

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

under The steeple



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NANCY'S NOTES

As a new year begins, David and I are uncertain about what the year will bring for us. I begin my chemo therapy on New Year's Eve.

But there are several things of which I am very certain.

1. You are a great congregation full of the spirit of compassion and encouragement. Any pastor will be blessed to be called to serve among you. I know I am deeply blessed by you and your faithfulness.
2. The situation with Mr. Kleever will be resolved this year of 2008. Nothing more needs to be said.
3. This is the year in which your Pastoral Nominating Committee will complete its work and a new beginning will start unfolding here.
4. Finally, our Sovereign God loves us and instills the faith we need in our hearts. He holds on to us when life assails us and cries with us when it overwhelms us. God is the Mighty Fortress who in the stillness of our hearts

prays with and for us in sighs too deep for words. Friends, this is the Good News of Salvation. Salvation is not something we have to die first to realize. Salvation is what we live each day in the Faith.

May your New Year's re-solution be to live joyfully in the faith that keeps you from all real harm.

Nancy



SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were taken at the November 28, 2007 Meeting of the Session.

- Patti McElroy was dropped from the rolls as she is now under the care of the Long Island Presbytery.
- The following members were transferred to the Inactive Roll: Paul Adams, Darlene Adamson, Hope Bodenschatz, Jason Charles Hidell, Linda Hidell, Robert Thomas Hidell, Theodore C. Hidell, Katharine Ann Sheehan, Brian Douglass Simpson, Carol Simpson, Thomas R. Winters and Leigh Ann Motter.
- It was voted to call a Congregational Meeting on 12/9/07 at 10:30 A M to elect officers.

Richard W. Burke
Clerk of Session

*Thank you from the
Worship commission*

A word of thanks and appreciation to the members of the worship commission for all of their efforts during 2007.

The contributions of members
**Jeanne Richard, Darla McNulty, Gretchen Miller,
Marie Mohr, Darlene Long, and Bob Campbell**
have been helpful in shaping life at First Pres.

The input from **John Kampmeyer** regarding not only music but all aspects of worship has provided us with both insight and perspective.

The leadership and guidance provided by **Byron Leasure** and **Nancy Sautter** has been, and will be invaluable in the upcoming year.

Special thanks to **Bob Campbell** and **Mike Hawley** for their willingness to step in and preach at the 8:30 service during Nancy's absence this December. Also thanks to **Nanci Petroski** and **Joe LeGrand** for their sermons this summer.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has expressed their opinions on anything regarding worship to the team members. All of us on the commission appreciate and value input as we try to make worship as meaningful as possible.

I am constantly amazed at the level of commitment displayed by not only this commission, but also all groups within First Pres. Even though we are making great progress we can always use more help.

Please consider joining the worship commission or another commission in the church as we can always use more help.

Steve Arimoto

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OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February edition of the newsletter is Sunday, January 13th. Please e-mail your information to Violette at vbdesantis@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please remember to volunteer during a service this year. Opportunities are always available to be a greeter or liturgist.

We are also in need for Ushers to signup for so many weekends a year:

Team 7—weekends: April 6, 13/ Oct 5, 12

Team 10—weekends: May 18,25/ Nov 23, 30

Team 11—weekends: June 1, 8/ Dec 7, 14

Team 12—weekends: June 15, 22, 29/ Dec 21, 28

DEACON'S CORNER

MERCY HOSPICE

Mercy Hospice donations are due before the last week of the month.

FOOD CUPBOARD

Please donate to our food cupboard. In particular cereal and paper products are needed. Thank you for your donations.

TRANSPORTATION

If you or anyone you know would find it easier to attend worship services or church functions if he/she had a ride, please take advantage of our transportation service. To arrange for a ride please contact Mary Louise Smith at (610) 328-3061 or the church office (610) 543-5110.



Interested in Joining First Pres.?

An inquirers class will be starting sometime in the New Year. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, the Presbyterian Church USA, , and First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. This will be a chance to explore whether you may like to become a member. If you are interested, please contact Joe LeGrand at (610) 543-2829, or contact the church office.

**Worship
Leaders
Needed**

Greeters

Contact
Gussie Logue
(610-544-1450)

Ushers

Contact
Church Office
(610-543-5110)

Liturgists

Contact
Lynne Romesburg
(610-558-4365)

**Please
Volunteer
Today**

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MONTH

GREETERS

1/06—11a.m. Frank Santini
1/13—11a.m. Ruth & Harry Yeager
1/20—9:30a.m. Joan & Bob Campbell
1/27—11a.m. Beverly & Bob Godshall

USHERS

1/06; 1/13 Team 1: Ray Peppel, Peg Sipple, Seth Lippard, James Lynam
1/20 and 1/27 Team 2: Roxanne & Sam Shane, Nancy Timpe and Bob Simons

LITURGISTS

Please volunteer today!

COUNTERS

To volunteer contact Kathy Wike (610) 544-2955.

FLOWER DELIVERY & TRANSPORTATION

Transportation: Dave Thayer, Gussie Logue, Eleanor Burke, Barbara Merritt, Nancy Hartrum

Flowers: Pat Gildner, Kelly Reid, Dick or Lynn Hartzell, Jane Arimoto, Cindy Stell

SESSION REPS FOR MONTH

Deacons: Gussie Logue

Worship With Us

THIS WEEKEND

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

JAN 6TH — The Re-Resolution; Ephesians 3:1-12

Three Services
Communion, Ordination and
Installation of Church Officers

JAN 13TH — What Isaiah Got Right; Isaiah 42:1-9

Three Services

JAN 20TH — Soundtrack for Living; Psalm 40:1-11

One Service 9:30 a.m.

Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend

Did you turn in your Annual Report?

JAN 27TH — Las Vegas Lazy; Matthew 4:12-23

Three Services

Worship Times

8:30 am

Worship
Fellowship Hall

9:30 am

Contemporary
Sanctuary

9:45 am

The Summit
Sunday School
children dismissed
from worship

11:00 am

Worship
Sanctuary

Visit God's House

THIS WEEKEND



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Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY	2	3 6:30 Hand Bells 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 9:30 Women's Prayer Group-LI 9:30 Mom-to-Mom-LO 4 p.m. G. Scout Troop 17-LH	5
6 3 Worship Services & Communion/Ordination And Installation of Church Officers	7 7:00 p.m.—Personnel-LO 7:00 p.m.-Membership-LH	8 7 p.m. Worship-LO 7 p.m. Deacons-LH 7:30 Praise Band 7:30 Circle 5-CF	9 6-7 p.m. G. Scout Troop 7116-FH 7:00 - Evangelism-LO 7:30 Christian Ed-LH	10 6:30 Hand Bells 8:00 Chancel Choir	11 9:30 Women's Prayer Group-LI 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry-LO	12
13 3 Worship Services	14	15 7 p.m. Finance-CF 7 p.m.-Del. Co. Early Childhood Ed.-LH 7:30 Women's Assoc. Board-LO 7:30 Praise Band	16	17 6:30 Hand Bells 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 9:30 Women's Prayer Group-LI 9:30 Mom-to-Mom-LO	19
20 ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	21 CHURCH OFFICE & RABBIT HILL CLOSED	22 10:00 Presbytery at Old Pine 7:30 Praise Band	23 7 p.m. SESSION-LH	24 6:30 Hand Bells 8:00 Chancel Choir	25 9:30 Women's Prayer Group-LI	26
27 3 Worship Services	28 7:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry-LO	29 3 p.m. Women's Devotional Leaders-CF 7:30 Praise Band	30 6 p.m. G. Scout Troop 7116-FH	31		

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ROBERT B. JACOBY, PASTOR EMERITUS

EVERETT W. SAHRBECK, PASTOR EMERITUS

Room Assignment Key, Floor

CO—Church Office, 2nd—Fassitt Hall

CR—Conf. Room, 2nd—Fassitt Hall

CS—Church Sanctuary, 2nd

FH—Fellowship Hall, 1st Lower Rear

LH—Lambert Hall, 1st

LI—Library, 2nd

LO—Lounge, 2nd

MR—Music Room, 2nd Rear

PO—Pastor's Office, 2nd—Fassitt Hall

RN—Rabbit Hill/Nursery, 1st

RW—Rabbit Hill West Rm, 2nd

SM—Sunday School Moses Rm, 3rd

SN—Sunday School Noah Rm, 3rd

SS—Sunday School Office, 2nd—Fassitt Hall

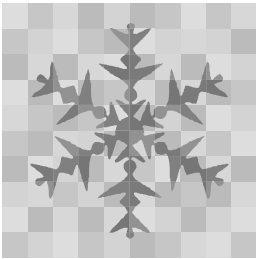
ST—Sunday School Tent Rm, 3rd

YD—Youth Director's Office, 2nd—Fassitt Hall

YT—Youth Tower Room, 3rd

JOYS & CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS!



I would like to thank the ladies and gentlemen who helped make this year's Christmas Celebration such a wonderful afternoon. The Treble Makers from Springfield High School were fabulous and the tea sandwiches and cookies were all sooo yummy!!

A special thanks to Frank Santini and Bill Winans, you're the best!

May God bless!
Denise Santella



Kent L. Roberts, 83, of Pocono Pines, formerly of Springfield, Delaware County, died at Easton Hospital on Sunday, December 9th. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, December 14th. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and daughters Carolyn W. Roberts and Diane and her husband, James Hodgkiss and two grandchildren. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the Roberts family.

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REARRANGE
THE
LETTERS:

Best in
Prayer

MISSION INTERPRETATION UPDATE

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Salvation Army of Philadelphia is the January mission of the month. Their mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Army provides locally to numerous needy families in the Philadelphia region through programs such as soup kitchens, homeless day care services, overnight shelters, rehabilitation centers, and daily meals. For example in Philadelphia the Salvation Army operates three comprehensive shelter programs, two transitional housing programs, and a thirty day shelter program for troubled adolescents, with a total capacity for 385 people per night. Another example is their Foster Care Program which places children who need a period of separation from their natural parents into a loving home. The local division operates the MacLachlan House in Philadelphia to provide specialized short-term residential programs for teenagers until they can be matched with Salvation Army foster parents who will provide love, support and a stable home environment. The Army receives some assistance from other national mission and the government but approximately half of its budget is provided from local organizations and churches like ours so please give generously to this worthy cause that helps so many.



SUNDAYS AT THE SUMMIT

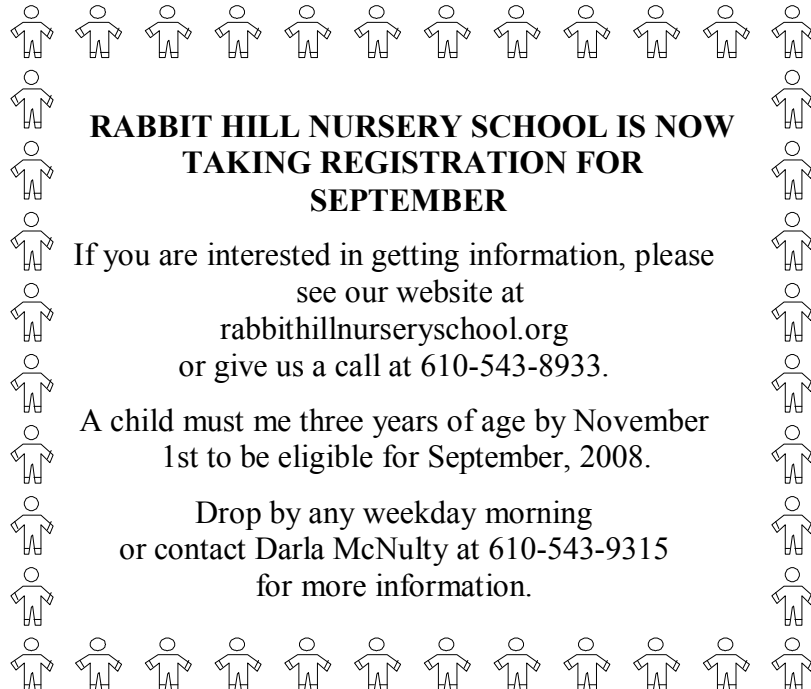


SUNDAYS AT THE SUMMIT STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

We need people to teach in our rotational program for a 3-week commitment. Our next unit will begin in January. We still need 1 or 2 more people to help Doug Stell and Joe

LeGrand teach the Senior High class. Please join us, get to know our great kids and serve the Lord. Please contact Jeanne Richards, Darla McNulty, Colleen Sullivan or Bonnie McAnally.

**Thank you to all
who have already volunteered to help!**



**RABBIT HILL NURSERY SCHOOL IS NOW
TAKING REGISTRATION FOR
SEPTEMBER**

If you are interested in getting information, please see our website at rabbithillnurseryschool.org or give us a call at 610-543-8933.

A child must be three years of age by November 1st to be eligible for September, 2008.

Drop by any weekday morning or contact Darla McNulty at 610-543-9315 for more information.

Do you have three Sunday's that you can teach Sunday at the Summit?

—We Need You—

TRUSTEES

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers are available each Sunday at a cost of \$17.00 each or two for \$34.00. If interested please contact Kathy Wike 610 544-2955 or ksw526@msn.com. Thanks.

REPORT FROM BILL WINANS OF HOUSE & GROUNDS

When you read this issue, Christmas and New Years Eve, will all be past. Hard to believe that it came and went so quickly. I hope everyone had a great Christmas season. Now all we have to look forward to is snow, ice, cold weather, what a bummer. I know I told you all that the fence would be installed by now. But with the weather not cooperating and a few other things happening, it wasn't done. Hopefully by this writing it will be done or at least started.

I need not remind you that in the next few weeks there may be icy spots around the church grounds. So please be very careful, between the snow removal service and Bruce, we will try to do our best to keep the elements away. But sometimes it's difficult to do a 100% job, so please be extra careful.

But think about what is to follow; Spring, flowers, greenery, t-shirts, shorts, sandals. Now, didn't that put you in better mood already? We had a great year in House and Grounds and there is some people that need to be thanked and that's the committee, Bob Campbell, Donna & Jim De Rose, Bob and Evelyn Thomas, Wayne De Caria, Chris von Berg, Gussie Logue, these people were the duct tape, barb wire, and rope that kept this building together, and lets not forget Bruce Esbensen our custodian. When you see these people thank them personally for the fine job. I know they will greatly appreciate it. After all we need to keep "God's House" in good shape. Looking forward to 2008, I think it's going to be a banner year for First Presby. God bless!



Learn Something New/Old every day...

BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6' x 8' and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10-12'. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and painfully until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up. Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us. May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness come through your door.

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