or in the pews, as well as "Fish Boxes" which were distributed to our church school children. Please consider your gift prayerfully and give generously.

Shalom,
Pastor Robin



Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Etta Brown, Anna Carmichael, Jill Csaszi; Michelle Garrison; Tom Holland; Barbara and Charles Leboda; Louis Maiuro; Bill Martin; Vivian Mills; Tina Vilic; the people of Japan.



WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR APRIL

Minister—Rev. Robin Lostetter

How to reach the Pastor

(In an emergency, call anytime.)

(For non-urgent calls, please call after 10 am.)

Church—609-298-1243 (with voice mail)

Manse— 298-1250 (with voice mail)

Cell—732-644-7631 (with voice mail)

(Please note that my cell reception is unreliable.

Don't hesitate to leave a duplicate message on one of the land lines.)

Director of Music — Wendy Huber

Accompanists — Debbie Hill & Lynn Flickinger

Secretary — SaraLee Pindar

office@bordentownpresbyterian.org

SaraLee's Office Hours: W, Th & Fri 9-1

Deacon of the Month

Nancy Grim — 298-5899

Worship Co-Leaders

4/03 — Katie Frey

4/10 — Emily Lukach

4/17 — Kathie Ackerman

4/24 — Donna Potts

Communion Servers for Maundy Thursday

Gordon and Donna Potts

Communion Servers for Easter

Pat & Mary Terry; Scott Gygax

Cathy Elliott-Shaw

Extended Care

Willing disciples needed!

To volunteer for extended care, call

Elke McAteer at 324-0271

Fellowship Hour

4/03 — Kathie Ackerman

4/10 — Mike Onofrio & Pat Terry

4/17 — Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

4/24 — Easter

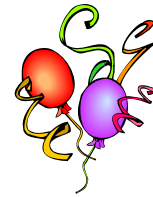
ANNIVERSARIES

4/08 Mike & Lisa VanPelt

4/19 Ed & Amy Dallas

4/20 Ed & Kathie Ackerman

4/24 Michael & Kimberly Ramalho



BIRTHDAYS

4/01 David Lawson
Audrey Loschiavo
Dana Maiuro

4/06 Brian VanPelt
4/09 Addison Porcelli
4/10 Kathie Ackerman

Cindy Chidley

Don Ryba

4/16 Candace Lindh

4/18 Ed Ackerman

Joshua Vilic

4/19 Earl Grim

Jason Konek

4/22 Angela Federico

Michael Lukach

4/26 Jean Allegretti

Jim Hancock

4/27 Jackie Fama

FELLOWSHIP HALL THANK YOU

The list is too long, and I would forget someone, I'm sure. But Don Ryba, who coordinated the installation of the new floor, thanked each and every one at our Coffee Hour celebration on March 13. Thank you to Don and to ALL who made this happen!

Pastor Robin

MISSION IN ACTION!

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals: Saturday, April 23, 2011 (begin preparing meal 10am).
Sunday, May 29, 2011 (5th Sunday; immediately following worship).

Next Grocery Bag Mission due date: Week of April 17-23,
deliver items to the First Baptist Church in Bordentown.

Our church provides 50 microwaveable meals for the homeless each month. Our donation is combined with donations from other churches to provide 20-30 grocery bags to homeless families living in local area motels. Some examples are pop-top soup cans, Chef-Boyardee pasta meals, or cans of stew. Donna Potts has left a soup pot in the back of the church with soup can labels for your reference. If you can donate some items for this monthly collection, please place them in the soup pot.

Grace and Peace to all!

The Mission Team

*Anne Reilly, Karen Chamberlin, Donna Potts, Bobbi Maiuro
Patty Korsak, Nancy Foster, Colleen Swiderski*



FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA & CHOCOLATE SALES

The Mission Team is taking over the Fair Trade Sales, look for us during fellowship hour to restock or to buy a great gift for someone you love! Contact Karen Chamberlin if you have a special order or if you have any questions...
609-291-0603 or kcpix@verizon.net

CONFIRMATION CLASS ~ APRIL SUMMARY

*With Johnsonburg retreat behind them,
(and we're so proud of them!)
the Rockin' Class of 2011 will continue to meet:*

April 3 - 5 p.m. Class (in the Sanctuary)

April 17 - Palm Sunday Brunch!!

May 1 - 5 p.m. Class (Julien House)

May 10 - TUESDAY EVENING

Dinner with Sponsors and Meeting with Session

May 15 - 5 p.m. Class (Julien House)

June 5 - Join with Youth Group to prepare Youth Sunday

June 12 - CONFIRMATION, YOUTH SUNDAY, PENTECOST!



A few months ago Robin was away for a Sunday and Rebecca Marie Crate preached at our church in Bordentown. (I know because I was there, under a pew.) Rebecca is a new Candidate for Ministry under the care of the Presbytery of Monmouth as of January 2011. She has the support of her home congregation in Point Pleasant Beach (where she came to know Robin) and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). Did you know that Robert Joe Lee is a member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry?

Part of your giving to our church, through per capita (Have you put \$35 per member in the special per capita envelope?) and mission giving, supports the work of the CPM and provides scholarship money to seminary students like Rebecca. Rebecca shared with me that she feels fortunate to be part of a Presbytery that spiritually and financially supports students in seminary who are preparing for ministry. She is studying hard at seminary and working in local churches as part of her training to become a pastor.

Hopefully Rebecca will return to Bordentown soon. I would like to hear more about how she decided to prepare for the ministry.

The Church Mouse

SENIOR LUNCHEON: The next luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 12:00pm. Bring a picture from your childhood; especially if you have one in your Easter Sunday finest outfit! We'll be putting it on a poster board so that everyone can guess who is who...keep us guessing, only tell the Deacons! We'll all have lots of fun! Come hungry....as always, there will be lots of food, fun and fellowship!

FOOD PANTRY: They had good response over the Christmas season and have no immediate needs at this time. Deliveries will continue as we fill the yellow pantry bucket in the back of the sanctuary.

Deacon on call....	April -	Nancy Grim
	May -	Barbara Kimball

Your Deacons,

*Nancy Grim, Melonie Newton, Karen Chamberlin, Greg Hoch
Amy Dallas, Bobbi Maiuro, Barbara Kimball, Kerri Pell*

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SPRING CLEAN-UP JOBS

Which task will you volunteer to handle?

As the weather warms up and Spring approaches, the exterior grounds of our church need attention. The Buildings and Grounds Committee asks each family to consider volunteering to handle one of the following jobs. All projects except the last two should be completed by Easter, April 24th. As the saying goes, *many hands make light work*.

Please contact Robert Joe Lee, Don Ryba, or Pat Terry if you want to volunteer for any of these. OR you can sign the sign-up sheet in the back of the church!

Hurry before someone else beats you to the job you're dying to do!!!

1. Give the church's lawnmower a tune-up or take it to a shop and have it tuned up there
2. Purchase as a donation to the church a nice-looking wall of some kind to block view of the trash and recycling barrels, preferably something that is sturdy but fairly easy to move around, and then set it up (we can tell you how to get a tax deduction and ask that you run your choice by the Committee before making the purchase).
3. Pick up and discard all the trash on the yards on the sides and rear of the church
4. Pick up and discard all the trash among the bushes along the front of the church
5. Pick up and discard all the trash on the grounds around the Manse and Julien House
6. Remove the branch from the roof of the shed behind the church
7. Pick up and recycle all the twigs/branches and other winter debris from the yards around the church
8. Pick up and recycle all the twigs/branches and other winter debris from the yard around the Manse and Julien House
9. Rake, bag and recycle all the leaves in the yards around the church
10. Rake, bag and recycle all the leaves under and among the hedges along the front of the church
11. Rake, bag and recycle all the leaves in the yard around the Manse and Julien House
12. Replace the broken glass pane in the third window in Fellowship Hall (on the side where the walkway to the rear entrance)
13. Remove the stump near the rear entrance by the bathrooms and plant grass or a flowerbed
14. Introduce new flower beds/pots as appropriate near the bench in the side yard or the sign in front of the church
15. Water as needed the flowers in the planters at the sides of the front steps into the church (perhaps volunteer for a month at a time)
16. Volunteers needed for mowing the grass throughout May-October. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back counter or volunteer for a specific weekend by e-mailing or calling Robert Joe Lee (robertjoelee@aol.com; 609-588-8779).

Thank you very much!!!

Your Buildings and Grounds Committee

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Fellowship Hall looks really great and we enjoyed the dedication of that area, so it is officially ready for Café 420 on April 1st. This will be an Open Microphone which means that we will have an interesting variety of talent to enjoy. What can you do? Come out and bring your friends and neighbors. Just enjoy yourself.

Next is an afternoon concert on May 15th. Lynn Flickinger will present a delightful concert of songs from Broadway shows. She is our multi-talented pianist and has recently been offered a major part in a movie based on a Broadway show.

Watch for more interesting news about these happenings. All you have to do is come out and support this concert and spread the word.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 21st & 22nd, our church will be represented at the Bordentown Street Fair. We will have a booth of crafts, bake sale items and a raffle event. Some of the items that are being sold are Wind Chimes made from silverware, knitted scarves, interesting baby presents, jewelry, embroidered pin cushions, pocketbooks and totes, and some surprises!

We need volunteers to:

- ⇒ make candy and cookies (and we even have recipes for you to use)
- ⇒ help set up and take down the booth
- ⇒ help sell items
- ⇒ "runners"
- ⇒ general support

Next month you can look for more information on these important events. Put them on your calendar now. And don't forget

Friday, June 3rd 6pm - Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 4th - City-wide Yard Sale

CHAIR SALE

Now that we have new chairs for Fellowship Hall, we're offering some of the brown metal chairs for sale.

\$4 PER CHAIR 3 CHAIRS FOR \$10

If interested, see any member of the Buildings and Grounds committee.....
or e-mail Don Ryba at dsryba@aol.com

FINANCIAL UPDATE

February was another down month with expenses of \$17,168 compared to income of \$10,814 for a monthly deficit of \$6,354. For the first two months of the year expenses have totaled \$33,177 and income \$22,908 for an YTD deficit of \$10,269. This compares unfavorably with last year when there was a \$6,691 deficit after two months.

Expenses for the first two months of this year are very close to the first two months of 2009 (\$33,177 in 2010 compared to \$32,848 in 2009). However, income continues to decline: \$22,908 in 2010 compared to \$26,157 in 2009. Regular offerings are down \$2,793 for the first two months compared to last year and down \$3,672 compared to the 2011 Budget.

Guy Tassi
Finance Committee

LENT ~ A TIME FOR REFLECTION **Wednesday Brown-Bag Lunches Continue**

During the remaining weeks of Lent prior to Holy Week, you're invited to join an energetic discussion of Jim Wallis' book, *Rediscovering Values*. The group meets in the Julien House on Wednesdays at noon, through April 20. Bring a brown-bag lunch and a beverage of your choice.

There are many ways we can seek to deepen our spiritual life, but one of the most rewarding is sharing with others as we delve into the ways that the teachings of Christ relate to our everyday lives. Bring a friend and come next Wednesday!

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH *Sponsored by the Youth Fellowship*

Join us for the annual Palm Sunday Brunch, Sunday, April 17th immediately following worship.

A free will offering will be accepted to offset expenses and to benefit the church.
Suggested donation: \$8.00 adults, \$5.00 children 11 & under; maximum \$30.00 per family.

We also encourage donations of sandwich platters, fruit, breakfast sausage/bacon, condiments, juice, etc. In exchange, you're admitted to the breakfast free of charge (though any donation is gladly accepted!). Please coordinate your offerings with Karen Chamberlin or Donna Potts.

Thank you to the Youth of our church for this wonderful opportunity for table fellowship!



April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 pm Open Mike	2 Noon—Senior Luncheon
3 Communion 10:30 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Youth Group	4 7:30 Women's AA	5 7 pm Deacons	6 Noon Lent Study & Lunch	7	8 Women's	9 Retreat
10 Close of Women's Retreat	11 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	12 7 pm Session	13 Noon Lent Study & Lunch	14 6 pm Worship Committee 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	15 Newsletter Deadline	16
17 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast after worship	18 7:30 Women's AA	19 7 pm Jr. Girl Scouts	20 Noon Lent Study & Lunch 7:30 Book Club	21 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Communion	22 Noon — Good Friday Service (here)	23 Mission Meal Play & Learn Spring Break
24 	25 Women's AA 7:30 Women's Bible Study 7:30	26 7 pm Jr. Girl Scouts	27	28 AA 7:00 Choir 7:30 Handbells 8:45	29	30

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Chimes 8:55; Sunday School 9:15; Worship 10:30



On the Road for Our Holy Week Journey

Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

One Great Hour of Sharing offering received

Dramatic Reading of the Holy Week scripture story

Vocal and Handbell Music - our own musicians of all ages

For Kids: “The Animals Tell the Story”

For Families: “On the Road” Holy Week Travelogue

Pancake Breakfast 11:30

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Suggested donation: \$8.00 adults, \$5.00 children 11 & under;
maximum \$30.00 per family.

Or donation of sandwich platters, fruit, breakfast sausage/bacon, condiments, juice, etc. Please coordinate your offerings with Karen Chamberlin or Donna Potts.

Thursday, April 21: Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:30 p.m.

The Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)

Tenebrae Readings (The Service of Darkness)

Come early for parking, or plan to walk a block or two.

The pastor’s driveway will serve as unofficial handicap-accessible parking.

Friday, April 22: Good Friday Community Service, Noon to 3 pm “The Seven Last Words”

Here at First Presbyterian Church

Ecumenical leadership will bring us into conversation with those unnamed persons who witnessed the crucifixion and overheard Jesus’ last words – the women, the soldiers, a traveler from Cana, a young student. We can wonder with them at these profound, yet confusing, words from the cross.

Sunday, April 24: EASTER Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Bring the Family!

The Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)

Special Music with Choir and Instruments

The Great Easter Hymns of the Church

May 15, 2011
Our "Own" Lynn Flickinger in Concert



On Sunday, May 15 at 3 PM, our own pianist, Lynn Flickinger, will offer a concert in the sanctuary to benefit our church and the Good Neighbor Guild. Lynn has performed in many venues and most recently has been cast in the film "Spring Awakening". The story is set in the late 19th century and celebrates the journey from youth to adulthood. The Broadway version of the play was an overnight sensation.

We are thrilled that Lynn has offered to share her talents with us for an afternoon of unforgettable Broadway songs. The suggested donation is \$10 at the door. Please keep an eye out for the arrival of the posters and take one from the back counter in the church to place in a public place. I personally guarantee that you'll be glad you decided to attend this concert!

Deb Branson



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