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MARCH 2011

FROM THE PASTOR

LENT EVENTS

from Ash Wednesday (March 9) through April 23 (Easter Eve)

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9: Simple Imposition of Ashes at the Julien House, with prayers at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and Lenten study; Ash Wednesday Worship and Imposition of Ashes, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

LENT ADULT STUDY: “REDISCOVERING VALUES” Once again we will gather for Lenten lunch and conversation, beginning Wednesday, March 9, at noon (following the Imposition of Ashes at 11:30), through Wednesday, April 20. Bring a bag lunch – coffee and tea will be available.

Our text will be *Rediscovering Values: A Guide for Economic and Moral Recovery* by Jim Wallis, who uses the opportunity of the nation's current economic insecurity to seek moral clarity. This little book will bring us on a journey through various Lenten themes, while challenging how we view money and the economy. I'm sure it will inspire lively discussion! Chapter headings include “What Were We Thinking?”, “Sunday School with Jon Stewart,” “On Listening to Canaries,” and “The Meaning of Work and the Ethic of Service.”

Ten texts are on order for \$12 each, and photocopies of the first of seven sections are available now – please check with Pastor Robin or the church office. The book itself is currently back-ordered, so we'll announce when copies are available in the church office.

LENT SERMON SERIES: “THE HEART OF THE LAW” During Lent, Rev. Lostetter will go “off lectionary” and offer a sermon series on the six “You have heard it said, but I say . . .” statements of Jesus in Matthew 5:17-48. In approximately 30 verses, Matthew has Jesus restating Mosaic Law on murder, adultery, divorce, swearing, retribution, and loving neighbor and enemy. Although each statement seems more harsh than the previous one, the goal is reconciliation and living justly and peacefully with one another.

This passage brings to mind Jesus' words in Luke 16:16, “The law and the prophets were in effect until John came; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone tries to enter it by force. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped.” How do we interpret these difficult statements about the law, when scripture tells us “God is love.”?

A BUMP IN THE ROAD: Hi! This is your friendly pastor, giving you a personal update. On March 28, I will be having a total knee replacement – which will make me bilaterally symmetrical . . . or bionic times 4! The torn meniscus from a fall on the ice in Binghamton some 15 years ago has now gotten hung up on a rough bone spur (or something like that) and is making it difficult to get around. I have already had 3 joint replacement surgeries by my beloved orthopaedist, Dr. Harvey Smires, so experience tells me I might be back in the pulpit as early as Palm Sunday, but at least in time for Easter. Your prayers are, of course, welcome, but pity is not! This is just a bump in the road for me – having been a challenge to orthopaedists since I was an infant. (Eventually I aspire to be able to leap tall buildings!) In the meantime, both the occasional ride (since this is my accelerator & brake leg) and prayers for yet another good surgical outcome, are appreciated.

Pastor Robin



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jill Csaszi (Corinne Kitner's cousin); Michelle Garrison.; Theresa Hawryluk; Effie Jones; Patty Korsak; Barbara & Charles Leboda; Virginia Lindh; Elder Sue McPherson; Lou Maiuro; Vivian Mills; family of Eugene Adam (Kim Kelly's father).

WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR MARCH

Minister—Rev. Robin Lostetter

How to reach the Pastor

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Accompanists — Debbie Hill & Lynn Flickinger

Secretary — SaraLee Pindar

office@bordentownpresbyterian.org

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

Fri. 9:30-1:30.

Deacon of the Month

Bobbi Maiuro — 291-0359

Worship Co-Leaders — Confirmands

Cassie Bolinger

Jamie Burke

Jenna Frey

Katie Frey

Sam Frey

Matt Kohnke

Hannah Lee

Emily Lukach,

Matt VanPelt

Chris Venezia

Communion Servers for March

Jim Andrus, Pat Andrus, Bob Horton

Bobbi Maiuro, Dana Maiuro

Extended Care

Willing disciples needed!

To volunteer for extended care, call

Elke McAteer at 324-0271



3/16	Michael & Kim Ward
3/22	John & Cathy Robertshaw
3/23	Greg & Nancy Hoch
3/25	Kevin & Megan Patterson
3/27	Jean & Henry Allegretti
3/31	Raymond & Betty Jones



3/03	Michael Ward
3/05	Brady Konek
	Christopher Robbins
3/06	Camille Krupa
3/09	Kyle Potts
3/10	Celia Bolinger
	Matt Kohnke
	Emma Russell
3/11	George Carmichael
3/12	Betty Jones
3/13	Jacqueline Bowker
3/14	Donna Potts
3/15	Kailey Clemens
	Nancy Grim
3/18	Simmee Darpino
3/19	Jennifer Konek
3/22	Jamie Burke
3/24	Christopher Remington
	Lisa vanpelt
3/25	Eric Grabowski
3/28	Faith Hancock
3/29	Elizabeth Bolinger
	Stephen Ryba
3/30	Jodi Hawryluk
3/31	Dana Loschiavo
	Boris Vilic

MISSION IN ACTION!

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals:

Sunday, March 27, 2011 (immediately following worship).

Saturday, April 23, 2011 (TENTATIVE).

Next Grocery Bag Mission due date: Week of March 20-26,
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 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 this pot.



Ready to distribute Mission Meals:

The Mission Team has been making up paper bags containing non-perishable food that can be stored and ready to be distributed. The bags consist of bottles of water, juice, cereal, soups, microwaveable meals, fruit cups, puddings and anything else that stores well and doesn't need refrigeration. Please help us continue this important mission in our church by making up a bag now and then that can be stored at the church. Give your donated bag to anyone on the Mission Team and we will put it in storage.

Grace and Peace to all! The Mission Team

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



FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND 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

CHILDREN'S CHIMES AND CHOIR will resume on March 6, 20 minutes before Sunday School (8:55 to 9:15 am) during March and April for a "performance" on either Palm Sunday (4/17) or Easter (4/24). Let me know if your child is interested and which of those two Sundays is possible.

Wendy — giduly@juno.com

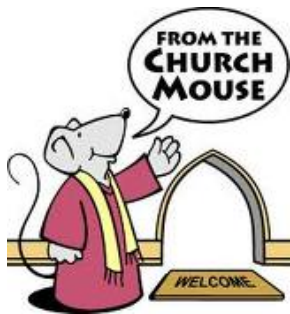
SENIOR LUNCHEON: The next luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 12:00pm. Bring a picture from your childhood; especially if you have one in your Easter Sunday finest outfit! You'll be putting it on a poster board so that everyone can guess who is who...keep us guessing! We'll all have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

Deacon on call: March, Bobbi Maiuro, 291-0359; April, Nancy Grim, 298-5899

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

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WHAT'S PER CAPITA ANYWAY?

Many of the women in our congregation know Johnsonburg Camp well because that is the place where the Women's Retreat is held each Spring. A number of children and teens in our congregation know Johnsonburg too because they have been there for summer camp or youth retreats. What's at Johnsonburg? Acres of beautiful woods, a lake, trails, cabins, a pool, dining hall, space and time to just be still in God's creation.

One of the projects supported by your per capita giving is Johnsonburg, the Presbyterian owned and operated camp in New Jersey. Congregations in presbyteries all over New Jersey help support the camp, its staff and programs.

There is an envelope in every box of church envelopes that says "Per Capita." Each member is asked to contribute \$35.00 this year as their per capita giving. Session authorizes sending the funds to the Presbytery of Monmouth and through them a portion is sent to the Synod of the Northeast and another portion to General Assembly.

How do I know about Johnsonburg? I've been there too!

Bordentown's Church Mouse

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Our next series of Inquirers Classes will be held after worship on March 20 and March 27. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Presbyterian denomination and our congregation in particular. It's also preparation for those who may be interested in becoming members of our church.

Questions? Please check with the pastor or a member of session: Kathie Ackerman, Cathy Elliott-Shaw, Scott Gyax, Robert Joe Lee, Donna Potts, Anne Reilly, Don Ryba, Kathie Seaman, Guy Tassi, Victoria Taylor, or Pat Terry.

March



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 (Sanctuary basement closed) 7 pm Deacons	2	3 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	4	5 9 am to 3 pm Hightstown Event
6 8:55 Chimes Begin 10:30 Communion 11:30 Confirmation 6 pm Senior Youth Group	7 7:30 Women's AA	8 7 pm Session	9 <i>Ash Wed.</i> 11:30 Prayers, Lent Study & Lunch 7:30 Service	10 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	11	12 Fellowship Hall Reopens!
13	14 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	15 Newsletter Deadline 7 pm Junior Scouts	16 Noon—Lent Study & Lunch 7:30 Book Club	17 6 pm Worship Ctte.; 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	18 Confirmation	19 Retreat
20 Conf. Retreat ends 11:30 Inquirers 3 pm Nancy Scharff Concert	21 7:30 Women's AA	22 7 pm Presbytery Mtg. Allentown 7 pm Junior Scouts	23 Noon—Lent Study & Lunch	24 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	25	26
27 11:30 Inquirers Mission Meal after Worship	28 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	29	30 Noon—Lent Study & Lunch	31 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	1 April Fools Coffee house— Open Mike	2

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



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

This is an exciting time in the life of our church. We are about to have a very new look in Fellowship Hall, Café 420 is in full swing, Mission Meals are being served in the community and meals are packed and ready to give out to those who stop by and need some help. That is only a fraction of the activities going on in the church.

Now it is time to improve our financial base so that we can continue with our Outreach and Mission while continuing to take care of those in our immediate community. One way we can do this is to have Fund Raisers that are manageable for our church community and that also introduce us to the community.

To kick off this effort here are some of the things that are planned:

- ◆ Sunday, March 20th 3pm: Concert - proceeds to be split with the Good Neighbor Guild
- ◆ Sunday, May 15th 3pm: Concert - proceeds to be split with the Good Neighbor Guild
- ◆ Saturday and Sunday, May 21st & 22nd : Street Fair - We will have a booth of crafts, bake sale items and a raffle event.
- ◆ Friday, June 3rd 6pm: Strawberry Festival
- ◆ Bordentown City-wide Yard Sale — tables available at church

How can you help? There are two ways!

- ◆ Volunteer to help.
- ◆ Tell your neighbors, friends, relatives.
- ◆ But mostly, GET EXCITED ABOUT THESE CHURCH ACTIVITIES

You will see more about these events as the time approaches. All we ask is that you support these efforts being made on behalf of everyone.

BOOK CLUB READING LIST: The Book Club has made its selections for March through June. All church members and friends are invited to participate in the group's scintillating discussions in Julian House on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30.



March 16 - *The Cailiffs of Baghdad, Georgia* by Mary Helen Stefaniak – set in rural Georgia in the late 1930s and narrated by 11-year-old Gladys Cailiff, this novel tells the story of a young teacher and how she turns a rural community upside-down. There are stories within stories in this wonderful book. Stefaniak captures the time and place in this charming, poignant, and funny story.

April 20 - *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo – first person story of a man's journey to self-discovery as he makes a cross-country automobile trip.

May 18 - *Putting Away Childish Things: A Tale of Modern Faith* by Marcus Borg – novel by the noted theologian in which he addresses through fiction important issues that divide Christians.

June 15 - *Private Life* by Jane Smiley – the story of a long marriage between a rather passive woman and an oppressively self-absorbed man. It begins in the late 19th century and ends in the months after the attack on Pearl Harbor and traces the woman's journey to self awareness and a degree of independence.

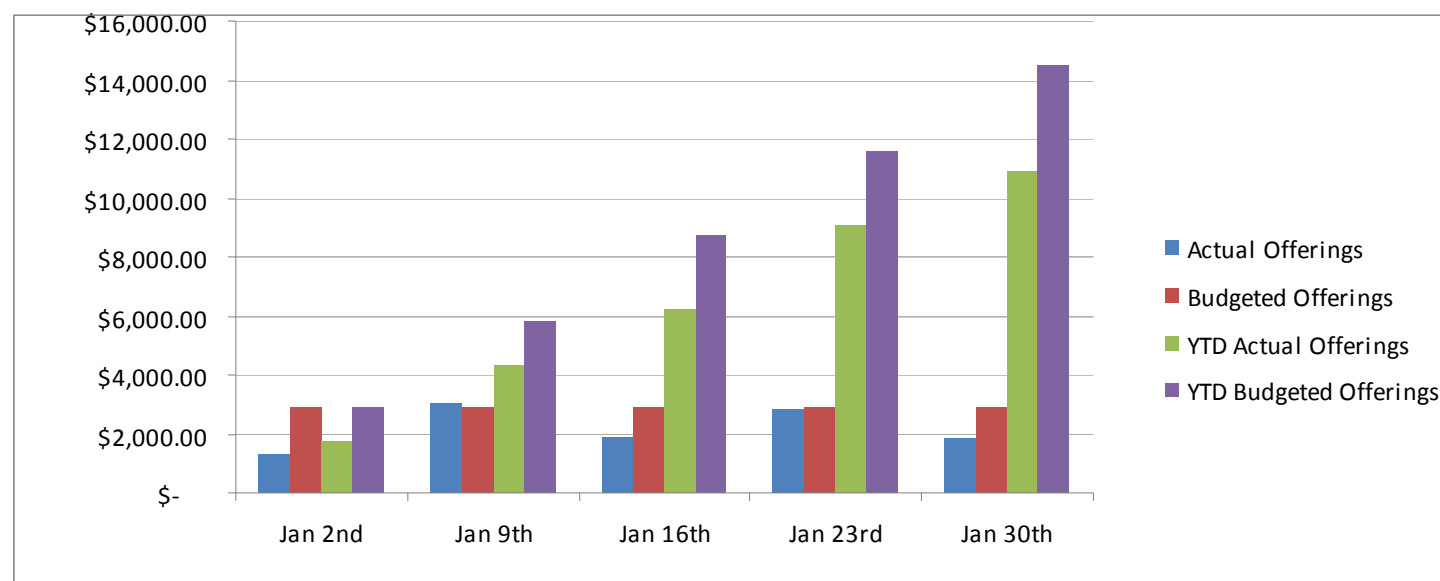
JANUARY 2011 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 2011 Budget has a projected \$16,500 deficit, for an average deficit of \$1,375 per month. However, the year did not get off to a good start. Expenses for January were budgeted at \$13,552, while actual expenses were at \$16,009 (\$2,457 over budget). Fuel (\$640 over), Repairs (\$776 over) and snow removal (\$425 over) were the main factors for expenses being over budget. Repair costs were over due to the costs associated with the repair of the Vector Security System (\$1,239).

Income for January, was budgeted at \$15,535 compared to actual income of \$12,095 (\$3,865 under budget). Snow fall was above average in January, which may have affected attendance at Worship and reduced Regular Giving Offerings. Overall, January ended with a deficit of \$3,915 (Income of \$12,095 compared to expenses of \$16,009).

Guy Tassi, Finance Committee

JANUARY 2011 ACTUAL OFFERINGS COMPARED TO BUDGETED OFFERINGS						
	Jan 2nd	Jan 9th	Jan 16th	Jan 23rd	Jan 30th	Month Totals
Actual Offerings	\$ 1,299.00	\$ 3,018.00	\$ 1,912.00	\$ 2,857.00	\$ 1,843.00	\$ 10,929.00
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 2,906.00	\$ 2,906.00	\$ 2,906.00	\$ 2,906.00	\$ 2,906.00	\$ 14,530.00
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 1,793.00	\$ 4,317.00	\$ 6,229.00	\$ 9,086.00	\$ 10,929.00	
YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 2,906.00	\$ 5,812.00	\$ 8,718.00	\$ 11,624.00	\$ 14,530.00	



UPCOMING CONCERTS

- March 6th at 4 pm:** SaraLee's choir joins the Chant Choir at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Trenton for "Chants of Holy Week and Easter in the Western and Eastern Traditions."
- March 11th at 7:30 pm:** Benefit concert, "Sight to the Blind," at Trinity Methodist in Roebling.
- March 20th at 3 pm:** Nancy Scharff and her Praise Band — here!
- March 27th , at 7 pm:** The Oratorio Choir of Tower Hill Presbyterian Church in Red Bank will present Morten Lauridsen's (heavenly!) "Lux Aeterna" and Leonard Bernstein's (dramatic!) "Chichester Psalms. You can learn more at their website as the date draws near: <http://www.towerhillchurch.org/concert.shtml>.

Nancy Scharff

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Bordentown and the Church**

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 13	Church School Fair following Worship "Water" Theme - Display of Activities
Sunday, March 20	3 pm Contemporary Christian Benefit Concert – Nancy Scharff & Friends Proceeds to benefit our church and Good Neighbor Guild
Sunday, April 17	Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
Friday, April 22	Community Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 24	HAPPY EASTER!
Sunday, May 15	3 pm Benefit Concert of Musical Theater – Lynn Flickinger in Concert - Proceeds to benefit our church and Good Neighbor Guild
May 21-22	First Presbyterian's Booth at the Bordentown Street Fair!!
Friday, June 3	Strawberry Festival!!
Sunday, June 12	Confirmation Sunday, Youth-Led Worship Pentecost ~ Wear Red!



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