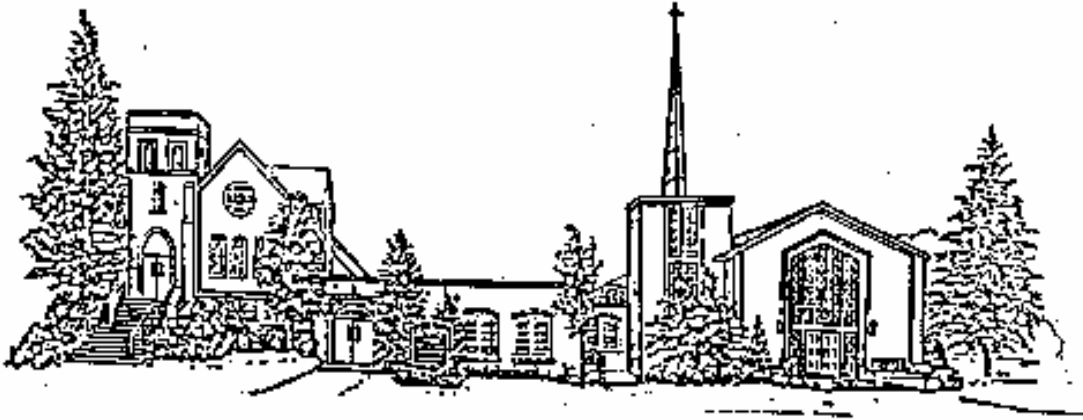


TIDINGS

SEPTEMBER 2010



Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families
to Grow in Faith!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Baldwin, New York 11510

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Pastor's Blog site: www.baldwinpresby.blogspot.com

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Ministers: All the People of the Church

The Rev. Adrian J. Pratt, Pastor
Ksenia Lowenfels, Music Director

Yvonne Pratt, Secretary
Edward Hansen, Sexton

The First Presbyterian Church
of Baldwin, New York

Will hold its Annual



Rally Day Kick-Off Picnic

on
Sunday,
September 12, 2010
at 11:30 a.m.

*(in the Park next to the Church
immediately following
Sunday School registration)*



Come celebrate the
start-up of the new school year with friends,
food and fellowship!

ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES

Childlike or Childish?

*"Brothers, stop thinking like children.
In regard to evil be infants,
but in your thinking be adults."
(1 Corinthians 14:20)*



Whilst Jesus talked of having a childlike spirit, He never encouraged childish thinking. The Christian life is a matter of growth. One of the growth areas we take is from childishness to maturity.

One mark of childish thinking is that the child lives completely in the present. "I want it and I want it now!" That immediate gratification of the moment blocks out any vision or concern for the future. Another mark of childish thinking is blaming all our faults on others. "It's not my fault, he started it!" Somebody put it this way, "My Church would be great if it weren't for all the other people!"

As we look to the future of First Presbyterian Church, Baldwin, we need to think long term. We know we have challenges to face. We know that our community is changing and that we have to change with it. We know we face stewardship challenges, but how we do face them in a way that honors our traditions yet is in line with today's economic realities? We know that there are many in our community who never cross our doorstep. How do we reach out in ways that make them feel at home?

St. Paul was right on the mark when he told the Christian community in Corinth (a city which was the playground of the ancient world) that the only way to face the future was with a mature faith. They needed to embrace a belief that expanded their perspective, rather than narrowing it, one that kept them striving towards higher goals. Sometimes in spiritual life the way to grow is simply to 'grow up'!

So it is he also writes; *"Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love."* (1 Corinthians 16:13-14).

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Church office has received notification that **Doug Lehnert** has suffered a stroke.

To all our members and friends who are going through difficult times or are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery at this time, we send you our heartfelt concerns and prayers and wish you all a speedy recovery.



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## TO THE MEMBERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BALDWIN

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
If so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
That anyone could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.

*-The family of Sharon A. DeCampi*

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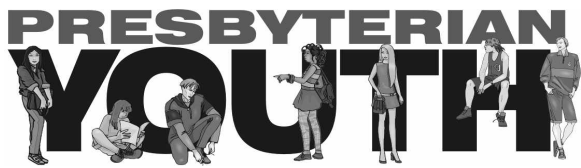
"IN LIEU OF FLOWERS"

The Memorial Fund is a viable alternative for those of us who wish to honor and remember a close friend or acquaintance or perhaps a distant relative when the donation of flowers, fruit, etc. is just too much.

Instead of a mass card or one of Hallmark's finest, why not a modest donation to our Memorial Fund when you really "... care to send the very best?"

Memorial Packets include an announcement card to the decedent's family with a plain envelope and an envelope addressed to the church with a card for your donation. These packets are available in the Narthex or at the church office.

First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin is grateful for all the donations received for **The Memorial Fund**.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Confirmation and Youth Meetings.

Our Confirmation Class resumes on Sunday, September 19th @ 6:00 p.m. This will be followed by our youth meeting @ 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 26th confirmands and youth are invited to participate in the Church Bike Ride and Picnic. Evening meetings will resume in October.



KINGDOM KIDS

"Kid's of the Kingdom"



Kingdom Kids is an opportunity for 2nd through 5th graders to get together on Tuesdays, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., to enjoy games, stories, crafts, snacks and fun, fun, fun! If you have a child or children who are in 2nd through 5th grade, please speak with either Pastor Adrian or Yvonne Pratt to sign them up. We will begin our Fall meetings on **Tuesday, September 21st.**



CHURCH FAMILY CAMPING TRIP A BIG HIT!

Ocean breezes from the Atlantic and cool camping spirits kept the summer heat in abeyance at this year's family camping trip. Highlights of the mid July trip to Nickerson Beach Campground included Eagle Scout Paul arriving to aid in tent set-up, The Perez's winning family compound, refreshing swims in both the ocean and pool, nightly campfires accompanied by guitar, girl scout melodies (yea Audrey Wilson) and yummy smores. There were horseshoe games (Matt W. & George P. had many ringers), drop-ins by teens Ali, Nick, and Liz, hardy breakfasts (Danny loved Faith's devil eggs!), Tom's AM coffee (mom's percolator did the job Kathy), and a delicious Saturday evening barbecue which Vicki made sure we shared with our fit and trim volleyball camping neighbors. Thanks to all who organized and participated in this fun and memorable weekend of church fellowship!



-Tom Downing

PRESBYTERIANS LOVE TO EAT!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The Presbyterian Women have started a new Breakfast Club. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., at the Baldwin Coach Diner. This is an opportunity to fellowship with other women from First Presbyterian Church and enjoy good food and conversation. Their next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 21st**. For more information, contact Marge Leverage at 223-5439.



MEN'S WEDNESDAY DINNER

Join the **Men of the Church** for their monthly dinner out, on the **third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** You'll enjoy great food, lovely company and discussions relative to family, friendship, religion, work, sports, hobbies, retirement, etc. This would be a great way for our church family to grow. Interested? Ask Carl Larson. **Next dinner is Wednesday, September 15th.**



WOMEN'S DINNER

The women of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin are planning a evening of food and friendship at Nick's Pizza in Rockville Centre on **Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** All women are invited to attend. If you need more information, please call or see Felicia Wilson (623-6639) or Erika Floreska (379-8080). We look forward to seeing you there.



THE INN AT FREEPORT

The following letter was received by First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin:

"We again thank you for your acts of grace and kindness that have enabled the INN to complete the twenty-second year of service to our neighbors in need.

The unusual change in weather has made an impact on the amount of people who rely on the INN for daily sustenance. Your contributions have made it possible to continue to serve 100-150 nutritious lunches daily to anyone who walks through the door.

We remain thankful for your participation and you will be remembered in our daily prayer."

We will be cooking for the INN at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, September 27th. Thank you to all who contribute to this cause.

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## **PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP GROUP OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENTS**

### ***LET US GATHER BY THE RIVER***

A Fall Gathering of Women from Long Island,  
New York City and Hudson River

**Saturday, October 2, 2010**

at

Holmes Camp & Conference Center



Registration at 9:30 a.m. — Prepay \$15

Program from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Retreat Leaders:** Rev. Cathy Surgenor & Rev. Nancy Thornton

Registration must be received by **September 24th** and your check (*made payable to Presbyterian Women*) must accompany your registration form.

Registration Forms and directions are available in the Church Office.

# PRESBYTERY DAY 2010

## “God’s People...God’s World”

- Growing disciples
- Building community
- Reaching out in mission and evangelism

**When:** Saturday, September 25, 2010 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Where:** Satauket Presbyterian Church

**Cost:** \$10 per person/\$50 max per church/\$5 children 3-12

**Worship:** Opening: Multi-cultural Hymn Sing  
Closing: Includes All-Presbytery choir

### *Workshops Include:*

Growing Disciples

Mission 101

Leadership Workshop for Hispanic Congregations

Evangelism: Best Local Practices Panel

Building Community Without Paper (Technology and Your Church)

On-Site, Hands-on Mission Projects

All-Presbytery Choir workshop

Beyond General Assembly: Follow-up to the Report of the Middle East Study Committee (with guest presenter The Rev. Susan R. Andrews; General Presbyter of Hudson River Presbytery; moderator of 215th General Assembly)

**Food:** Soup and Salad lunch **PLUS** “A Taste of Long Island”

**Registration:** Through the Presbytery Office (call 631.499.7171) and watch the weekly Sunday bulletins for more information.

# The First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin

## 4th Annual All-Church Bike Ride

Sunday,  
September 26, 2010  
at 2:00 p.m.



Meet at Bethpage  
State Park



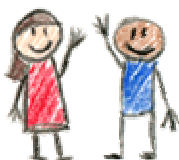
After the ride we will have  
hot dogs and a light supper

If you don't bike - just join us  
at the State Park

Come share the  
fellowship and fun!

# COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL OF BALDWIN

Located right here at First  
Presbyterian Church of Baldwin



Fall greetings to all at The First Presbyterian Church! This is an announcement to all who read the *Tidings* that we are ready with the new term at the pre-school, but that there are limited openings still available, especially in the afternoon sessions. We have a Toddler program (2 year olds), the 3's and 4's and the "Enrichment Program" all with certified, caring, experienced seasoned teachers, waiting for your youngster to join our school where the motto is:

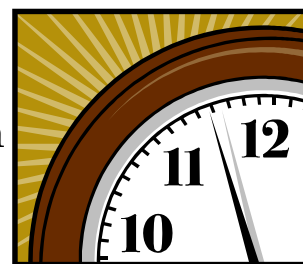
*"Learning is Fun and Fun is Learning!"*

So, if you or someone you know might be interested in sending your child to a loving, learning, happy school atmosphere, stop by any school day and pick up a brochure, or call the Director, Florence Gersch at 516-868-8406.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church Office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. *Note:* The office is closed on Fridays.



## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If there is anyone that doesn't have offering envelopes but would like them (adult or child), please see Howard Batsford or leave a note in the office. The advantage of having envelopes is that you will get a statement of giving—handy for tax purposes.



## Focus on Fellowship 2010-2011

| SEPTEMBER 2010                                                                                                                                                                                  | OCTOBER 2010                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NOVEMBER 2010                                                                                                                                                   | DECEMBER 2010                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>9/12</b> Rally Day and<br>Welcome Back Picnic<br><br><b>9/15</b> Men's Dinner<br><br><b>9/21</b> Women's b'fast<br><br><b>9/22</b> Women's Dinner<br><br><b>9/26</b> Bike Ride and<br>Picnic | <b>10/17</b> CROP Walk<br><br><b>10/18</b> Joint Church<br>PW Pot-luck Dinner<br><br><b>10/19</b> Women's b'fast<br><br><b>10/20</b> Men's Dinner<br><br><b>10/27</b> Women's Dinner<br><br><b>10/30</b> Progressive<br>Dinner | <b>11/16</b> Women's b'fast<br><br><b>11/17</b> Men's Dinner<br><br><b>11/20</b> High School<br>Play – Afterglow at<br>Angelillos'<br><br>Women's Dinner<br>TBA | <b>12/12</b> Christmas<br>Dinner<br><br><b>12/15</b> Men's Dinner<br><br><b>12/19</b> Caroling<br>Open House at<br>Danns'<br><br><b>12/21</b> Women's b'fast<br><br>Women's Dinner<br>TBA |
| <b>JANUARY 2011</b><br><br><b>1/18</b> Women's b'fast<br><br><b>1/19</b> Men's Dinner<br><br><b>1/23</b> Bowling and Pizza<br><br><b>1/26</b> Women's Dinner                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                           |

### UPCOMING DATES FOR OCTOBER 2010

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| Saturday, October 2nd   | PW Fall Gathering (see article)                     |
| Sunday, October 3rd     | World Communion Sunday & Peacemaking Offering       |
| Wednesday, October 6th  | Prayer Shawl Circle (see article)                   |
| Wednesday, October 6th  | Session (rescheduled from the 13th)                 |
| Monday, October 11th    | Columbus Day – Church Office will be CLOSED         |
| Tuesday, October 12th   | Deacons Meeting (rescheduled from yesterday's date) |
| Sunday, October 17th    | CROP Walk                                           |
| Monday, October 18th    | PW Joint Event Women's Pot-luck dinner (at FPCB)    |
| Tuesday, October 19th   | PW Breakfast Club                                   |
| Wednesday, October 20th | Men's Dinner                                        |
| Saturday, October 23rd  | Presbytery Meeting at Southold                      |

**Continued...**

Sunday, October 24th      Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
Monday, October 25th      Cook for the INN  
Wednesday, October 27th Women’s Dinner  
Saturday, October 30th      Progressive Dinner



**GROUPS THAT REGULARLY MEET AT FPCB**  
**Check with the group leader/moderator for any changes**

**Alcoholics Anonymous** groups meet regularly on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**Bell Choir** meets regularly for rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** meets regularly for rehearsal on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

**Deacons** meet regularly on the second Monday of each month.

**Gamblers Anonymous** group meet regularly on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Girl Scouts** meet as follows:

**Cadet Troop #2181** alternate Thursdays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

**Junior Troop #2445 – TBA**

**Senior Troop #2106 – TBA**

**Kingdom Kids** group meet regularly on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Prayer Shawl Circle** meet regularly on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Session** meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Yoga** group meet regularly on Mondays from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.



Please refer to the **September Calendar** to keep in touch with the many activities that **First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin** has to offer. *(In fact, you could keep it on your refrigerator as a daily reminder!)*

**Also**, don’t forget to check out our website from time to time as an up-to-date schedule is always posted there. [www.firstpresbyterianbaldwin.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianbaldwin.org)



**NOTE:** The Church office will be closed on **Monday, September 6th**, in observance of Labor Day.

## PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

*"Calling all knitters and crocheters!"*

The Prayer Shawl Circle will meet regularly on the **First Wednesday of each month** in the church parlor. Our first meeting will be **October 6th at 7:30 p.m.**

Bring yarn and needles and crochet hooks or a prayer shawl you already have in progress.

For more information, call Penny Blanchard (763-4568) or Bobbi Angelillo (623-6898).



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UPCOMING EVENT

YOUTH RETREAT AT HOLMES CAMP

November 12 - 13, 2010

A number of our youth enjoyed a trip to Holmes Camp earlier this year as part of their confirmation journey. In November a retreat is being planned that includes all our youth 7th grade and upwards. The retreat is being planned by the Nassau County Joint Youth Initiative that includes six Nassau County Presbyterian Churches. At the time of writing arrangements and prices are still in their formative stage, but for now I'd encourage our youth (and probably more importantly their parents) to mark the weekend on their calendars! More information will follow.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER 'TIDINGS' IS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**

**Please ensure articles are in the office on or before 1:00 p.m., on  
Monday, September 20th for inclusion in the October Tidings.**

*Thanks so much!*

## CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS . . .

### *We Need College Students Addresses!*



Once again, we would like to compile a list of college students who are away so that they can be sent a copy of the 'Tidings' each month.

Please let the church office know if you have a student at college and provide their mailing addresses so we can add them to our mailing list.

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YOGA



Kundalini Yoga gets your body moving, and is a great way to become more strong and limber. There are postures and movements that stretch and strengthen every part of your body. (Certain exercises can even improve the workings of your glands!) It's also been proven to calm the mind. And anyone can do it - no matter what age or fitness level.

Yoga literally means "union." When we practice yoga we do indeed connect with our bodies and our minds. But yoga can help us connect to another, more elusive, part of ourselves. You may call it your soul, or your spirit. Perhaps you think of it as that spark that makes you unique. You may think of it as that quiet place inside that feels connected to something larger. So Kundalini Yoga is the ultimate multi-tasker's practice. In one class, you work on the whole you: strengthening and toning your body, keeping your mind clear and focused, and awakening your soul.

Yoga classes take place here at the church facility on Monday mornings from 9:45-11:00 a.m., in the Sunday School room on the second floor. The cost is \$12 a class, or 10 classes for \$100.

For more information, please call Laura Williams at 516-984-5767 or email at laurawilli@gmail.com

-Laura Williams

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY YOUTH WEEK

Trinity Youth Conference - 2010

'Out of the Shadows EXPOSED by the Light'

It was my privilege this year to again be involved in the Synod of the Trinity annual youth conference which took place at Camp Living Waters, Schellsburg, PA. This year my particular role was that of music leader for the evening worship services. I also had a chance to participate in a workshop series, as well as being part of a 'Heads Together' (HT) group. HT groups help establish connections between the members of the group and also to our faith and to our God.

The preacher this year was Ed DeLair, from Faith Church, Washington, PA. I had met Ed earlier this year for the first time at a Credo conference for mid-term pastors, so for myself there was an additional bonus of catching up with an old friend.

Days at T.Y.C. are filled with thoughtfulness, worship, respect, playfulness, learning, sharing, tears and laughter. It astonishes me every year what tough times some of our High School youth and college students travel through, and how in the midst of it all they still find the still small voice of God.

As staff and participants sought to be a community, the presence of God sometimes felt very near. Particularly, that was the case after Wednesday night worship when as we came out of our meeting in the dining room, we were greeted by a glorious double rainbow.

From our own congregation Brian Achille again took part. In the car driving home we spoke of our hopes that others of our youth get to experience what truly is an awesome week of faith building and re-focusing our lives. Hopefully, we'll have a chance at an upcoming Adult Forum to tell everybody more about it!

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

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## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

The **September/October 2010** issue of the Upper Room Devotionals are now available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.