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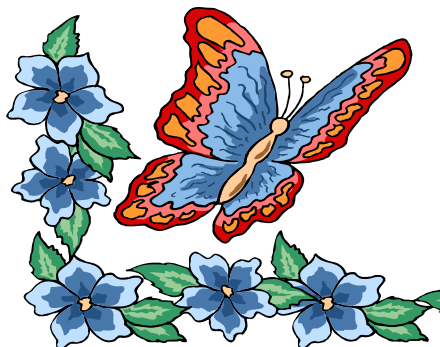
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MAY 2011

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I write, we are entering Holy Week, with its celebrations that speak to the heart of Christianity. I am struck by the depth and breadth of emotions that are embodied in worship from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to Easter. Palm Sunday's triumphal entry is followed by Maundy Thursday's intimate and bittersweet last supper and the agony of Good Friday. And then – Easter Sunday – “our joy that has no end”, as the hymn says.

The past three weeks have been an emotional roller-coaster for me as well. The foot-washing of Maundy Thursday is an example of Jesus' intimate care for the 12 disciples, whom he calls friends. And that intimate caring is all the more poignant to me, having depended upon friends and professionals for care for much of the past three weeks. Letting someone in, washing one's feet or having one's feet washed, breaking bread together, and witnessing the pain of a loved one – these speak to the depth of our humanity. Entrusting oneself to another's care . . . whether it be Peter allowing Jesus to wash his feet, or Jesus enduring the enforced and brutal care of those who stripped him, beat him, mocked him, offered vinegar on a sponge, and crucified him . . . involves total dependency.

None of us is comfortable (at least initially) with that totality of relying on another for one's every move, but in the case of Jesus, it speaks of his willingly emptying himself – *kenosis* in the Greek – putting aside his divine power and submitting to others, against all human instincts. From a human perspective, it's nearly as hard to comprehend as is his resurrection from the dead!

By the time you read this, however, we will have had our Easter celebration — recalling Jesus' triumphal resurrection from the dead. And (hopefully) we will be enjoying the carefree and temperate days of spring. Let us relish the contrast between being submissive and triumphant, being bound and being free, being dead and being totally alive. For without the hard work of Holy Week, without the pain and the dependency, the joy of Easter cannot be fully comprehended.

For all who grieve. For all who are in pain. For all who struggle to put meals on the table. For all who feel “trapped” by bureaucracies and institutions – Rejoice greatly! Your King comes to you . . . bringing forgiveness and true peace, freedom and healing, true interdependent friendship and community.

Happy Easter! Happy Spring! Enjoy the signs of hope all around you – new life is springing forth! “Behold, I do a new thing, do you not perceive it?”

Pastor Robin



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Anne Burke; Nancy Rodman's daughter, Kathie, her husband Chris Canavan and their children, Joe, Ryan, and Taylor, who had a fire at their house; Tina's friend, Joe Haddock; Ed Holland; Inge and Heidi Karcher, Elke's mother and sister; both having surgery; Lou Maiuro; Lynne Manna, Anne Reilly's daughter; Vivian Mills; Victoria Taylor.

WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR MAY

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

Melonie Newton, 291-9534

Worship Co-Leaders

5/01—Chris Venezia

Communion Servers for May

Amy Dallas, Ed Dallas, Blake Bolinger

George Carmichael, Loren Grabowski

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

5/04	Dennis & Bobbi Maiuro
5/07	Dave & Karen Chamberlin
5/12	Tina & Boris Vilic
5/16	Gordon & Donna Potts
5/18	Karin & Phillip Venezia

BIRTHDAYS

5/01	John Maleski
	Sofie McAteer
5/02	James Andrus
5/03	Evelyn Seyebe
5/04	Melonie Newton
5/06	Lindsie Dansbury
	Barbara Kimball
5/08	Raymond Jones
5/13	Kara Chamberlin
	Dave Chamberlin
	Melanie Rice
5/15	Sean Robbins
5/16	Loren Grabowski
5/17	Sam Frey
	Jenna Frey
	Madelynn Hoch
5/18	Addison Hoch
	Megan Patterson
5/19	Megan Kelly
5/20	David Lee
5/25	Anne Hernandez
5/29	Henry Allegretti

MISSION IN ACTION!

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals: Sunday, May 29, 2011 (5th Sunday; immediately following worship).

Sunday, June 26, 2011 , immediately after worship.

Next Grocery Bag Mission due date: Week of May 22-28, 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 kcpx@verizon.net

SENIOR LUNCHEON: A wonderful time was had by all! The Seniors had fun guessing who was in the baby photos and watched movie clips to "Name That Movie". The menu was well received and as always, the desserts were wonderful! We look forward to the next luncheon!

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!

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Deacon on call....	May -	Barbara Kimball —	424-0861
	June -	Greg Hoch —	298-2382
	July -	Keri Pell —	324-3824

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

Lynn Flickinger



**Appearing for one
afternoon only in**

*"A Journey Through the
Stories of Our Lives"*

**Accompanied by acclaimed
Broadway musician
VINCENT TRAVATO**

**Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 3 pm
BORDENTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
420 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ
DONATION \$10**

**Call 609-298-1243 for advance tickets
*Following the concert join us for refreshments
and fellowship with the artists***

First Presbyterian Church
Of Bordentown
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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 25th, 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 / (609) 324-0271

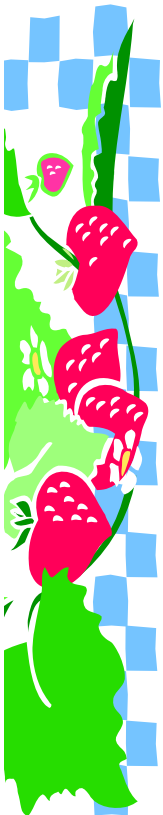


BORDENTOWN STREET FAIR MAY 21 & 22

The street fair is quickly coming up and there are lots of things that YOU can do to help.

- ◆ Sign up for an opportunity to help set up and sell on either day. You can either use the sign up sheet in the back of the church or call me at 298-0661 (Kathie Ackerman)
- ◆ We are selling well made crafts so if you have something to contribute let us know.
- ◆ We need people to bake cookies - filled cookies like Whoopie Pies would be good or perhaps something else that is popular. They should be in sandwich bags for individual sales.
- ◆ We would like to sell great looking cupcakes but don't know how to package them. Do you have an idea?
- ◆ Contact me if you would be willing to make fudge or candy. I have the recipes.
- ◆ All crafts should be at the church by the 16th so we can plan the set up of the tables
- ◆ Make sure you tell all of your friends to stop by the booth. We don't have our assigned location yet but we will let you know when we do.
- ◆ Don't forget that we are raffling off a quilt, a framed picture by SaraLee, a case of wine, and a surprise dining out basket!
- ◆ We will also have a 50/50 each day.

Thanks for all your support. *The Fund Raising Committee*



First Presbyterian Church STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 3rd, 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!***

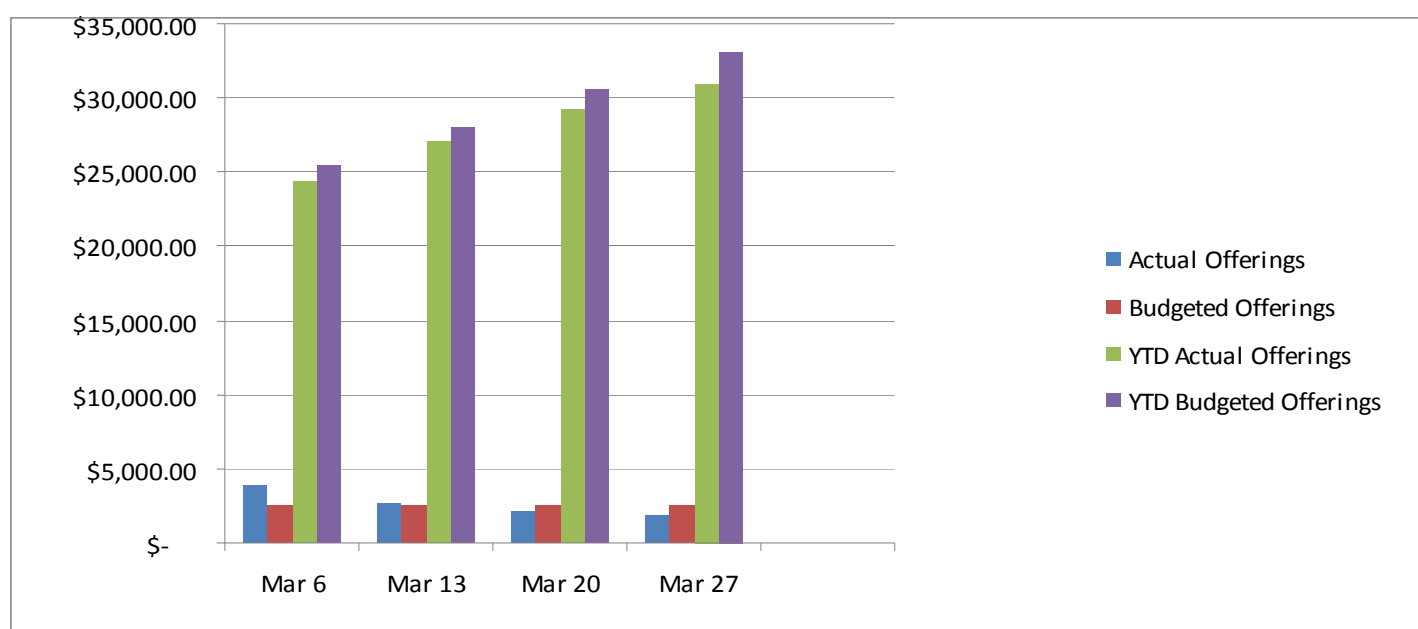


MARCH 2011 FINANCIAL UPDATE

While March was the third straight month with a deficit, it was a significant improvement over February. Expenses totaled \$12,914.71, compared to income of \$11,059.86 for a monthly deficit of \$1,854.85 (compared to almost \$6,700 for February). YTD, expenses total \$46,091.94, and income \$32,491.26 for a YTD deficit of \$13,600.69. This compares unfavorably with last year, when there was an \$11,954.93 deficit after three months.

Expenses for the first three months of this year are down \$1,744.10 compared to the first three months of 2010 (\$46,091.94 in 2011 compared to \$47,836.04 in 2010). However, 2011 income continues to lag behind 2010 — \$32,491.26 in 2011 compared to \$35,881.11 in 2010. March's income total was hurt by the poor results for the fund raiser concert. Low attendance resulted in a loss of \$425.

Guy Tassi, Finance Committee



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School July 18 to 22
Here at First Presbyterian



Thank you to all who supported me through my surgery and rehabilitation — for your prayers — for cards, visits and phone calls — for taking on tasks to allow the work of the church to continue uninterrupted — for rides and meals. Your caring has meant a lot to me, and I know that my recovery would never have been as fast or as smooth without your help. I am deeply grateful.

Robin



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 am Communion 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Youth Group	2	3 7 pm Deacons	4 6 pm Group (Fellowship Hall)	5 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	6	7
8  <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	9 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	10 6:30 pm Dessert for Confirmands, Sponsors, Session 7 pm Session	11 6 pm Group	12 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	13	14
15 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Youth Group	16 7:30 Women's AA	17 Newsletter Deadline 7 pm Junior Scouts	18 6 pm Group 7:30 Book Club	19 6 pm Worship Committee 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	20	21 STREET FAIR
22	23 7 pm Green Team 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	24 7 pm Junior Scouts 7:30 Good Neighbor Guild (Trinity UMC)	25 6 pm Group	26 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	27	28
29 Mission Meal after worship	30 	31				

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Sunday School 9:15; Worship 10:30

CONFIRMATION CLASS ~ MAY SUMMARY
the Rockin' Class of 2011 nears the end of their year of classes & activities:

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

May 10 - TUESDAY EVENING

6:30 p.m. Dessert with Sponsors and Session

7:00 p.m. 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!



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