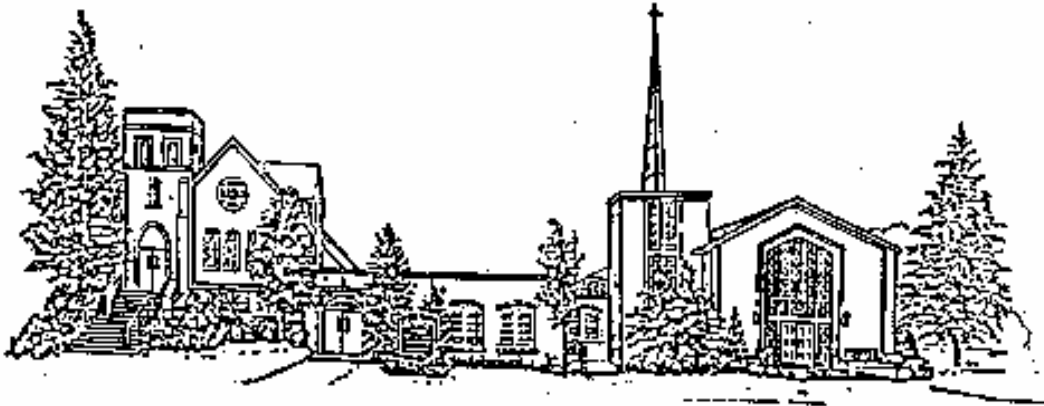


# *TIDINGS*

**FEBRUARY 2011**



Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families  
to Grow in Faith!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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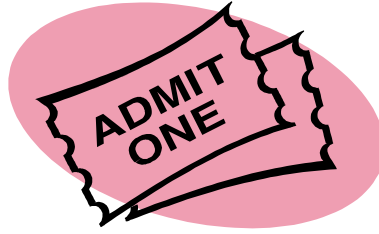
**Ministers: All the People of the Church**

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

Yvonne Pratt, Secretary  
Edward Hansen, Sexton

# ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES ...

## "TICKETS PLEASE"



I was reading recently of somebody who found a "quarterly ticket" in his great-great-grandmother's Bible. The ticket is dated A.D. 1884, and signed by her Methodist preacher.

Once each quarter, the circuit-riding preacher came through the small towns to boost the faithful and verify patterns of attendance. Two signatures verified that the member had been faithful in worship attendance at his or her church during the most recent three-month period.

Can you imagine collecting tickets for a worship service today? We can scarcely contemplate the power or the discipline of such behavior. Such faithfulness is difficult to sustain in our day.

Weekend leisure becomes the norm. "Night and day" sales draw huge crowds to the shopping malls. Leisure theme parks lure us and then remake us into tired, grumpy people. Skilled manipulators find fresh ways to entice consumption of our discretionary time.

In order to be "card carrying" believers today, we need to be very intentional. Maybe we should take note of the message I saw on one church billboard. "One Week without Worship makes one Weak". Worship has been described as "the Christian's vital breath."

Breathe well this month!

*-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.



## “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**.



## IT’S A GIRL!

Sophie Alice Olesen was born on December 11, 2010, in London, England, to parents, Joyce and Philip Olesen, and excited big sister, Charlotte Grace.



Sophie is the granddaughter of proud grandparents, Madeline and Jeff Speight. *Congratulations to you all!*



## SESSION

There is no Session Report due to January’s cancellation of Session because of inclement weather conditions.

The next meeting of Session is on **Wednesday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m.**

## FEBRUARY YOUTH MEETINGS



Our youth will be participating in Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday on February 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be raising money for the Souper Bowl campaign which will be donated towards supporting the local food pantry in Freeport. (See article on the back of the calendar.) There will be no youth meeting that evening. There will be a meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Due to the winter recess there will be no meetings on Sundays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

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### 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. We enjoy games, stories, crafts, snacks and fun, fun, fun!

**Reminder:** If there is no school due to inclement weather, there will be no Kingdom Kids that day either.

**NOTE:** There will be **no** Kingdom Kids on **February 22nd**.

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### THANK YOU FROM THE CHURCH OF ST. CHRISTOPHER

*(an excerpt from a letter to Susan Aksionoff and Bert Person)*

This year our Food Pantry and Social Ministry Program aided two-hundred and eighty-two families providing them with food, help with rent, utilities, furniture, clothing and more. The families are comprised mainly of the working poor who struggle to keep-up with the constantly increasing cost of rent, food, utilities, etc. Our ability to provide the families with supplemental food, most especially during the holidays, makes such a difference to them. However, we would not be able to do this without assistance from people like you and your Sunday School families.

"Thank You" for hosting the First Presbyterian Church's Third Annual Sunday School Holiday Food Drive.

*-Mary Von Stein, Dir., Parish Social Ministry*

## WORSHIP SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

February 6 – (Communion) Souper Bowl of Caring  
“When Jesus came to Church” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

February 13  
“Does it pay to be Good?” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

February 20  
“Why are Prayers not answered?” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

February 27  
“Can we heal the World?” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

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## MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA 2011

### A Change in Date!!!

**Sunday, August 21st through Saturday, August 27th (or parts thereof!)**

We continue to lay plans for a youth mission trip to West Virginia. (Youth must be 14+) Adults will also be welcomed! (A minimum ratio of 1 adult to every 5 youth is required). The trip is being arranged through the Nassau County Joint Youth ministry project that involves the Presbyterian churches at Baldwin, Garden City, Glen Cove, Malverne, Mas-



sapequa and Freeport. We will be working with WVMAW (West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps). WVMAW are a Presbyterian ministry that offer the opportunity for discipleship by partnering with those in need whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters or by the disaster of poverty in areas of West Virginia. The work may involve working on light construction or environmental projects. In addition there will be a fun day that is likely to involve white-water rafting.

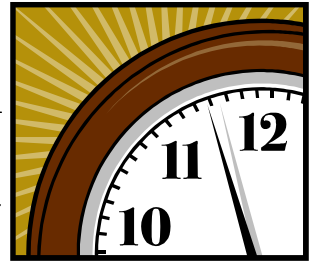
We are still working out the financial details. There is a charge (which goes to cover materials used in the projects) of \$210 a person per week, plus the additional cost of transportation. We are exploring our options for the latter! If you are interested please speak with your pastor.

For more information on WVMAW visit their website:  
<http://www.wvpresbytery.org/Ministries/WVMAW/tabid/68/Default.aspx>

## 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 **Monday, February 21st** in observance of Presidents' Day.



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## OFFERING ENVELOPES

### PER CAPITA ENVELOPE – WHAT'S IT FOR?

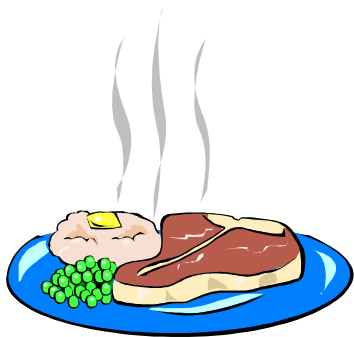
The cost of the Presbytery of Long Island offices are divided by the total number of active members in the presbytery, yielding a per active member (or per capita) charge. Our church pays the Presbytery each year an amount equal to our active membership (approx. 190) times the per capita amount. Your per capita contribution helps cover this cost to our church. *(A blue, Per Capita Apportionment envelope, can be found in your offering envelope box.)*

If any of you have not yet picked up your box of envelopes for 2011, **please do so as soon as possible.** They are located in the Narthex.

Also, 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.

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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, February 16th.**

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## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

The **January/February, 2011** issue of the Upper Room Devotionals are now available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.



## Focus on Fellowship 2011

FEBRUARY 2011	MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011
2/15 Women's b'fast	3/04 CWU World Day of Prayer	4/19 Women's b'fast
2/16 Men's Dinner	3/09 Soup Supper (Ash Wednesday)	4/20 Men's Dinner
	3/15 Women's b'fast	4/27 Women's Dinner
	3/16 Men's Dinner	
	3/23 Women's Dinner	

### UPCOMING DATES FOR MARCH 2011

Tuesday, March 1st	Evening Bible Study
Wednesday, March 2nd	Session (rescheduled from the 9th)
Thursday, March 3rd	Morning Bible Study
Friday, March 4th	Church Women United – World Day of Prayer
Wednesday, March 9th	Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
Sunday, March 13th	Daylight Savings Time begins – First Sunday in Lent, Tartan Sunday
Monday, March 14th	Deacons
Tuesday, March 15th	Evening Bible Study
Wednesday, March 16th	Deadline for April Tidings
Wednesday, March 16th	Prayer Shawl Circle (rescheduled from the 2nd)
Thursday, March 17th	Morning Bible Study
Monday, March 28th	Cook for the INN



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## ACTIVITIES FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

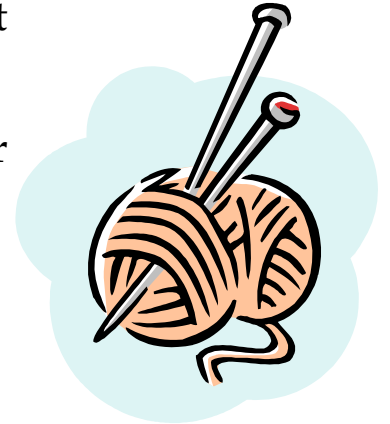
### PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

*"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 **February 2nd, 2011 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 the church on 223-2112



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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, February 15th**. For more information, call the church on 223-2112

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### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING 2010:

#### Share a Gift for Christmas...

Thank you to all who contributed to December's "Christmas Joy Offering". Additional contributions increased our total to \$617. Thank you once again.



# FIRST AND THIRD BIBLE STUDIES

## "The Gospel of Matthew"



A new Session of adult Bible Study has begun. We hope to hold studies regularly on the **first** and **third** Tuesday evenings/Thursday mornings each month. The evening and morning studies will cover the same material, the theme of which for 2011 will be 'The Gospel of Matthew'.

The schedule is as follows:

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

February 1st  
February 15th  
March 1st  
March 15th

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

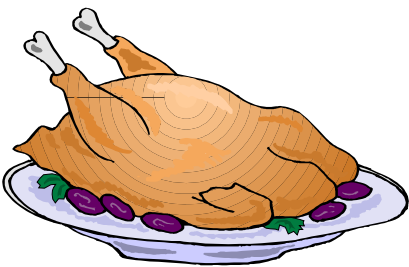
February 3rd  
February 17th  
March 3rd  
March 17th

All members of the congregation are invited to attend. 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.



We will cook for the INN on **Monday, February 28th, 2011** at 7:00 p.m., in Beyer Hall.



*To all members and friends at First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin  
"Happy Valentine's Day"*



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2011

More than 20 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

We will be focusing on the Souper Bowl of Caring on **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**, when our youth will be on hand to receive monetary donations for our local food pantry.



Please give generously.