

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BORDENTOWN

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FROM THE PASTOR

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers. (Ps. 24:1-2)*

Dear Friends,

We're entering a season of thankfulness and giving. The crops are in, we see pumpkins and apples where corn and asparagus once filled grocery shelves. And in the church, we begin to think about stewardship.

Actually, that's a real misunderstanding of the word. Stewardship is every day, every week, every month of the year. For stewardship is management or administration — management of the gifts we've received so bountifully from God.

Stewardship in both the Old and New Testaments is based on the understanding that everything that is – the earth, the plants, the animals, and we ourselves – belongs to God. And therefore, we are responsible for faithfully managing what has been entrusted to us.

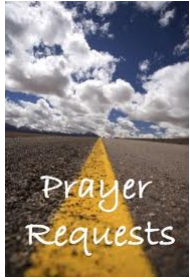
So, yes, we will talk about money this fall. And we will ask everyone to fill in an estimate of giving card. And we will talk about what a tithe is and encourage each other in the goal of tithing our money – the product of our minds and hands. Without gifts of money, the church cannot provide a gathering place for worship, fellowship, and mission.

But we will also talk about giving of our time . . . perhaps in prayer, or in serving others; perhaps in teaching, or in maintaining the church facilities; perhaps in making meals for the hungry, or in making room for the stranger. Those who give of their time not only contribute skills, but build and nurture relationships both within and outside our church family.

Then there are the talents. Now, I have to share with you something new that we're doing! It involves time, talent, and money, but talent is the most obvious component. Expanding on our Café 420 coffeehouses, we're planning a family-friendly activity for every 2nd Friday of every month during the school year. Talent? Yes! During the Open Mikes, we hope you will share a talent – it might be music, but it also might be comedy; it could be story-telling, or it could be dance. And Time? Well, yes, time goes into planning these Fridays, but it is also a place for enjoying recreational time – maybe a game night, or family movie night! A time to laugh and chat with friends, for the kids to enjoy each other's company outside the classroom, and all with simple snacks and good entertainment. And the Money part? Just enough to cover costs – and no one will ever be turned away.

So I hope you'll join me on this year-round journey of stewardship, as we dedicate a portion of our time together to learn more of what that means. Please don't think of it all as "money talk". But also, don't get squeamish about the "M word"!

*Shalom (peace, health and wholeness),
Pastor Robin*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Cyd Conklin; Lynn Flickinger; Kim Genus; Kay Godfrey; Robin Lostetter; Travis Maiuro; Jennifer McBerny; Vida Morris; Ruth Newton; Ed O'Malley; Stephen Pindar; Cathryn Pizzaro, Barbara Kimball's niece; Robert Potts; Susan Cramer Schlegel; Carla Smith; Paul Sootkoos and his family; Richard Sullivan; Dennis Yorsak; Barbara Wasylyk.

WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR OCTOBER

Minister — Rev. Robin Lostetter
Phone: 732-644-8631; Best time to call is
between 10 am & 10 pm
rlostetter@bordentownpresbyterian.org

Director of Music — Gwendolyn Huber

Accompanists — Lynn Flickinger,
Debbie Hill, Tina Vilic

Secretary — SaraLee Pindar
office@bordentownpresbyterian.org
SaraLee's Usual Office Hours:
W, Th, Fri 9-1

Deacon of the Month —
Karen Chamberlin, 291-0603

Worship Co-Leaders
10/02: Dana Maiuro
10/09: Kathie Ackerman
*To volunteer as a Worship Co-Leader
call Kathie Ackerman, 298-0661*

Fellowship Hour:
10/09: Guy Tassi
10/16: Karen Chamberlin
10/23: Mary & Pat Terry
10/30: Jean Allegretti
11/6: Don & Dana Ryba
*To volunteer for Fellowship Hour,
call Kathie Ackerman, 298-0661*

Communion Servers:
Jodi Hawyrluk, Don Ryba
Ted Miller, Karen Chamberlin

Extended Child Care:
10/02: John Burke
10/09: Corinne Kitner
10/16: Kerri Pell
10/23: Elke McAteer
10/30: Megan Arnold

Anniversary

10/05	Jim & Pat Andrus
10/07	Ron & Dot Barnard
10/09	John & Colleen Burke
10/10	Ed & Heather O'Malley
10/11	Emily & Dominic DelVecchio
10/12	Joseph & Frances Wolverton
10/16	Kim & Christopher Robins
10/22	George & Cindy Chidley



Birthday

10/01	Jonathan Dansbury Ruth Newton
10/03	Kimberly Maleski
10/04	Emily Dallas
10/05	Kim Kelly
10/06	Lisa Hartmann
10/07	Michael Lyszczak
10/10	Charles Newton
10/11	Isabel Lukach Linda Miller Thomas Seaman
10/14	Richard Grabowki
10/16	Michael Ramalho Jonathan Reid Sean Weatherwalks
10/17	Matt Kohnke
10/20	Juliet Lawson
10/28	Scott Gyax Cathy Robertshaw
10/29	Ron Barnard
10/31	Ella Barman Cathy Elliott-Shaw

MISSION IN ACTION!

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals: Sunday, October 30, 2011 (immediately following worship)
Sunday, November 27, 2011 (immediately following worship).

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile mission in our church, write a check to The First Presbyterian Church in Bordentown and write "Mission" or "Bread of Life Meals" in the memo section.

The Mission Team delivered 100 meals on Sunday, September 4 after rescheduling due to Hurricane Irene's arrival on August 27th & 28th. During this meal we discovered that some long term residents of The River Front were being asked to leave and they were scrambling to find shelter. We are unclear on the details of this but hope and pray that they have all found someplace to live. We'll update the congregation as soon as we know more.

If you want to see what we do and even lend a hand, our church handles meals during the last weekend of each month. Come join us for some fun and fellowship as we share our gifts with those in need.

Next Grocery Bag Mission due date: Week of October 16-22, 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. **At this time we need more microwaveable donations! 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 Swiderski

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE LEE FAMILY FOR HOSTING OUR CHURCH PICNIC

Again this year we wish to extend a big thank you to Robert Joe Lee, his wife Caryl Tipton, and their daughter, Hannah, for hosting our church picnic this year.

Their back yard with its many amenities provided a great picnic venue on a sunny Saturday afternoon, August 13.

A total of about 27 of us enjoyed some chit-chat, games, swimming, and of course wonderful picnic fare provided by all.



**BIG
THANK YOU**

FUN + FRIENDSHIP + FESTIVAL = FANTASTIC FEEDBACK

What fun we had this Spring as we tried our hands selling crafts at the Street Fair. The cookies made by many in our church family were a great seller and quite yummy. The silver spoon wind chimes were definitely a hot item....and we made a good profit on the Quilt/Art Photo/Wine Raffle. Friends, old and new, kept stopping by the booth. It felt like Bordentown Presbyterian Church was able to reach out to many people that day.

Following quickly was the annual Strawberry Festival. The strawberries were great and everything came together in that mysterious way that it seems to do every year. Everyone pitched in and did their part. The cakes showed up, the strawberries were cut and sugared, ice cream lasted just long enough, new games appeared for the kids (along with people to help run them), tables and chairs and lights seemed to magically appear in the side lawn, a craft area appeared along with the hot dogs and pork roll, we even had ice tea and lemonade. The raffle which started at the Street Fair was completed and we had 3 very happy winners. Besides all that the weather was beautiful.

Added to all of this was a kid's event at Pump It Up organized entirely by one person. Tickets went on sale at the Strawberry Festival. Almost all the tickets were sold and the kids had a great time.

It was my great experience to see all of these things come together in community with each other. With so many different personalities and opinions, how does this happen? I was really left to wonder about this community. It's taken me a couple of months to fully appreciate what happened during those 3 events. I believe that we have a special relationship with one another that allows us to share, to disagree, to communicate, to worry, and to work together. This is truly family and as the old saying goes "The family that prays together stays together".

To put this all in monetary terms, the outcome of this family effort was that we made approximately \$3,500.

Thanks to all who helped! No names have been mentioned because we all work together for success.

Kathie Ackerman

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Some of our little ones singing at worship.



Deacons' Corner

NEW MEDICAL LOAN "CLOSET"

The Deacons have begun collecting medical equipment that is in excellent condition, in order to be able to loan items for short-term use. So, if you have an item you used briefly and no longer need, consider donating it. And if you have a short-term need for a walker, portable commode, crutches, shower seat, etc., please think of us first and see if we can assist you with the required item/s.

The next Deacons' meeting is Tuesday, October 11, 2011; 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary to begin our annual joint meeting of Session and Deacons

The Deacons will be gathering after the joint meeting to discuss the next Senior luncheon and upcoming collections for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season. Look for updates in the church bulletin!

In September the Deacons joined with the whole congregation in preparation for two memorial services for church members Judy Remington and Virginia Lindh. Our prayers go out to their families as we grieve their loss and in turn celebrate their lives and what it meant to have them present in our church community.

Deacon on call....	October -	Karen Chamberlin
	November -	Bobbi Maiuro
	December -	Nancy Grim

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

MUSIC NOTES

It's not too late to join the choir.
 E-mail me at giduly@juno.com so I can have music ready for you.

IMPORTANT MUSIC DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday, Oct. 6 at 8:15 pm — Handbell Choir rehearsals begin.
 Come and try it out. We'll be gentle!

Friday, Oct. 14 at 7 pm — COFFEEHOUSE — Open Mike followed by Group W. Check out information and songs by Group W on our Cafe 420 page on the church's webpage: www.bordentownpresbyterian.org/ . E-mail me at giduly@juno.com with the words "Open Mike" in the subject line if you'd like to perform during the open mike portion of the evening.

Sunday, Oct. 23 at 8:55 am—First Chimes and Children's Choir rehearsals. (Will perform on Children's Pageant Sunday, December 18th)

Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 pm — First Adult Christmas Choir Rehearsal. (Cantata Sunday is Dec. 11.)

Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 pm – COFFEEHOUSE -- Open Mic followed by the Blue Jersey Band. Check out the church's webpage for more information. E-mail me at giduly@juno.com with the words Open Mike in the subject line if you'd like to perform during the open mike portion of the evening.

Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm – American Boychoir Christmas Concert.

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 am — Cantata Sunday. Worship 10:30 am; Silver Tea 11:30 am.

Sunday Dec. 18 at 10:30 am—Children's Pageant.



BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS FOR 2011-12

Good books. Good company. Good talk.

The Book Club offers an opportunity to read and discuss interesting books that challenge and entertain readers.

The discussions are always fun, even when the books are serious.

All adults of the church are welcome to participate on third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Julien House.

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE READING IN 2011-12:

October 19 – *Far to Go* by Alison Pike – is the story of a secular Czech Jewish family and their nanny, from whose point of view the story is told. Set just before Hitler's invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1938, it tells about the child of the family and his transport to England in the Kindertransport.

November 16 – *The Memory of Love* by Aminatta Forna – set in contemporary civil war-torn Sierra Leone, this story of the intersection of past and present is one of loss, absolution, the indelible effects of the past, and the nature of love.

December 21 – *Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman – Cee Cee is a 12-year-old living with her psychotic mother in Ohio when tragedy strikes and she is taken by a previously unknown great-aunt to Savannah to a new world of prosperity and eccentricities seemingly run by women. It is an engaging and ultimately hope-filled story of female relationships, loss, and recovery.

January 18 – *Summer of the Bear* by Bella Pollen – the bear is the first character we meet and the bear is in the story until the end. This is a story of a grieving and fractured family set in the Outer Hebrides during the Cold War. It is a tale of mystery and tragedy.

February 15 – *To the End of the Land* by David Grossman – due to be released from the Israeli army, Ofer is sent to the front for a major offensive. His mother Ora, joined by a former friend and lover, sets out on an epic hike in the Galilee in an attempt to prevent any bad news from reaching her. This book is her telling of Ofer's story, a mother's meditation on war and family.

March 21 – *Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs: A True Story of Bad Breaks and Small Miracles* by Heather Lende – Lende is a reporter in the small town of Haines, Alaska, where she knows everyone and everyone's story. This is the story of her recovery from injuries sustained in an accident. It is a story filled with vivid characters and strong faith.

April 18 – this month we will pay our annual homage to Jane Austen with a title to be announced.

May 16 – *The Key to My Neighbor's House* by Elizabeth Neuffer – in this study of the devastating impact of genocide in Bosnia and Rwanda, Boston Globe correspondent Neuffer interviews victims and aggressors, war orphans and war criminals, Serbian militiamen and NATO commanders.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There is a bright spot in our financial report this month, in that our year-to-date deficit is nearly \$10,000 smaller than it was at this time last year. This means that we are doing better and suggests that we can continue to improve.

This month we are including the Balance Sheet on the back of the calendar. The figures reflect income and expenses as of August 31, 2011. It can be summarized as follows:

Total Cash, including all checking, savings and CD accounts

2011 \$31,814.49

2010 \$33,536.58

Total Investments:

2011 \$63,167.28

2010 \$84,406.55

We have withdrawn \$14,675.00 from our investment accounts to fund our operating deficit in 2011.

It is to be expected that income fell behind during the summer months, as reflected in the figures for August. Below are income and expenses for August and Year-to-date.

AUGUST EXPENSES	\$ (13,274.08)
AUGUST INCOME	\$ 6,224.00
AUGUST DEFICIT	\$ (7,050.08)
YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES	\$ (108,950.12)
YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME	\$ 88,683.68
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$ (20,266.44)

Our fund-raising results so far this year are:

\$ 600.00	Youth Palm Sunday Brunch
\$ 231.00	May concert fund-raiser (Lynn Flickinger)
\$1,410.00	Street Fair
\$2,219.68	Strawberry Festival
<u>\$ 504.00</u>	Pump-It-Up
\$4,964.68	Total as of August 31, 2011

Guy Tassi, Finance Committee

Perhaps you've noticed the newly renovated nursery area in Fellowship Hall. This area is for parents to bring very young children during worship if an anxious or active child needs a break.

The area is also the location for the Pre-K/K church school class. We hope that you will help us keep this area clean and neat for its intended purposes.

Thank you!





October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:30 am Communion 6 pm Youth Group	3 7:30 pm Good Neighbor 7:30 Women's AA	4 7 pm Ad Hoc Finance Committee	5 6:30 pm Group (Fellowship Hall)	6 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	7	8
9 10:30 Worship 12 Noon Blessing Animals	10 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	11 7 pm Joint Meeting of Session & Deacons	12 6:30 pm Group	13 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	14 7 pm Coffee-house: Open Mike & Group W	15
16 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting 6 pm Youth Group	17 7:30 Women's AA	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 6:30 pm Group 7:30 Book Club	20 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	21	22
23 8:55 am First Rehearsal for Chimes & Children's Choir	24 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	25	26 6:30 pm Group	27 7 pm AA 7 pm First Christmas Choir Rehearsal; 8:15 Handbells	28	29
30 Mission Meal after worship Youth Group Hayride	31					

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Children's Choir & Chimes 8:55; Sunday School 9:15; Worship 10:30

“My favorite part of church is the end...”

It’s easy to roll our eyes and chalk it up to being young and immature, but how many times have you heard (or even said!) “...and we have communion that Sunday, too?!” That’s probably the adult-like, more tactful equivalent of saying, “my favorite part is the end”.

Youth Group is a place where our youth can learn to connect their lives to the church, whether it’s through the worship service itself or being a part of a certain committee or group. Many of us have our responsibilities and reasons for belonging to the church; we go to Sunday School each week (as a student or a teacher), we coordinate child care during worship, we sing in the choir, we help keep the grounds in shape, we go to worship planning meetings, we help with fundraising, we help cook meals for the mission team. These are just a few examples off the top of my head. There are so many different ways that people can become involved in our church. So now the question is how do I take all my aspiring writers and artists and musicians and actors and athletes and help them use their interests and talents to become a more active member in the church? How do we transition from, “My parents made me come...” to “I wanted to be here...”? Hopefully, we can start working on that together in Youth Group this year!

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE FOR 2011

October 2 nd - 6 to 7:30 pm	Regular Meeting
October 9 th - 9:30 am practice; 10:30 am worship.....	Participating with Choir
October 16 th - 6 to 7:30 pm	Regular Meeting
October 30 th - Time TBA	Hayride
November 6 th - 6 to 7:30 pm.....	Regular Meeting
November 20 th - 6 to 7:30 pm.....	: Regular Meeting
December 2 nd - 6 TO 7:30 pm	Regular Meeting
December 16th - Time & details TBA	Party

Dana Maiuro



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