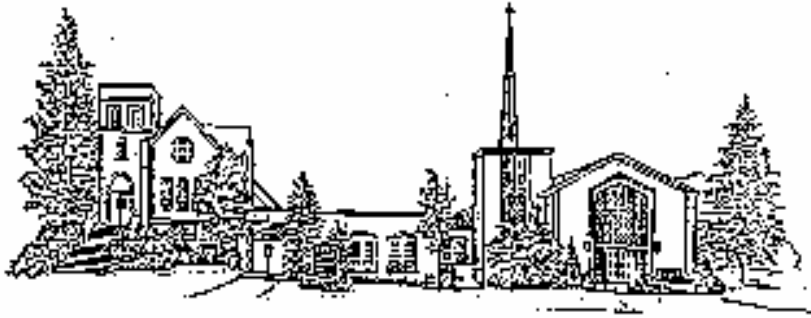


# *TIDINGS*

## **SEPTEMBER 2011**



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](http://www.firstpresbyterianbaldwin.org)**

**Pastor's Blog site: [www.baldwinpresby.blogspot.com](http://www.baldwinpresby.blogspot.com)**

**Church e-mail: [baldwinchurch@verizon.net](mailto:baldwinchurch@verizon.net)**

**Pastor's e-mail: [thepastor3@verizon.net](mailto: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

## ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES ...

The following was published in a Presbyterian denominational magazine.

*"The church is losing out in competition with secular influences in American life. Our church is still geared to an 18<sup>th</sup> century pattern. In the days of the 18<sup>th</sup> century when the present pattern of worship became established, the church had little or no competition from other sources. Today, however, we need to give more serious thought to what the church can accomplish when it claims, at best, only two hours... out of a very busy week."*

*"The church faces 'a fantastic array' of competition from movies, televisions, sports, books and secular organizations, all of which are pulling people in other directions. We have a contribution to make, but the church is going to have to find a more effective way of reaching people or it is bound to be pushed back into a minor role in society because of the sheer weight of competition."*

What you may find surprising about these words is not their content (because the observations certainly have a contemporary ring to them) but the fact that this article was written 60 years ago. They were written by a nationally syndicated columnist, Marquis Childs and appeared in the July 23, 1951, edition of *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

The article insists that 'we have a contribution to make'. But it also highlights for us that, 60 years further down the line, we are still struggling to discern how we can make a difference in the lives of the communities we are called to serve.

As we enter into a new season in the life of our church, there are numerous things that will compete for our time and allegiance. It all comes down to basic questions about commitment. The earliest Christian affirmation of faith was simply "Jesus Christ is Lord." Such were not easy words to speak in an empire that enthroned its emperors as gods and demanded people's total allegiance.

Christian commitment has never been a safe option or easy solution. The call of Jesus Christ across the centuries challenges us no less today than it did 2000 years ago, or even 60 years ago.

Let us be people of faith in the midst of an ever changing and challenging world. Let us be people of prayer who find their center in the unchanging grace of God. Let us be people whose life journey is informed by Scripture and enlivened through active participation in the life of their church.

*-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** continue to send **Felicia Wilson** words of encouragement following her bone marrow transplant.

Her email address is [okiefiddle@aol.com](mailto:okiefiddle@aol.com)



## FIRST AND THIRD BIBLE STUDIES

### – “The Gospel of Matthew”

Bible Studies at the church resume in September.

The evening and morning studies cover the same material and the theme is: *‘According to Matthew’*.

The schedule through the end of the year is as follows:



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

- September 20
- October 4
- October 18
- November 1
- November 15
- December 6
- December 20

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

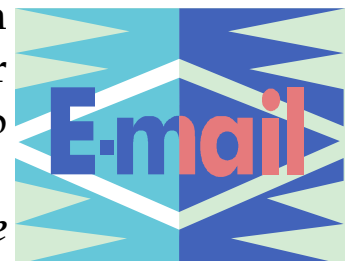
- September 15
- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 15

All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend in the fall. We look forward to seeing you!



## EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are updating the church e-mail list. Please e-mail a note to Yvonne Pratt at [baldwinchurch@verizon.net](mailto:baldwinchurch@verizon.net) with your address. Please put "e-mail address" in the subject line to help her sort messages. Thank you.



*-Outreach Committee*



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Youth group will kick-off their Fall activities at 7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, September 18th**. Plan to attend as we will be reviewing the upcoming calendar of events. On October 9th there will be a Joint Youth Event with a Barbecue and Band at Garden City.

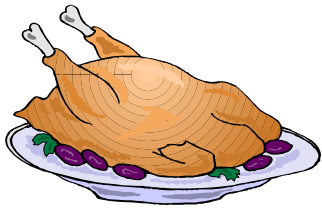
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## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Please feel free to take a copy of the **September/October, 2011** issue of the Upper Room Devotionals. They are located in the Narthex.

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## 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, September 26, 2011** at 7:00 p.m., in Beyer Hall.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CAMPING WEEKEND

Catching sand frogs under a full-lit moon while a fire crackled nearby are just some of the memories from July's camping trip to Nickerson Beach Campground. Friday evening welcomed Midwest Uncle Mark who set up camp with the Wilson boys and built a roaring campfire. Faith and Vicki arrived and asked each other "I thought you were bringing the tent?" They were soon in fine shape as Lori and son Zach plunked one from their pop-up. A cracker-barrel buffet and roasted marsh mel- lows were on tap as the night progressed as were visits by Adrian, Yvonne and Wanda and Greg Fazarro. After Saturday morning bagels Yvonne suggested we all "go for a paddle" and off went a group to the beach. There, Adrian tackled both the Atlantic waves and seaweed. Meanwhile Matt Wilson (fresh from gig- ging), Audrey, and others refreshed themselves in the campground's popular pool. The day ended with a barbecue. Joining in were the Batsfords, Erika, Zulnie and Nigel Floreska, and Nicola, Danielle and Reyna Palmer. Big thanks to Faith and Vicki for all the fine food and prep and everyone else who came out for this fun-in-the-sun weekend.



*-Tom Downing*

## "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.

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. Since the last issue of the *Tidings*, this includes the following:

- ... **Charlie Olson** from Susan and Gary Williams
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from Bill Hodges
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from John & Joan Murray
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from Richard & Kathy Perez and family
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from Janet Kempner
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from Marge Leverage
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from Judith A. Rodger
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from Carol Sue Barnett
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from Thyra & Paul Zambuto

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## CONDOLENCES

The sympathy and concern of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin is expressed to **Doris Kiedaisch** and family in the death of her husband, **Herb Kiedaisch** who passed away on June 19, 2011.

Also with **George Kappelmann** and family in the death of his wife, **Helene Kappelmann** on July 23, 2011.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

In celebration of the life of Helene Kappelmann, there will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, September 17th at 11:00 a.m., here at the Church followed by a light luncheon in Beyer Hall.



As an expression of love for Helene, George Kappelmann wrote the following poem on her birthday in 1991. Twenty years later the sentiment is still the same and he read it her funeral service on July 27th, 2011.

**“Helene”**

All of my fondest dreams and expectations  
Were but poor images of things to be.  
Of lives to be shared together when  
You gave your hand to me.

My love for you has grown with the years.  
Through the light and dark days we have seen,  
We both know only too well just what it means  
To share each other’s hopes and dreams.

The trust and the confidence that comes  
With the years, the relying on each other  
In the many trials that life brings,  
Have made these situations easier to bear.

Time has not diminished this love and affection,  
But it has nurtured and refined,  
So that I can really use the expression,  
Thank God who made thee mine.

*George, July 16, 1991*

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**ELDER AND DEACON TRAINING**

**When:** Saturday, October 1

**Where:** Community Church of Massapequa

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Cost:** \$8.00 per person for lunch

**What:** A biblical model of officer training. Deacons and Elders will learn:

- What Scripture says about leadership
- What it means to be called by God
  - What Presbyterians believe
- How our church government works
  - Responsibilities of officers

Brochure and Registration forms will be available shortly  
from the Clerk of Session.

## 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.

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## FOOD OFFERING

The shelves are nearly bare at the Long Island Council of Churches' Emergency Food Pantries—where more people than ever before are turning for help. Donations can be dropped off in Freeport (450 N. Main Street, 516-868-4989), Hempstead (in Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, 516-565-0290), or Riverhead (407 Osborne Avenue at Lincoln, 631-727-2210) or at any LICC meeting or event. They particularly need canned meat, hash, stew, tuna, beans, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, low-sodium food, low-fat food, dietetic food, Ensure (and similar supplements), and infant formula. Donations of toiletries, personal care items, school supplies, small household goods, and shopping bags also are welcome at all locations.



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.

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## KINGDOM KIDS



"Kingdom Kids" kicks off its Fall program on **Tuesday, September 13th**. If you have a child in 2nd through 5th grade that would like to join us on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m., please speak with the Pastor or Yvonne Pratt as soon as possible. *(There will be **no** meeting on **September 27th**).*



## PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

*"Calling all knitters and crocheters!"*

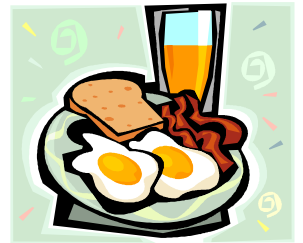
The Prayer Shawl Circle will resume the regular 1st Wednesday of the month meetings in **OCTOBER**.

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. They meet next on **Tuesday, September 20th**. 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 at Nick's Pizza in Rockville Centre on **Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m.** All women are invited to attend. If you need more information, please call Erika Floreska (379-8080).

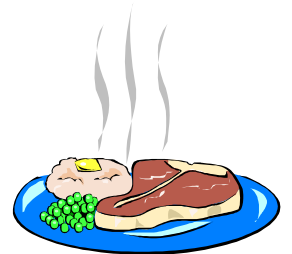


We look forward to seeing you there.

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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, good company and lively conversation. Interested? Ask Carl Larson. **Next dinner is Wednesday, September 21st.**



## **DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER 'TIDINGS' IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH**

**Please ensure articles are in the office on or before 1:00 p.m., on Monday, September 19th, for inclusion in the October 2011 Tidings. Thanks so much!**

## GROUPS THAT REGULARLY MEET AT FPCB

Check with the group leader/moderator/calendar 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** meet regularly for rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Bible Study** is bi-monthly on the first and third Tuesday at 8:00 p.m., and on the first and third Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

**Chancel (Adult) Choir** meet regularly for rehearsal on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

**Cook for the INN** (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is the fourth Monday at 7 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** Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Senior/Ambassador Troop #2106** Bi-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 **September 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, September 5th**, in observance of Labor Day.



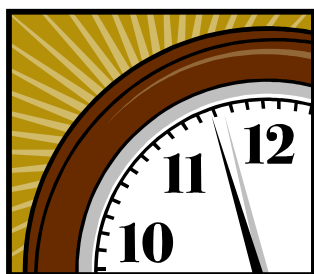
## Focus on Fellowship

### 2011/2012—SAVE THE DATES!

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEPTEMBER 2011</b></p> <p>9/11 Welcome Back Picnic<br/>           9/20 Women's b'fast<br/>           9/21 Men's Dinner<br/>           9/25 Bike Ride and Barbecue at Bethpage State Park<br/>           9/28 Women's Dinner</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCTOBER 2011</b></p> <p>10/16 CROP Walk<br/>           10/18 Women's b'fast<br/>           10/19 Men's Dinner<br/>           10/26 Women's Dinner<br/>           10/29 White Elephant Dinner Social (adults)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOVEMBER 2011</b></p> <p>11/15 Women's b'fast<br/>           11/16 Men's Dinner<br/>           11/19 High School Play – Afterglo at Angelillos'<br/>           11/30 Women's Dinner</p>                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DECEMBER 2011</b></p> <p>12/11 Christmas Dinner<br/>           12/18 Caroling – Open House at Danns'<br/>           12/20 Women's b'fast<br/>           12/21 Men's Dinner</p>                                                  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JANUARY 2012</b></p> <p>01/17 Women's b'fast<br/>           01/18 Men's Dinner<br/>           01/25 Women's Dinner<br/>           01/29 Bowling &amp; Pizza and Parlor Games</p>                                 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEBRUARY 2012</b></p> <p>02/15 Men's Dinner<br/>           02/21 Women's b'fast<br/>           02/22 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (proceeds to One Great Hour of Sharing)<br/>           02/29 Women's Dinner</p> |

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Worship Services will resume  
 at 10:00 a.m. beginning  
**Sunday, September 4, 2011**



### 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 and Holidays.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR OCTOBER

|                       |                                                                |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, October 1   | Elder/Deacon Training, Massapequa                              |
| Sunday, October 2     | World Communion Sunday/Peacemaking and Food Offerings received |
| Tuesday, October 4    | Bible Study                                                    |
| Wednesday, October 5  | Prayer Shawl Circle resumes                                    |
| Thursday, October 6   | Bible Study                                                    |
| Sunday, October 9     | Joint Youth event at Garden City                               |
| Monday, October 10    | Office Closed Columbus Day observed                            |
| Monday, October 10    | Deacons                                                        |
| Wednesday, October 12 | Session                                                        |
| Sunday, October 16    | CROP Walk                                                      |
| Monday, October 17    | Deadline for Tidings                                           |
| Tuesday, October 18   | Bible Study                                                    |
| Thursday, October 20  | Bible Study                                                    |
| Saturday, October 22  | Presbytery, Massapequa                                         |
| Sunday, October 23    | Building & Grounds Committee meeting                           |
| Monday, October 24    | Cook for the INN                                               |
| Wednesday, October 26 | Presbytery Clergy Retreat (overnight)                          |
| Friday, October 28    | CNS Halloween Celebration                                      |
| Saturday, October 29  | White Elephant Dinner Social                                   |

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## 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 some 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, Lee VanderDrift at 516-868-8406.



## MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

### Choir Members:

Chancel and Handbell Choir rehearsals resume on  
Thursday, September 15th, 2011  
See our Music Director, Ksenia Lowenfels if you  
would like to join them.



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## WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011

(Don't forget – services return to 10:00 a.m.)

### *“Messages from the Wilderness”*

Reflections on the Hebrews' desert journey as they moved from slavery towards the promised land.

**September 4** – (Communion) – “Fast Food to Go” – Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

**September 11** – “Turn of the Tide” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

*September 11<sup>th</sup> is not only our Rally Day,  
but also ten years since the terrorist attacks of 9-11.*

**September 18** – “Bread of Heaven” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

**September 25** – “Water from Stone” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

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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.

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## CROP WALK

On **Sunday, October 16, 2011** 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.

## Peacemaking Offering World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2011



The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church and supports the efforts of Presbyterians at the local, regional and national levels to share God's healing and peace. This offering is unique in that our congregation retains 25% for local peacemaking initiatives; in the past we have supported the Eastern Farmworkers, the Long Island Coalition for Affordable Rental Housing, local AIDS ministries and the L.I. Council of Churches Emergency Food Pantry. Synods and presbyteries receive 25%; the General Assembly receives 50% of the offering and uses it to sponsor peacemaking conferences, provide resources and support to peacemaking leaders and participate in the antiracism and cultural proficiency efforts of the PC(USA).

This year's theme is "A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace" (James 3:18)." We will receive the Peacemaking Offering on **World Communion Sunday, October 2nd**, and we ask for your prayerful consideration of your contribution.

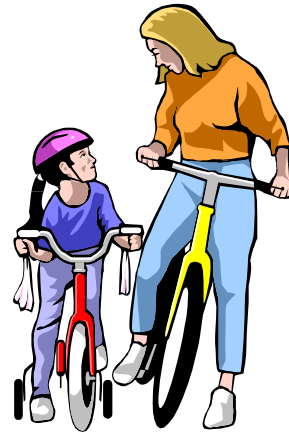
### **Please Give Generously!**

The First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin

## 5th Annual All-Church Bike Ride

Sunday,  
September 25, 2011  
at 2:30 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!