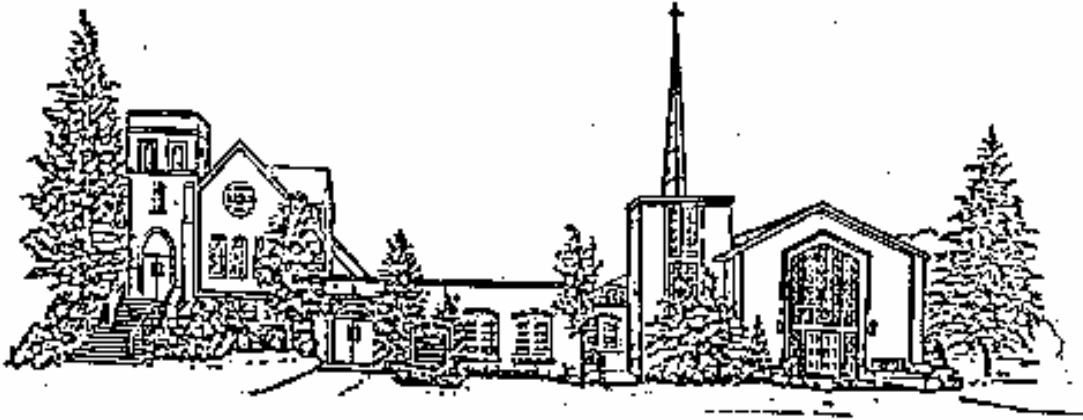


TIDINGS

NOVEMBER 2010



**Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families
to Grow in Faith!**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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**



CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Sunday, November 14, 2010

A number of our youth reach the conclusion of their journey towards confirmation on **Sunday, November 14th**. Please remember in your prayers:

The First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin Confirmation Class of 2010

*Valerie Achille
Shannon Bowman
Dan Nolan
James Nolan
Nicole Nolan
Alyssa Nolan
Andrew Olsen
Ryan Olsen
Kendra Segelken
Christian Tessitore
Gianna Tessitore
Audrey Wilson*

It has been quite a journey... involving Sunday evening classes, mission ventures, retreats and fellowship events. Come along and support them as they make their confirmation vows during our special service at 10:00 a.m., on Sunday November 14th, 2010.



ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES ...

THANKSGIVING

*“Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
His greatness no one can fathom.” (Psalms 145:3)*



Thanksgiving should not be a once a year celebration. Today is a day of thanksgiving. So was yesterday. And tomorrow will also be a time for giving thanks. Thanksgiving should be a daily attitude and action for all those who believe in the goodness of God and seek to praise God for all God has done. For Christians thanksgiving should be a way of life.

What are we thankful for in this season? There is so much when we consider how much we have been given. We thank God for the necessities of life—food, clothing, home, family, work, health, and friends. We thank God for freedom, the ability to make our own choices and do what we want.

And then there are the little things, which we should actually call the big things in life. They include the love of others, the beauty of the earth, laughter, kindness, honesty, truth, and all those qualities that add value to our days. We owe God a debt of gratitude for many gifts and blessings.

Most of all thanksgiving stems from our personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who has given us unconditional love, the promise of eternal life, the ever present help of the Holy Spirit and countless blessings.

Our loving God sees inside our often ungracious hearts and gradually removes our blinders so we eventually see our blessings more clearly. Our complaints and discontent are always temporary. What causes unhappiness today can be quickly forgotten, thanks to the blessings of tomorrow.

May God grant to you and yours a truly joyful
‘Thanksgiving’!



-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt



PRAYER CONCERNS

The sympathy and concern of the Church is expressed to **Carl Larson** and family in the death of his son, Carl, and to **Nate Muscarella** and family in the death of his brother, Paul.

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.



"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**, including the donation from **Elsie Langdon** in loving memory of her brother, Forrest Spencer Dunbar.



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

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



2010 PEACEMAKING OFFERING

To date, the 2010 Peacemaking Offering has received **\$776.75**

Thank you for your generosity!



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 asap!



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! Please note: There will be no meetings on November 2nd and November 23rd.

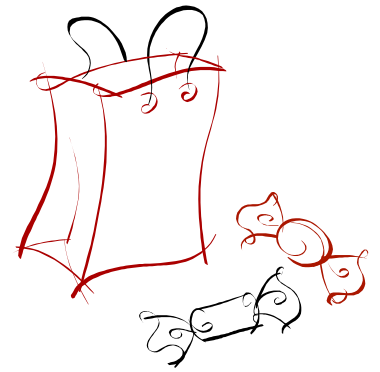
HALLOWEEN CANDY TITHE

ATTENTION CHILDREN:

We hope you have a happy and safe Halloween on Sunday, October 31st. Don't forget to save some of your Halloween candy and bring it to church on

Sunday, November 7, 2010

to make care packages for our college students.



Parents: Please help your children make a tithe of the candy they collect. Also, parents of youth who are in college, don't forget we need the address of your students (so we can send them candy!) Please let Susan Aksionoff or the church office know the addresses as soon as possible. Thanks so much.

CROP WALK



On **Sunday, October 17, 2010**, 23+ walkers & 1 dog from our church - namely: 3 Kearns, 1 Warden, 4 Batsford, 1 Wilson, 4 Nolan, 4 Tessitore, 1 Papatsos, 2 Pratt, 2 Strauss, 1 Sturzinger & some friends joined together in support of the annual CROP walk at Baldwin Park, Grand Avenue, Baldwin. We raised **\$1,150** from First Presbyterian Church for this important cause.

Thanks to Vicki Warden for setting this up and to all the participants. Together we can help to stop hunger!

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER, 2010

November 7 (Communion) "The Living Difference" Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

November 14 "Confirmation Day" service led by our Confirmands

November 21 Christ the King Sunday – Elder Margaret Cook

November 28 – First Sunday in Advent "Feasting on Hope" Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

STEWARDSHIP 2011 CAMPAIGN

The last few years have been difficult financially for most people. We know personal finances, savings, investments, businesses and jobs have suffered. The church's finances have also been adversely affected.

Consider our church building. We have a nice sanctuary and it serves us well. But, there is nothing excessive—no elaborate paintings, no ornate gilded fixtures—no air conditioning. We have a wooden and shingle roof, not expensive slate or tile.

Consider our choir. Their robes are simply designed. The choir shines because of their voices and spirit, not because of their robes.

The point I am trying to make is that we are not big spenders. We are not wasteful with the church's money!

Nevertheless, over the last two years we have **not** covered our expenses by approximately \$25,000 per year. This obviously cannot continue. Since we are already very careful about the church's money, we don't think we can reduce our expenses much more without cutting basic services. So, in order to continue providing important services and support to ourselves, our community and national and international charities, we must look to raise more money now to start working towards a balanced budget.

Like our national budget problems, your church's budget problems are something that we most likely won't be able to fix at once, but is something that we must start working towards **now**.

We are asking you to seriously consider trying to increase your pledge. The longer we wait to start addressing our budget problems, the more difficult it will be to solve them.

May God give us guidance in our endeavors.

Thank you.



*-John Murray
Stewardship and Finance Committee*

Baldwin
Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday,
November 21, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Second Baptist Church of Baldwin,
Corner of Grand Avenue
and Florence,
Baldwin, NY

Please plan on attending and show
the Community that
First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin
is well represented.

**PICK UP A COPY OF THE ADVENT CALENDAR
FOR YOUR FAMILY!**

They will be available Sunday, November 28th

The holidays are a great time to invite a friend to church!

ADVENT WREATH CANDLES AND COLORS

First Sunday Of Advent	November 28 th	The candle of hope (purple)
Second Sunday Of Advent	December 5 th	The candle of love (purple)
Third Sunday Of Advent	December 12 th	The candle of joy (pink)
Fourth Sunday Of Advent	December 19 th	The candle of peace (purple)
Christmas Eve (Thursday)	December 24 th	The Christ Candle (white)

A JAZZ "ADVENT"URE

December 5 at 3:00pm.

December 5 is the second Sunday of Advent and our church will be swinging!

Come celebrate the season with Matt Wilson's Christmas Tree-O as they perform selections from their brand new Christmas cd. Hear such favorites as "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "O Come O Come Emmanuel", "Angels We Have Heard on High", "The Hallelujah Chorus" (like no other) and other favorites. Expect many surprises that will delight all ages.

Matt Wilson's Christmas Tree-O features a congregation favorite Jeff Lederer on reeds and Paul "Wonder Boy" Sikivie on the contrabass along with Matt on drums and timpani.

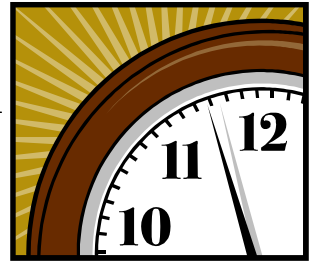
"If we were to form a jazz combo we would most certainly model it after the Christmas Tree-O!" -*The Three Wise Men*

"Maybe if I would have had the Christmas Tree-O cd in my youth I would have grown up to be a nicer person." -*Mr. Potter (from It's a Wonderful Life)*



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.



NOTE: The Church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 11th**, in observance of Veterans Day and on Thursday and Friday **November 25th and 26th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

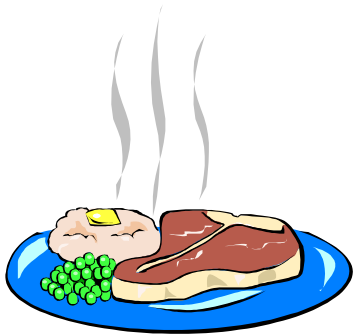
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## OFFERING ENVELOPES

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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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, November 17th.**

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## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK 1 hour** before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6th. Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 7th.**





## Focus on Fellowship 2010-2011

| NOVEMBER 2010                                                                                                                                 | DECEMBER 2010                                                                                                                                                           | JANUARY 2011                                                                                                          |
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| <b>11/16</b> Women's b'fast<br><b>11/17</b> Men's Dinner<br><b>11/20</b> High School Play – Afterglow at Angelillos'<br>Women's Dinner<br>TBA | <b>12/12</b> Church Christmas Dinner<br><b>12/15</b> Men's Dinner<br><b>12/19</b> Caroling Open House at Danns'<br><b>12/21</b> Women's b'fast<br>Women's Dinner<br>TBA | <b>1/18</b> Women's b'fast<br><b>1/19</b> Men's Dinner<br><b>1/23</b> Bowling and Pizza<br><b>1/26</b> Women's Dinner |

### UPCOMING DATES FOR DECEMBER 2010

|                          |                                                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, December 1st  | Prayer Shawl Circle                             |
| Thursday, December 2nd   | Morning Bible Study                             |
| Friday, December 3rd     | Youth begin an overnight sleepover – Beyer Hall |
| Sunday, December 5th     | Matt Wilson's TREE-O Jazz Concert               |
| Tuesday, December 7th    | Evening Bible Study                             |
| Wednesday, December 8th  | Session                                         |
| Sunday, December 12th    | Christmas Play and Christmas Dinner             |
| Monday, December 13th    | Deacons Meeting                                 |
| Wednesday, December 15th | Deadline for January 'Tidings'                  |
| Sunday, December 19th    | Caroling then Open House at Danns               |
| Thursday, December 24th  | Christmas Eve services                          |
| Monday, December 27th    | Office Closed for the week                      |

**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 **November 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

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**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 'TIDINGS' IS**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

Please ensure articles are in the office on or before 1:00 p.m., on Monday, November 15th for inclusion in the December *Tidings*.

*Thanks so much!*



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## ACTIVITIES FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

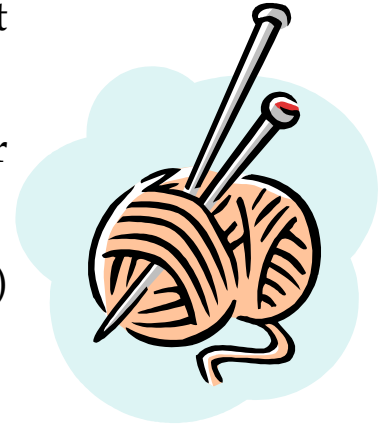
### PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

*"Calling all knitters and crocheters!"*

The Prayer Shawl Circle will meet regularly on the **First Wednesday of each month** in the church parlor. Our next meeting will be **November 3rd 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).



### 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, November 16th**. For more information, contact Marge Leverage at 223-5439.



### WOMEN'S DINNER

The women of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin's regular fourth Wednesday of the month's dinner falls on November 24th—right before Thanksgiving—so we will not be meeting on that date! No alternate date is available (at the moment) so please check your weekly Sunday bulletin for more information.



# 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:



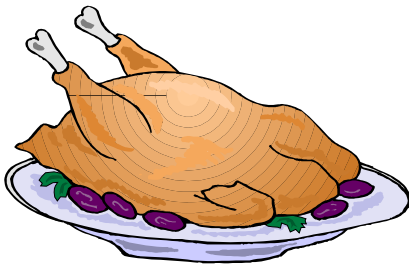
### Tuesday Night 8:00 p.m.

November 2, 2010  
November 16, 2010  
December 7, 2010

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

November 4, 2010  
November 18, 2010  
December 2, 2010

All members of the congregation are invited to attend, men and women. We look forward to seeing you there!



## TURKEY DONATIONS NEEDED

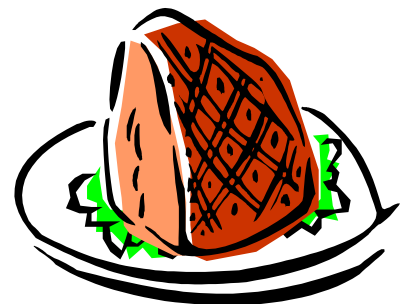
If you have an **extra Turkey**, please bring it to the church. We need 36 for the whole year. They will be shared with the **Interfaith Nutrition Network** to feed hungry people in our community.

**Don't forget:** This is the time of year when Turkeys go on sale! We will cook for the INN on **Monday, November 29th** at 7:00 p.m., in Beyer Hall.



## HAM DONATIONS NEEDED

The Church will be collecting **canned hams** for the INN for the month of December. Please bring your ham or money towards a ham to the church. Thank you.



# Church Women United

## World Community Day

### *"Building the Beloved Community"*

**Friday, November 5, 2010**

Join us as we worship together at the All Saints Episcopal Church, 2375 Harrison Drive, Baldwin, NY on **Friday, November 5, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.**

World Community Day, celebrated annually in the first week of November, is an ecumenical service that brings women and men together to share their aspirations and challenges. This year's program begins with Dr. Martin Luther King' Jr's vision of a world in which people of many nations and traditions work together in a commitment of nonviolent means. Together we consider examples of economic injustice in the light of a goal; communities that promote the dignity, safety and economic opportunities for all - which Dr. King memorably called "The Beloved Community." Claudia Ellquist, Kristina Peterson and Jeanette Ross, National Ecumenical Celebrations Committee members, have written this service.

The logo for World Community Day 2010 depicts hearts of all sizes and shapes radiating out of one enormous heart-center. Folk artist Florence Naquin, a member of TARC, Terrebonne Association for Retarded Citizens, designed it. This Louisiana nonprofit organization creates opportunities that support the talents and need for independence found among its members. Essential nonprofit groups like TARC are frequently the first to suffer in times of economic difficulty. WCD 2010 is intended to lift up awareness of community needs.



**Please join us on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. See Ruth Dann for information.**

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S 2010 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This program is a very special part of our Presbyterian Women's year. We will once again be collecting gifts for Pilgrim State and gathering the gifts for the Queens Children's Psychiatric Center. A list will be available soon for gifts to be purchased for Pilgrim State. (See the Christmas tree on the bulletin board in the Narthex for items requested for Queens Children's Psychiatric Center.)



Here are excerpts from past years thank you notes received.

From Pilgrim State: *"As has been your tradition, you have touched the lives of our patients with a special and personalized gift to each. It is always a thrill for each of our patients to receive a beautifully wrapped present at this time of year. Your time and efforts in caring for our patients are greatly appreciated."*

From the Queens Children's Psychiatric Center: *"The gifts that were donated by your church community helped to brighten the day for the children who have no family to go to on Christmas Day or who are unable to go home. Staff and the children were amazed that many of the gifts were on their 'wish list' for Christmas Day. The gifts brought many hours of pleasure for our children and our adolescents during the past holiday season and beyond."*



**Please have your gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) to the church by Sunday, December 12, 2010**

Any questions, call Janet Kempner at 868-7795,  
or Bobbi Angelillo at 623-6898.