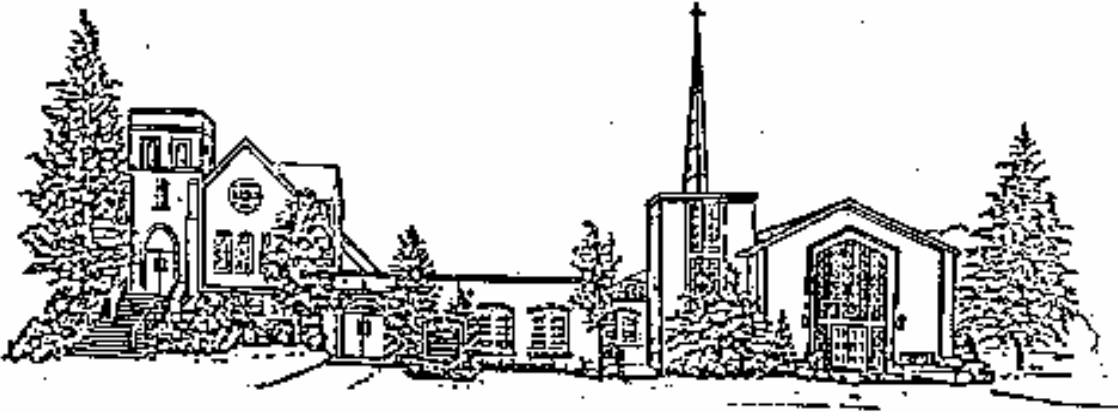


TIDINGS

APRIL 2011



Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families
to Grow in Faith!

FRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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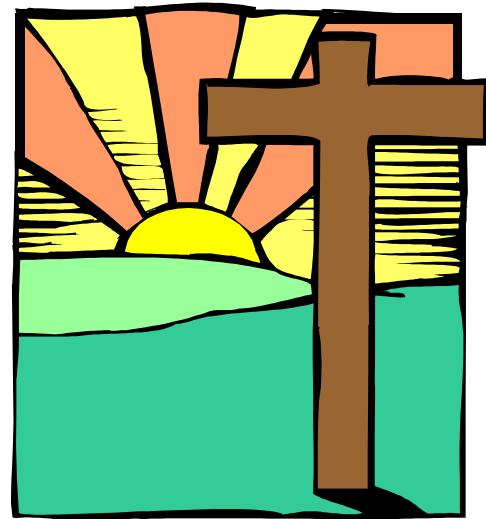
**The Rev. Adrian J. Pratt, Pastor
Ksenia Lowenfels, Music Director**

**Yvonne Pratt, Secretary
Edward Hansen, Sexton**

ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES ...

EASTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Somewhere in the country, a social service agency sent out a letter to a recipient of their services: "We have received notice that you are deceased. Your food stamps will be stopped effective immediately. You may reapply if there is any change in your circumstances."



Consider the story of Easter for a moment. The Easter message implies that there has been a change in our circumstances. Christ rose from the grave. God demonstrated that death is not the ultimate enemy or the final calamity. We are not called to 'live for today, for tomorrow we die', but live in the confident faith that every action we make on earth is related to eternity.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ makes new life a possibility for every life. He died to offer to us the forgiveness of God. No longer should fear of what is past and forgiven hold us back. He was raised that we may know that God has our future in His hands. And that future looks bright!

For sure there will be low points in our spiritual pilgrimages, but Easter is not meant to be one of them. Easter is a time for rejoicing. Rejoicing in the eternal life God offers to all who believe. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit whom God sends to empower us for Christian living.

Rejoicing in the provision of God's Word which records for us how God has acted in the lives of people much like ourselves. Rejoicing in the testimony of changed lives and renewed relationships where Christ's presence has been welcomed.

I pray that the Easter message is making a difference to your life and invite you to share with us in worship during this Easter Season.

-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.

PLEASE send **Felicia Wilson** words of encouragement to help keep her spirits lifted while she continues to recover following her bone marrow transplant at North Shore University Hospital. You can check for updates and leave words here: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/feliciawilson> You can always go to the CaringBridge website and click visit and just type feliciawilson where it asks for the website name.

or write her at her email address okiefiddle@aol.com



“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.



CONDOLENCES

The sympathy and concern of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin is expressed to former member, **Paul Reed** and family of NV, in the death of his daughter, Kimberly Ellen Reed, aged 39. Rev. Pratt was privileged to perform a service of Committal of Ashes at the graveside of Kimberly’s mother, Bonny Park Reed, at Greenfield Cemetery, on Saturday, March 5, 2011.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BALDWIN, NY
STATED SESSION MEETING SUMMARY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011

Session met for their stated meeting on Wednesday March 2, 2011. This was a week earlier than usual due to Ash Wednesday being the following week. After opening prayer, reports from Clerk, Pastor and Committees were received and approved. The bulleted list below highlight the business transacted;

- Our Clerk's Statistical Report to the Presbytery was approved for submission.
- It was approved to seek a paid babysitter to staff the nursery for 2½ hours per Sunday at \$10.00 per hour (or \$25.00 per Sunday), to be funded from the Local Mission Budget. Elder Madeline Speight will search for candidates.
- Rev. Pratt reported on accompanying four of our youth to the Bowery Mission in New York City on Thursday, February 24th. In part, they distributed sandwiches to homeless people, and assisted in a Worship Service.
- Our Building Grounds Committee reported on various issues, including a successful fire alarm test having been conducted.
- Our Fellowship Committee updated us on planned events throughout the rest of the year.

Thanks were received from the PC (USA) Board of Pensions for the 2010 Peacemaking Offering from our church and from the Long Island Presbytery, for the 2010 Unified Mission Support. Elder Susan Aksionoff will present a Minute for Mission on this subject to increase awareness of the causes we support. Elders Bill Hodges and Margaret Cook were appointed as representatives to the next Presbytery meeting which takes place Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at Bethpage Presbyterian Church.

The next scheduled Stated Session Meeting will be 7:30 p.m., **Wednesday, April 13, 2011**, with Elder Howard Batsford as Acting Clerk.

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt, Moderator of Session



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Please feel free to take a copy of the **March/April, 2011** issue of the Upper Room Devotionals. There are a few still available in the Narthex.

NURSERY SUPERVISOR HIRED

The Personnel Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Baldwin are delighted to announce a new member of staff. **NORA KOGELSCHATZ** has joined us as our Nursery Supervisor. Please make every effort to welcome Nora when you see her on a Sunday morning.

-Personnel Committee

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT



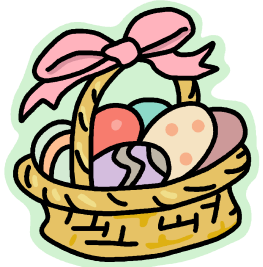
The Sunday School and youth of the church will be presenting Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on **Sunday, April 10th** during the church service. This is an abridged version for young people. The musical is by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. It was first performed at the Central Hall, Westminster in England on May 12th 1968 by the boys of Colet School.

Ella Perez will be singing Joseph, Audrey Wilson the Narrator and Andrew Olsen the Pharaoh. The cast has been working hard and we all look forward to a wonderful performance. We hope to use drums and guitars also. We encourage all of you to attend and bring your friends.

-Shari Greenberg

EASTER EGG HUNT

The children of the church **UP TO GRADE 7** are invited to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt following worship on **Palm Sunday, April 17**. **8TH GRADE & UP** please come at 9:30 a.m., to help set up, and then be on hand following worship to help the little ones.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011

**One
great hour
of sharing**

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received during the Palm Sunday service.

Children... Don't forget to bring your fish banks!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES Bowery Mission Trip



Four of our youth, Hannah Batsford, Gianna and Lauren Tesitore, and Audrey Wilson, along with our pastor, joined with youth and adults from Nassau Presbyterian Churches on a trip to the Bowery Mission in Manhattan. They prepared food, went out into the community with sandwiches and participated in leading worship. The day concluded with bowling at Chelsea Piers. Valuable service

was offered and a good time had by all.

Mission Impossible 4.

Our next scheduled youth overnight is planned for **8-9th April.**

KINGDOM KIDS

NOTE: Due to a Presbytery meeting falling on a Tuesday, and Spring Recess, the "Kingdom Kids" will only meet once in April, and that will be on **APRIL 12TH.**



TARTAN SUNDAY!

Tartan Sunday had to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict with the piper, Jerry Dixon. We are pleased to announce it has now been re-scheduled to **MAY 15TH.** We look forward to celebrating our Scottish Heritage.



FOOD OFFERING

Don't forget, the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin regularly collects non-perishable food items on the **First Sunday of each Month.** A box for this purpose is placed in the Narthex. All items are forwarded to the Freeport Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

Ministry today can be exciting and challenging. Our congregations are blessed with increasing diversity, there are many and varied ways to communicate with members and potential members, and existing programs need to be maintained and rejuvenated. For congregational leaders who are doing church work in addition to their many other responsibilities, it can be taxing to find the resources needed to sustain their church work.

This is where the Parish Resource Center comes in. The core service of the Parish Resource Center is a staff of professional consultants who serve congregational leaders and members who visit or seek help by telephone, mail or internet. In addition to individualized consultative assistance, the Parish Resource Center sponsors seminars and training events. Cutting-edge resources to preview and borrow are also available to subscribers. Finally, the Center provides an accessible, hospitable and well-equipped one-stop center that helps leaders and members address challenges and work together on congregational tasks.

As a subscriber to the Parish Resource Center, our church has access to the many and varied services that the Center provides. The staff of the Center takes on any and all tasks and returns with an abundance of resources, suggestions and information. By helping us to unlock the human and spiritual resources in our congregation, the Parish Resource Center strengthens our church and the wider community.

The Parish Resource Center is located at 919 Elmont Road, Valley Stream and their phone number is (516) 285-0919.



FLOWER DONATIONS

Don't forget you can sign up for flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary on any given Sunday. All you need to do is check the Flower Chart in the Narthex for availability and complete a "Flower Donation Form", which can be placed in the offering plate, or handed in to the church office. You can donate in memory of loved ones or in celebration of a birthday/anniversary or something special you wish to share. Your donation tribute will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday that you specified. The cost is \$20 per donation.



HELENE KAPPELMANN

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

When Considering the Human Rights award one of the first persons that came to mind was Helene Kappelmann.

Helene’s whole life has been dedicated to the caring and well-being of those in need, beginning with her profession as a Social Worker in NYC, and Nassau County.

For CWU, she fostered this spirit when she became President and later as V.P. of the Legislation, focusing on such issues as the Nestle Baby Bottle Boycott, Domestic Violence, and as an advocate for the WIC Program for Women. She has also been involved each year in hosting guests from Pilgrim State – a project originating with CWU.

In the life of the church she has been very active. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Community Reformed Church of Baldwin. When that closed in the early 70’s she became a member of the Baldwin Presbyterian Church.

There she has had many roles. She was our representative to Presbytery for many years and also on the Board of Presbyterian Women.

At the local church level, she has served on Session and the Board of Deacons. She has spearheaded the letter writing campaigns for Bread for the World, been in charge of Peacemaking Sunday as well as our representative for the Interfaith Council.

At the Community level, she has worked at the Soup Kitchen of the Interfaith Nutrition Network (the INN) every Thursday for over 20 years.

This is a small sampling of her involvement in hearing God’s Call.

In retrospect Helene, I can’t think of a more deserving person to receive this 1st CWU Human Rights Award.

Helene was presented with a Certificate and Pin at the CWU service on March 4, 2011. “Many congratulations Helene.”



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

**Friday, May 6, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin**



Tickets are available from Bobbi Angelillo
We hope you will participate in this Ecumenical Celebration.

Come support this Church Women United sponsored event!



CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday was held on Sunday, March 20, 2011, when Cynthia Vonderahe was presented with the 'Honored Witness' award and received a certificate. Thanks to all who made this day special and to our guest speaker, Elder Margaret Cook.

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### PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

*"Calling all knitters and crocheters!"*

The Prayer Shawl Circle meet regularly on the **First Wednesday of each month** in the church parlor. We will meet on **Wednesday, April 6th, 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 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. They meet on **Tuesday, April 19th**. For more information, contact Marge Leverage at 223-5439.



### 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, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.** All women are invited to attend. If you need more information, please call Erika Floreska (379-8080). We look forward to seeing you there.



**WORSHIP SERVICES FOR APRIL, 2011**

**April 3 – (Communion) Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**“The Faces of Barabbas ” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt**

**April 10 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**“Joseph Musical” - Sunday School and Youth  
under the direction of Shari Greenberg**

**April 17 – Palm Sunday**

**“Why a Donkey?” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt**

**April 21st - Maundy Thursday Communion service at 8:00 p.m.**

***April 22nd Good Friday Ecumenical Service***

*12:00 Noon at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1375 Grand Ave, Baldwin*

**April 24 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter**

**“Do not Be Afraid” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt**



**MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA 2011**

**DATES NOW SET!**

**Monday, August 22nd through Sunday, August 28th**

Plans are progressing for the youth mission trip to West Virginia. (Youth must be 14+) Adults will also be welcomed! The trip is being arranged through the Nassau County Joint Youth ministry project 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. The work will most probably be on homes in the Montgomery area. In addition there will be a fun day that is likely to involve white-water rafting.

We are still working out the financial details. **If you are interested please speak with your pastor. Registration forms should be available soon.**

For more information on WVMAW visit their website:

<http://www.wvpresbytery.org/Ministries/WVMAW/tabid/68/Default.aspx>





## Focus on Fellowship 2011/2012

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APRIL 2011</b></p> <p><b>4/17</b> Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast (in support of West Virginia Mission Trip)<br/> <b>4/19</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>4/20</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>4/27</b> Women's Dinner</p>     | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAY 2011</b></p> <p><b>5/17</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>5/18</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>5/22</b> All Ages Scavenger Hunt and Dinner<br/> <b>5/25</b> Women's Dinner</p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNE 2011</b></p> <p><b>6/6</b> Host Pilgrim State Luncheon<br/> <b>6/14</b> Annual Women's Dinner-Coral House<br/> <b>6/15</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>6/21</b> Women's b'fast</p>                                           |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JULY 2011</b></p> <p><b>7/15-17</b> Congregational Camping Weekend at Lido Beach<br/> <b>7/19</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>7/20</b> Men's Dinner</p>                                                               | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUGUST 2011</b></p> <p><b>8/16</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>8/17</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>8/22-28</b> West Virginia Mission Trip</p>                                          | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEPTEMBER 2011</b></p> <p><b>9/11</b> Welcome Back Picnic<br/> <b>9/20</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>9/21</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>9/25</b> Bike Ride and Barbecue at Bethpage State Park<br/> <b>9/28</b> Women's Dinner</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCTOBER 2011</b></p> <p><b>10/18</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>10/19</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>10/26</b> Women's Dinner<br/> <b>10/29</b> White Elephant Dinner Social (adults)<br/> <b>(Date TBA)</b> CROP Walk</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOVEMBER 2011</b></p> <p><b>11/15</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>11/16</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>11/19</b> High School Play – Afterglo at Angelillos'</p>                        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DECEMBER 2011</b></p> <p><b>12/11</b> Christmas Dinner<br/> <b>12/18</b> Caroling – Open House at Danns'<br/> <b>12/20</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>12/21</b> Men's Dinner</p>                                               |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JANUARY 2012</b></p> <p><b>01/17</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>01/18</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>01/25</b> Women's Dinner<br/> <b>01/29</b> Bowling &amp; Pizza and Parlor Games</p>                                   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEBRUARY 2012</b></p> <p><b>02/15</b> Men's Dinner<br/> <b>02/21</b> Women's b'fast<br/> <b>02/22</b> Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (proceeds to One Great Hour of Sharing)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAVE THE DATES!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## UPCOMING DATES FOR MAY 2011

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| Tuesday, May 3    | Evening Bible Study                |
| Wednesday, May 4  | Prayer Shawl Circle                |
| Thursday, May 5   | Morning Bible Study                |
| Friday, May 6     | CWU Friendship Luncheon            |
| Sunday, May 8     | Mother's Day                       |
| Monday, May 9     | Deacons                            |
| Wednesday, May 11 | Session                            |
| Friday, May 13    | Girl Scout No Sleep PJ Party       |
| Sunday, May 15    | Tartan Sunday                      |
| Monday, May 16    | Deadline for June Tidings          |
| Thursday, May 19  | LIPW Spring Gathering              |
| Sunday, May 22    | All Ages Scavenger Hunt and Dinner |
| Monday, May 23    | Cook for the INN                   |
| Monday, May 30    | Memorial Day – office closed       |

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*Thanks so much!*

### 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.



### HOLD THE DATE – THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011

The Long Island Presbyterian Women will be holding their meeting at **OUR** church on this date. Time: 9:30 a.m., through lunch. We bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage are provided. Our speaker will be Ann Burrell who was a delegate on the U.S. Mission Trip to South Dakota.

# FIRST AND THIRD BIBLE STUDIES

## "The Gospel of Matthew"



Bible Study is usually held on the **first** and **third** Tuesday evenings/Thursday mornings each month. The evening and morning studies cover the same material, the theme is: '*According to Matthew*'.

The schedule is as follows:

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

April 5th  
April 19th  
May 3rd  
June 21st

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

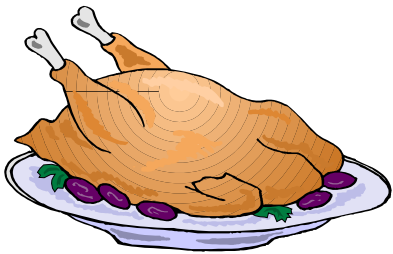
April 7th  
April 21st  
May 5th  
June 16th

*Please note, due to scheduling conflicts, there will be one study instead of two in May and June.*

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



## TURKEY DONATIONS NEEDED



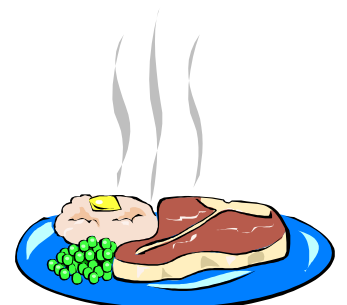
If you have an **extra Turkey**, please bring it to the church. We need 36 for the whole year. They will be shared with the **Interfaith Nutrition Network** to feed hungry people in our community.

We will cook for the INN on **Monday, April 25th, 2011** at 7:00 p.m., in Beyer Hall.



## 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, April 20th.**



**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 at 7:30 p.m.

**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/Ambassador Troop #2106** Once monthly on a Monday 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 at 7:30 p.m.

**Session** meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Youth Group** meet on Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

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Please refer to the **April 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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