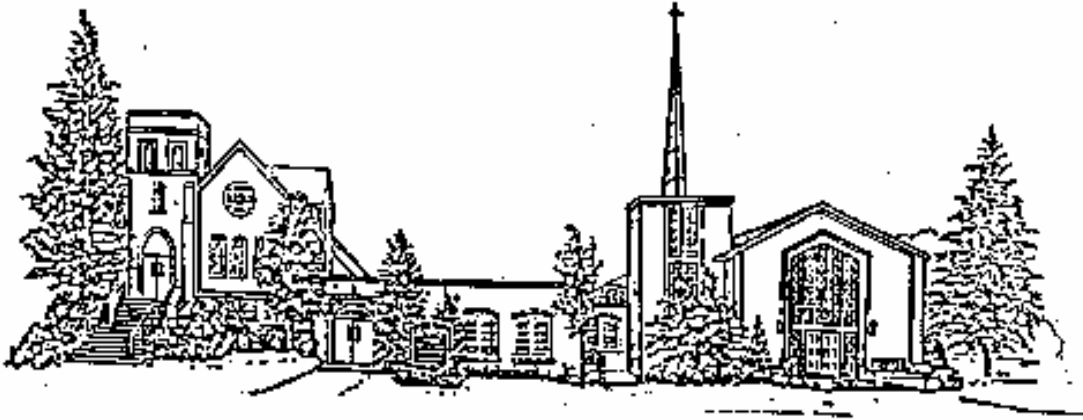


TIDINGS

OCTOBER 2010



Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families
to Grow in Faith!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

717 St. Luke's Place
Baldwin, New York 11510

Church Office Telephone Number: (516) 223-2112

Church Fax Number: (516) 223-0866

Church Website: www.firstpresbyterianbaldwin.org

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

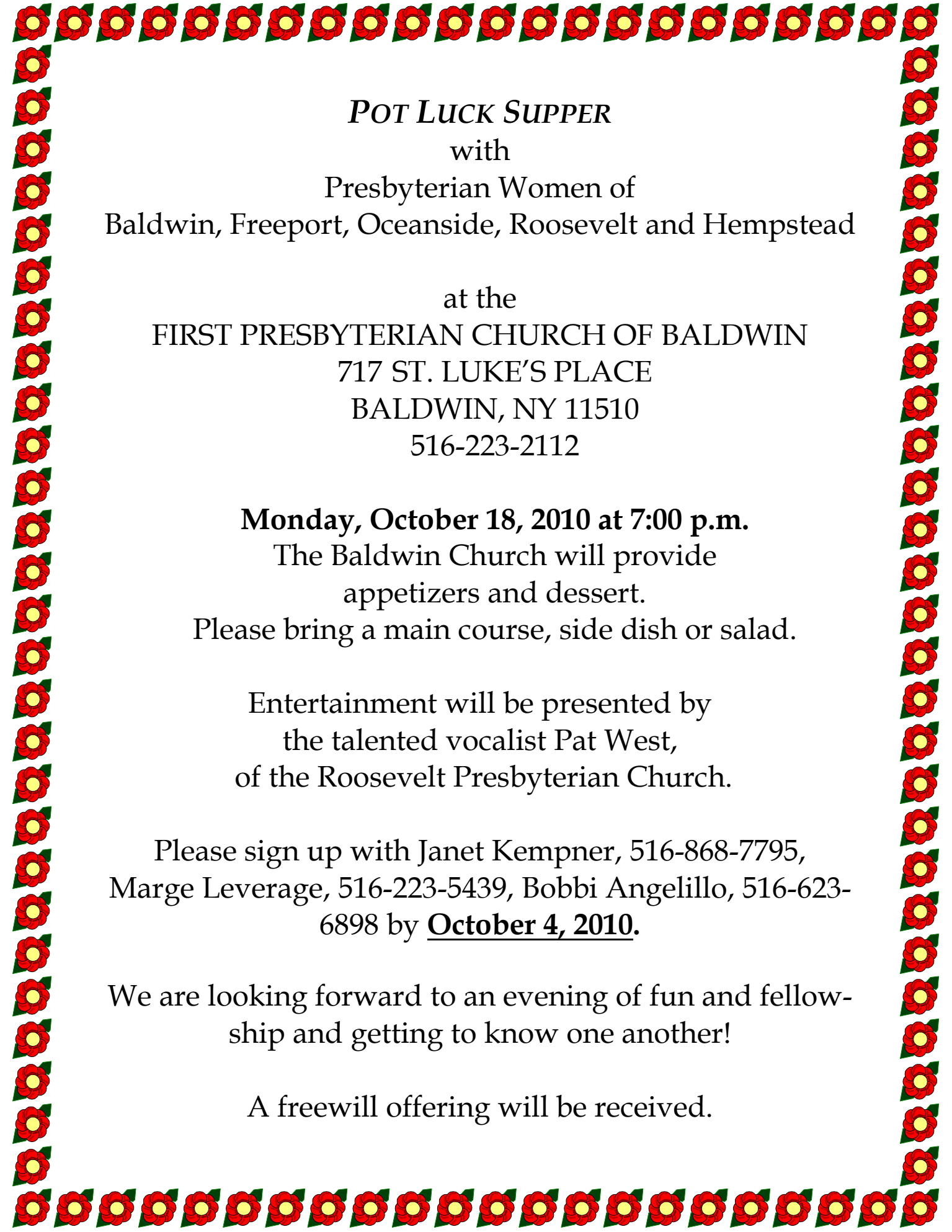
Church e-mail: baldwinchurch@verizon.net

Pastor's e-mail: thepastor3@verizon.net

Ministers: All the People of the Church

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

Yvonne Pratt, Secretary
Edward Hansen, Sexton



POT LUCK SUPPER
with
Presbyterian Women of
Baldwin, Freeport, Oceanside, Roosevelt and Hempstead

at the
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BALDWIN
717 ST. LUKE'S PLACE
BALDWIN, NY 11510
516-223-2112

Monday, October 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
The Baldwin Church will provide
appetizers and dessert.
Please bring a main course, side dish or salad.

Entertainment will be presented by
the talented vocalist Pat West,
of the Roosevelt Presbyterian Church.

Please sign up with Janet Kempner, 516-868-7795,
Marge Leverage, 516-223-5439, Bobbi Angelillo, 516-623-
6898 by **October 4, 2010.**

We are looking forward to an evening of fun and fellow-
ship and getting to know one another!

A freewill offering will be received.

ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES ...

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS



Stewardship is not about giving money to your church. I'll repeat that. Stewardship is not about giving money to your church. It certainly can involve that as part of the package, but that's not what it's about. Stewardship is about faithfulness to God and the relationship of faith that we have with God, in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship flows out of thanksgiving. Stewardship happens as our hearts overflow in gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ. Stewardship is the response of a joyful heart that has experienced the blessings of God. Stewardship presents to us the opportunity and privilege of involvement with the work of God's Kingdom.

Stewardship invites us to consider what we do with our time and how the love of God fits into our daily life. Stewardship invites us to choose how we use the gifts and talents God has graced our lives with. Stewardship invites us to consider how, where and in what we invest our lives in.

One piece of the stewardship picture is the money that we give to support the needs of our faith communities. A faith community is not a club asking for our subscription but a catalyst for change within our community. If we care about our community and believe that our church makes a change to the way we live our lives, then we will invest ourselves in that which we consider of first importance.

The bottom line is that stewardship is about believing. To steal an illustration from the Book of Ezekial, stewardship puts flesh on dry bones that they may live. So I repeat again... Stewardship is not about giving money to your church. It certainly can involve that as part of the package, but that's not what it's about. Stewardship is about faithfulness to God and the relationship of faith that we have with God, in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

Let us seek to be faithful stewards of all that God has committed to our care, that this church may continue to nurture this community whom God calls us to serve.

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

PRAYER CONCERNS

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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## "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**.

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BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS



Rev. Ken Graham reported that on Sunday, September 19th, ninety letters were mailed to our Congressional representatives in Washington on behalf of **Bread for the World**.

The letters which supported the poor here in the United States made it clear that **"no parent should have to send their child to bed hungry."**

A big thank-you to all who wrote letters.

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## OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

There have been three questions that I have been asked on more than one occasion since beginning ministry here. Firstly, "Adrian, How did you come to faith?" Secondly, "What made you want to be a minister?" and thirdly, "What made you decide to come to America?" Beginning October 10th, I'll be preaching a series on just those topics titled "This is my story, This is my song".

I look forward to sharing with you.

*-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt*

# YOUTH RETREAT AT HOLMES CAMP

November 12 - 13, 2010

## HOLD THAT TALENT (USE IT OR LOSE IT)



The Presbyterian Churches of Glen Cove, Malverne, Freeport, Massapequa, Baldwin, and Garden City invite their youth (6th Grade and upwards) to join each other and Nassau Joint Ministry Youth Coordinator Peter Cianciotti for a couple of days of inter-generational fun, fellowship and faith at Holmes Camp. We shall explore together the parable of the talents – and participants are invited to bring all their skills along with them! Bring instruments, bring your laughter, bring a friend... just be there and be prepared to be the wonderful person of God that God invented you to be! The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m., Friday, and finishes after dinner on Saturday. The price will be \$75:00. Speak to the Pastor or Faith Papastos for registration forms.

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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.



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. Our Fall meetings have already begun. **Please note: There will be no meeting on October 12th.**

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## 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, October 20th.**

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **BRIAN ACHILLE** on being elected to serve on the planning team for the Synod of the Trinity Youth Conference!

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**REMINDER:** Youth will meet on October 3rd and 24th at 7:00 p.m.

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STEWARDSHIP 2011 CAMPAIGN

Very briefly...

- We have had a Local Mission **deficit** for the past two years of \$25,000!!!
 - Our Local Mission expenses consist of salaries, building related expenses (utilities and maintenance) and insurance. Less than 5% is spent on Christian Education and other church programs. **There is no fat in our budget!**
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WE NEED YOUR PLEDGES OF SUPPORT

Our campaign has begun! Specific information on what is needed will be forthcoming over the next 6 weeks.

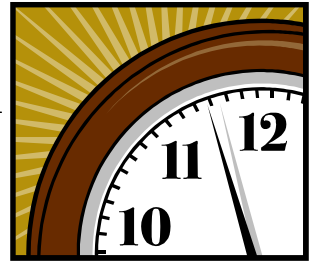
Please prayerfully consider how you can increase your support for your church.

-Stewardship Committee

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## 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.



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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.

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## BALDWIN INTERFAITH FORUM

The annual "Weekend of Sharing" for Baldwin will be held on **Sunday, October 24, 2010**. First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin has been asked to collect **CANNED MEATS** for this important food drive.

Please bring canned meats to church on any Sunday, prior to October 24th for inclusion in this special project. Please see Helene Kappelman for more information.



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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: October 3, 2010

Does your family have a bread you make from another part of the world? Please bring it to help us celebrate World Communion Sunday. We'll share the bread during Coffee Hour after the worship service.

Also, do you speak another language? We need your voice to add to the chorus of tongues reminding us of the Good News going into all the world.

Sign up on the bulletin board by the church office to help in saying a few words in worship on October 3rd and/or providing a loaf of bread to share.





Focus on Fellowship 2010-2011

OCTOBER 2010	NOVEMBER 2010	DECEMBER 2010	JANUARY 2011
10/17 CROP Walk	11/16 Women's b'fast	12/12 Church Christmas Dinner	1/18 Women's b'fast
10/18 Joint Church PW Pot-luck Supper	11/17 Men's Dinner	12/15 Men's Dinner	1/19 Men's Dinner
10/19 Women's b'fast	11/20 High School Play – Afterglow at Angelillos'	12/19 Caroling Open House at Danns'	1/23 Bowling and Pizza
10/20 Men's Dinner	Women's Dinner TBA	12/21 Women's b'fast	1/26 Women's Dinner
10/27 Women's Dinner		Women's Dinner TBA	
10/30 Progressive Dinner			

UPCOMING DATES FOR NOVEMBER 2010

Tuesday, November 2nd	Election Day (Evening Bible Study)
Wednesday, November 3rd	Prayer Shawl Circle
Thursday, November 4th	Morning Bible Study
Sunday, November 7th	Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday November 8th	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, November 10th	Session
Thursday, November 11th	Veterans Day – Church Office will be CLOSED
Friday, November 12th	Holmes Camp Youth Retreat (overnight)
Sunday, November 14th	Confirmation
Monday, November 15th	Deadline for December 'Tidings'
Tuesday, November 16th	Evening Bible Study
Thursday, November 18th	Morning Bible Study
Monday, November 22nd-Friday 26th	Office closed
Thursday, November 25th	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, November 28th	First Sunday in Advent (Building & Grounds Committee Meeting)
Monday, November 29th	Cook for the INN

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 (Adult) 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: (Check calendar for exact dates)

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

Junior Troop #2445 alternate Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Senior Troop #2106 Mondays 7:30-9:00 p.m.

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

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

Session meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month.

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

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Please refer to the **October Calendar** to keep in touch with the many activities that **First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin** has to offer.

**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)

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NOTE: The Church office will be closed on **Monday, October 11th**, in observance of Columbus Day.
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**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER 'TIDINGS' IS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**

**Please ensure articles are in the office on or before 1:00 p.m., on  
Monday, October 18th for inclusion in the November *Tidings*.**

*Thanks so much!*



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## ACTIVITIES FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

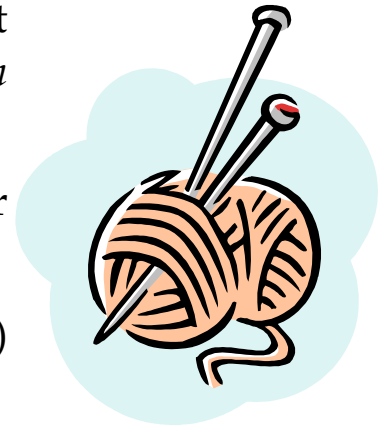
### PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

*"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 13th at 7:30 p.m.** (*rescheduled from the 6th*)

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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### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB



The Presbyterian Women's Breakfast Club 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, October 19th**. For more information, contact Marge Leverage at 223-5439.

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### WOMEN'S DINNER

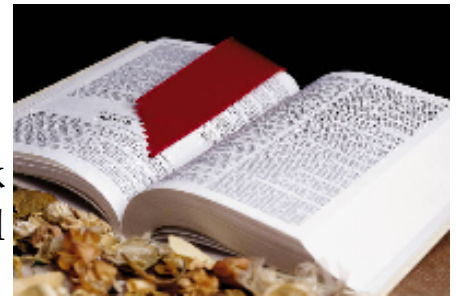
The women of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin are planning a evening of food and friendship on **Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m.** **Location – TBA.** All women are invited to attend. If you need more information, please call or see Felicia Wilson (623-6639) or Erika Floreska (379-8080). We look forward to a great evening.



# FIRST AND THIRD BIBLE STUDIES

## *“Transformed by Joy”*

Rev. Pratt will be leading Bible Studies on the book of Philippians. Both morning and evening sessions will follow the same materials. The schedule is as follows:



### Tuesday Night 8:00 p.m.

- October 5, 2010
- October 19, 2010
- November 2, 2010
- November 16, 2010
- December 7, 2010

### Thursday Morning 10:00 a.m.

- October 7, 2010
- October 21, 2010
- November 4, 2010
- November 18, 2010
- December 2, 2010

All members of the congregation are invited to attend, men and women. Please contact either Janet Kempner, 868-7795 or the church office 223-2112 and let us know which session you are interested in attending.



## CROP WALK

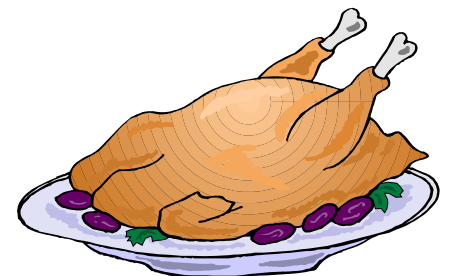
On **Sunday, October 17, 2010 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**, (rain or shine) come and join us in the annual CROP walk at Baldwin Park, Grand Avenue, Baldwin. Come walk with your whole family. Support our youth as they ask for your support in this walk-a-thon.

Sponsor sign-up sheets will be available soon from Vicki Warden if you'd like to walk.



## TURKEY DONATIONS NEEDED

If you have an **extra Turkey**, please bring it to the church. We need 36 for the whole year. They will be shared with the **Interfaith Nutrition Network** to feed hungry people in our community. We will cook for the INN on **Monday, October 25th** at 7:00 p.m., in Beyer Hall.





**Join us for the Progressive Dinner on  
Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 6:45 p.m.**

Sign up to serve one of four courses:  
appetizer, soup or salad, main course or dessert

Eat each course in a different home with  
a different group of people

Dessert is served at the church

A sign up sheet will be available in the Parlor  
over the next few weeks

For information call Ruth Dann (705-6019)  
or Barbara Ellis (221-0151)

**COME AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF  
GOOD FUN . . . GOOD FOOD . . . GOOD FRIENDS!**