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## JUNE 2011

### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The re-creation time of summer is preceded by a frantic flurry of activities — graduation, recitals, sports, concerts, etc. Even the church family has its busy season . . . and I'm not just talking about Christmas or Easter, either!

Inside these pages, you'll find information about some of these June activities; others are just a quick date to post on your calendar, without much explanation:

**June 3** – the annual STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL! Kathie Ackerman (who insists she doesn't "chair" the event, but invites others to take part!) may still need some helping hands as this goes to print. Be the first one to call her and make her day!

**June 5** – last day of CHURCH SCHOOL, for all ages. I understand a picnic for the kids is in the works!

**June 10** – the CAFÉ 420 COFFEEHOUSE – with our second "Open Mike" night, by request. Bring a friend - you and they will have a good time!! (Wendy writes: If you or anyone you know would like to perform you may sign up ahead of time by emailing me at [giduly@juno.com](mailto:giduly@juno.com) with "coffee house" in the Subject line. You can also sign up that evening if it's a last minute decision. Confirmed acts include "We're Treble" our own A Capella women's quartet, Casey McEniry, Dana Maiuro, and more....)

**June 12** – PENTECOST ~ CONFIRMATION ~ YOUTH SUNDAY! Who could ask for more excitement on a Sunday morning? Well, there's more . . . because we'll probably have more guests than usual, session has designated this a "NAME TAG SUNDAY". Name tags will be available as you enter the sanctuary . . . it will make it much easier for our ten confirmands to remember having enjoyed meeting you over cake afterward, if you wear a personalized name tag! (And wear RED!)

Those are the June highlights. But JULY AND AUGUST will also have their share of FUN, as we enjoy the more laid-back days of summer: Vacation Bible School (7/18-22), Pump It Up (7/25), and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church Picnic (8/13).

I do hope you'll participate as often as possible – you're an important part of our church family! Remember, it's possible God is doing a new thing, here at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Bordentown – don't miss the call when it comes! You may be asked to share a talent, ponder an idea, or just join in fellowship. Whatever it is . . . remember Paul's words to the Colossians, "do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (And we can be especially thankful for summer's reprieve from the winter blahs and the work-a-day world!)

Shalom, Robin

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Edith Van Arsdale and the family of her son, Darryl; Emily Del Vecchio's friend, Carla Smith; John and Peggy Lauricella's newborn grandson, who had surgery; Robin's friend, Cinda Dudley; Bill Walker, who had brain surgery; Bill Roger, a friend of Jean Allegretti; Evelyn Seyebe's friend, David Gesselman; Bill Walling on the death of his mother; family of Bill Fitzpatrick, who was a member and a Sunday School teacher as well; Judy Remington; Syd Comply, who has been diagnosed with cancer; Nancy Rodman's daughter, Kathie Canavan, and her family, whose house had a fire; Vivian Mills; Richard Lawson's sister-in-law, Ellen.



## WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR JUNE

**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— 609-298-1250 (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  
and Tina Vilic.

**Secretary** — SaraLee Pindar

office@bordentownpresbyterian.org

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

**Deacon of the Month**

Greg Hoch, 298-2382

**Worship Co-Leaders**

6/05 — Hannah Lee and Mae Hamilton

**Communion Servers for June**

Melonie Newton, Jean Allegretti

Nancy Grim

**Extended Care**

***Willing disciples needed!***

*To volunteer for extended care, call*

*Elke McAteer at 324-0271*

**Fellowship Hour**

*To volunteer for Fellowship Hour, call*

*Kathie Ackerman at 298-0661*

## ANNIVERSARIES

6/01 Guy & Pat Tassi  
6/13 Debbie Branson & Mike Onofri  
Alan & Marion Stoneback  
6/14 John & Linda Applegate  
Bob & Cheryl Bocock  
6/17 Tom & Kathie Seaman  
6/19 John & Peggy Lauricella  
6/23 Jason & Jennifer Konek  
6/24 Pat & Mary Terry  
6/27 Ray & Lisa Hartmann

## BIRTHDAYS

6/01 Corinne Kitner  
6/03 Geoffrey Chidley  
Bill Walling  
6/05 Kevin Kitner  
Joshua Lee  
6/07 Tracy Romberger  
6/10 Olivia Lawson  
6/11 Keira McAteer  
6/12 Dana Ryba  
6/13 John Burke  
Stanley Hawryluk  
6/16 Guy Tassi  
6/17 Alexa Gygax  
6/21 Sharon MacDermid  
6/24 Vincent Federico  
6.25 Katie Frey  
Leah Shaw  
6/26 Melissa Porcelli  
6/27 Marge Goldneer  
6/29 Dennis Maiuro

# MISSION IN ACTION!

**Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals:** Sunday, June 26, 2011 , immediately after worship.

**Next Grocery Bag Mission** due date: Week of June 20 to 24

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](mailto:kcpix@verizon.net)



## Deacons' Corner

**SENIOR LUNCHEON:** The deacons would like to know if you are interested in joining us for the Senior lunches. If you are 60+ and don't want to miss out on all the fun, let one of the deacons know and we'll add you to our list!

**FOOD PANTRY & GOOD NEIGHBOR GUILD:** We continue our collections in support of these much needed community resources. We continue to get requests from transient people who are looking for food and shelter. Your financial support for the Deacons fund helps us provide for those in need....thank you!

Deacon on call...	June -	Greg Hoch
	July -	Keri Pell

Your Deacons,

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

*Friends, I found this essay extremely helpful as I prepared my May 8 sermon. That sermon is online at [bordentownpresbyterian.org](http://bordentownpresbyterian.org). I hope you, too, find Dean's biblical reflections helpful:*

## **MEDITATION ON THE DEATH OF AN ENEMY**

By Dean Feldmeyer, 5/2/11, © 2011, CSS Publishing

*“Do not rejoice when your enemies fall, and do not let your heart be glad when they stumble, or else the Lord will see it and be displeased and turn away his anger from them.”*

*Proverbs 24: 17-18*

Osama Bin Laden was once our friend.

When his enemies were our enemies we applauded his courage, his craftiness, his resourcefulness, and his commitment. We gave him weapons.

Then, in 1989, the Russians left Afghanistan and Bin Laden changed. He embraced a twisted and malformed version of Islam and, for nearly twenty years, he financed, planned, plotted, enabled and carried out the murders of thousands of people without regard to their religion, politics or ethnic heritage. His targets included anyone who didn't agree with his every pronouncement and, primary among them, Americans. Not the least of these plots was the murder of 2998 people in the United States on September 11, 2001.

From 1992 to 2011, he became one of the most prolific mass murderers in the history of the world, in the same league as Adolf Hitler, Pol Pot, Joseph Stalin and Mao Zedong.

So, proclaiming us his enemy, he became ours. After 9/11 President George W. Bush vowed to bring him to justice “dead or alive” and President Barack Obama vowed, upon his election, to redouble that effort.

For nearly ten years, military and intelligence agencies of the United States government sought him and, last summer, they discovered that he was living in a walled compound in a suburban neighborhood in Pakistan.

Last week twenty-four Navy Seals entered that compound and, during a brief firefight, killed Osama Bin Laden.

Few, indeed, are those who will argue that this was an unnecessary or unjust death.

He had vowed and demonstrated a determination to destroy everything that we value, stand for, and love. He had killed indiscriminately and gave every indication that he would continue to do so as long as he was able.

He had embraced everything that we know as evil and made it his constant companion. And he had said that he would not be taken alive.

If not to protect ourselves, then to protect the thousands of innocents who this man would kill without a qualm or a second thought, he had to be stopped -- captured and imprisoned or, failing that, killed.

How, then, do we, as Christians, respond to the news of his death?

Certainly we acknowledge that there is, within us, a sense of relief. The long hunt is over. The promise that was made to those who lost love ones on 9/11 has been kept.

A threat, a danger to us and to those we love has been defused and rendered harmless. Not all danger has been removed, of course, but even the most jaded and cautious analysts have admitted that Osama Bin Laden was a charismatic, eloquent, and wealthy leader whose death will leave Al Qaeda at loose ends and maybe even mortally wounded.

We might also feel a sense of justice. A mass murderer has been made to stand accountable for his actions, for the pain and misery and suffering he has brought to the world. He died violently as he lived violently; he was, in a sense, the author of his own demise.

These are understandable and appropriate responses as we meditate on the death of our enemy. Scripture instructs us that there are inappropriate responses as well.

Revenge is an uneasy subject in the Bible, treated differently, depending on where we look. The Psalmist says that “The righteous will rejoice when they see vengeance done; they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.” (58:10)

On the other hand, Proverbs 24: 17-18 reminds us that God removes his favor from those who gloat over or celebrate the fall of their enemies.

As Christians, however, we are taught to filter all of life and scripture through the life of our Savior, even he who taught us to, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (Matthew 5: 44)

Saint Paul, who had every reason to hate his enemies who beat him, jailed him, tried and eventually succeeded in killing him, said: “Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’” (Romans 10: 19)

In fact, the Hebrew and Christian scriptures are filled with warnings against revenge. It is inappropriate for people of faith, a temptation that must be resisted with prayer and humility.

Gloating, celebrating, dancing on the graves of fallen enemies, these, too, are inappropriate for Christians.

In the hours immediately following the announcement of the death in Bin Laden, television images of Americans smiling, waving flags, shouting “U-S-A,” and singing “We Are the Champions,” were, perhaps, understandable as we experienced a sort of corporate emotional catharsis.

But, as the emotion of the moment wears off we would do well to remember that this death is a sad reminder that, as a race, we have not evolved past the point where we still find it necessary to kill each other. We still have not figured out how to live together in peace. We still have to carry guns to feel safe in each other’s company. There is no joy to be found in any death. There is no appropriate glee to be felt in any killing.

If we are called to love our enemies and, yet, must kill them, then that paradox must be lived with a sense of solemnity and regret.

When the Children of Israel were delivered from Pharaoh’s army at the crossing of the Red Sea, the story ends with the *shirat hayam*, a song sung by the people to praise God for their deliverance and for the destruction of the Egyptian army.

The Talmud expands on this story by telling how the angels asked God if they could join in the singing. God responds: “The works of my hands are drowning in the sea, and you wish to sing praises?” (*Talmud Tractate Megillah 10b*)

Perhaps, as we search for an appropriate and faithful response to the death of this, our enemy, we might remember this story and accept the possibility that such an ending as this does not please God and should not please us.

Perhaps the only appropriate response is not singing but a sad, respectful silence.





# **First Presbyterian Church STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 to 8:30 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**420 Farnsworth Avenue**

**Bordentown**

**Admission: Adults—\$6**

**Children Under 12—\$3**

***Celebrate the season of strawberries with an evening of dessert and fun for the whole family!***

- ❖ **Kiddie Korner**
- ❖ **Face Painting**
- ❖ **Games & Prizes**
- ❖ **Hot Dogs**





# CAFÉ 420

will host an



## OPEN MIKE NIGHT

*(Suggested Donation for adults \$5 )*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 7:30 PM**

**First Presbyterian Church  
420 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown**

**CONTACT [giduly@juno.com](mailto:giduly@juno.com) to signup**

**Free Refreshments**

FOR INFORMATION, CALL (609) 298-1243

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To signup [giduly@juno.com](mailto:giduly@juno.com) Coffeeshouse in subject line



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## Glow Party

**Pump It Up Glow Party features gigantic, soft interactive fun-filled inflatables. Come prepared to bounce, slide, climb and Jump! Mix in black lights, disco lights and glow necklaces and you have the ultimate party.**

**Event is fully chaperoned by Pump It Up staff.  
Feel free to drop/pick-up age appropriate children.**

When: Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00

**Where: 8 Commerce Way, Suite 135,  
Hamilton, NJ 08691**

To order Tickets, e-mail/call Elke McAteer at:  
[elke@ergomanagement.com](mailto:elke@ergomanagement.com) / (609) 324-0271



*The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the First Presbyterian of Church requests the honor of your presence any weekend of your choosing to escort our lawn mower around the property and empty its bag of freshly mowed grass.*

*Get some exercise!!! Enjoy the wisps of freshly mowed grass wafting through the air!!! Rejoice in the dollars the church did not have to pay a lawn mowing service!!!*

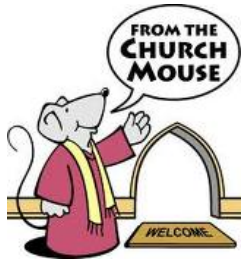
*Kindly RSVP by affixing your signature to the sign-up list in the back of the sanctuary or contacting a member of the committee.*

# Raffle Tickets for Sale!



**We are still offering raffle tickets for the items at left — a handmade quilt by renowned quilter Kathie Ackerman, a framed award-winning photograph by SaraLee Pindar, and a case of dessert wine.**

**You can help our fundraising efforts by selling tickets to family, friends and co-workers. Please contact Kathie Ackerman for details: 298-0661.**



Most nights I read a page from a book called, "God's Little Devotional Book." This one was written for women, not mice, but it is full of good ideas for all of us. I especially liked one that began, "It's the little things in life that determine the big things." Fred Craddock, a pastor and professor of many years, told a group of pastors that it is important to be faithful in the little things of life. We may think that we have to do BIG things; give our all to the Lord. The reality for most of us is that we go through life doing many small things. We go to committee meetings, bake cookies for the street fair, provide goodies for

fellowship hour, prepare a meal for those who are hungry in our community, give to special offerings and disaster relief, listen to a neighbor who is troubled, pay our per capita, make a pledge to the church and keep that pledge, mow the lawn, paint the walls, teach church school...and more. Fred said, "Usually giving our life to Christ isn't glorious. It's done in all those little acts of love, 25 cents at a time. It would be easy to go out in a flash of glory; it's harder to live the Christian life little by little over the long haul."

Here's to being faithful in small things over the long haul!

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 13  
 TIME: 1 PM UNTIL ???  
 RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 14  
 WHERE: THE BACK YARD OF ROBERT JOE LEE,  
 CARYL AND HANNAH  
 ADDRESS: 93 PAXSON AVENUE, HAMILTON



**The following will be provided:**

- ◆ Forks, knives, plates, cups, napkins
- ◆ Ice in tubs for keeping drinks cool
- ◆ Plastic trash bags
- ◆ Some tables and chairs
- ◆ A large back yard with shade, pool, ball courts, a grill
- ◆ A pot of baked beans supplied by Robert Joe and family.

**Please bring the following:**

- ◆ Picnic fare for yourself and family
- ◆ (consider doubling up with others)
- ◆ Lawn chairs

THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BACK COUNTER —  
 PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US!

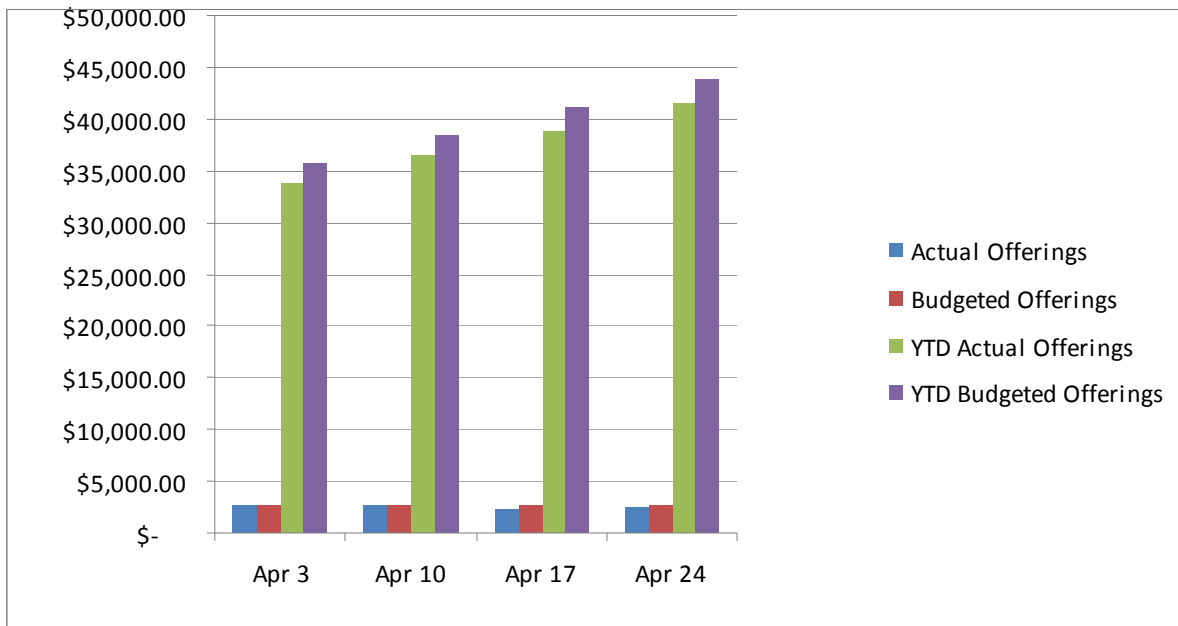
## APRIL 2011 FINANCIAL UPDATE

For April, expenses totaled \$11,324.09, compared to income of \$11,032.22 for a monthly deficit of only \$291.87. YTD, expenses total \$59,586.36, and income \$43,635.16, for an YTD deficit of \$15,951.20. This compares favorably with last year, when there was a \$12,246.80 deficit after four months.

Expenses for the first four months of this year are up \$426.23 compared to the first four months of 2010 (\$59,586.36 in 2011 compared to \$59,160.13 in 2010). 2011 income is down \$3,278.17 compared to 2010 (\$43,635.16 in 2011 compared to \$46,913.33).

Guy Tassi, Finance Committee

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APRIL 2011 ACTUAL OFFERINGS COMPARED TO BUDGETED OFFERINGS					
	Apr 3	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24	Month Totals
Actual Offerings	\$ 2,756.00	\$ 2,794.00	\$ 2,302.00	\$ 2,591.00	\$ 10,443.00
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 2,712.00	\$ 2,712.00	\$ 2,712.00	\$ 2,712.00	\$ 10,848.00
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 33,770.00	\$ 36,564.00	\$ 38,866.00	\$ 41,457.00	
YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 35,775.00	\$ 38,487.00	\$ 41,199.00	\$ 43,911.00	



**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](mailto:dsryba@aol.com)





# JUNE 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:30 Group	<b>2</b> 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	<b>3</b>  6 to 8:30 pm Strawberry Festival	<b>4</b> Youth Group Lock-in
<b>5</b> 9:15 Last day for Church School 10:30 Communion	<b>6</b> 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	<b>7</b> 7 pm Deacons	<b>8</b> 6:30 Group	<b>9</b> 7 pm AA	<b>10</b>
<b>12 Pentecost</b>  10:30 Youth Sunday Confirmation	<b>13</b> 7:30 Women's AA	<b>14</b> 7 pm Session	<b>15</b> 6:30 Group 7:30 Book Club	<b>16</b> 7 pm AA	<b>17</b>
<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 Group	<b>23</b> 7 pm AA	<b>24</b>
<b>26</b> Worship 9:30am  Mission Meal after worship	<b>27</b> 7:30 Women's AA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 Group	<b>30</b> 7 pm AA	

THROUGH JUNE 19: Worship 10:30; STARTING JUNE 26: Worship 9:30 am in Play & Learn

## JULY 18-22, 2011 — WE WILL HOST VBS!

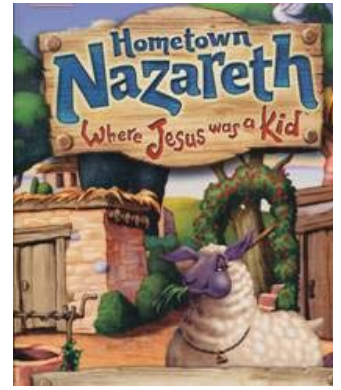
Bordentown Presbyterian Church will host the ecumenical Vacation Bible School Program this summer. The VBS theme is about Jesus' life as a kid growing up in Nazareth.

I would like to count on your assistance to help with this one week project. We will need leaders as we offer storytelling, music, arts and crafts, science, games and snacks. The sessions will be in the early evening from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and children and youth aged pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend.

We will need additional help turning our sanctuary, fellowship hall and our church yard into the town of Nazareth!

Your participation in even the smallest way will be appreciated. Please consider being involved in the festivities and get to know members of our local faith community as we work together with our friends in Christ from Bordentown Baptist, Trinity Methodist, Crosswicks Methodist and Christ Episcopal Churches.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 31, at 6:45 pm in Fellowship Hall with members of the other churches as we brainstorm together. You are also invited to attend. If you cannot make the meeting but will consider signing up to participate, please watch for sign-up sheets on the back counter or you can contact Donna Potts directly at 585-0211!



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