

# The SPIRE

BOONTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • November 2011

Faith, Hope and Love in **ACTION!**

Dear Saints,

Just yesterday, I heard the tail-end of an interview, on the radio, about a man who evidently used to be in financial services who is now driving a cab for a living. It was an interview on the heels of an article published in the NY Times a few weeks ago entitled "From watching the ticker-tape to watching the meter." I am sorry I did not hear much of the interview but was intrigued with the last bit I heard.

The interviewer asked the now cabbie, "Do you think you'll continue to drive a cab for a living?" The Cabbie sheepishly said "I told myself when I took this job, that I would do it for a year. I am into it 6 months now but we'll see when the year's up." The interviewer responded "Are you able to make a decent living driving a cab?" The Cabbie replied, "Well no, but it helps." I felt sad for him, not knowing his circumstances and I felt again like I was sharing solidarity with all people who are struggling to make ends meet, especially in this 'glorious' economy.

But then he added, "You know, I've been rich and I've been poor and richer is better."

Ugh.

While surely having enough is better than not having enough, something about his "driving towards riches" got on my last nerve. Perhaps there's some hidden

jealousy on my part. Perhaps he's an active member of his church or synagogue and gives generously. But something tells me money, not the Lord, is his idol and his god.

But then again this is probably true for many of us too, even in part.

On Sunday morning when I am getting ready at home, I turn on the cable music station and select the gospel music channel. I know, you're shocked... But actually I was shocked myself recently because the cable music channels now have banner advertisements in the corner of the screen. On the gospel channel the only adverts are ones for Suzie Orman and debt consolidators!

On a gospel music channel!?

And yet, money is a part of life. It's a tool (or an idol) that we use (or worship) to accomplish and enjoy what we want and support what is important to us.

**The same is true for stewardship in the church.** From the beginning of Jesus' ministry — carried on by his disciples and then Paul — money was needed to start and continue the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. It was not the

arrival point, but a means to a greater end: **To feed the poor, to free the captives, heal the sick and bind up the broken-hearted.** And that's what we do at FPC, albeit some days better than others.

As we all approach and pray about our stewardship to the church for 2012, and all the ways in which we can be better stewards, may we have the grace to open up our wallets, as well as our hearts, especially in a challenging economy and support the ministries that matter.

**"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers." *Philippians 4:6***

While I don't think any of us, feel comfortable going to and from house to house and town to town raising mission money for Jesus Christ, it is my prayer that we will

grow in our ability to be faithful to God for all the ways in which God continues to bless us, so we can bless others.

We have many riches, starting with the wonderful individuals in this church. Now let's pull together and continue to "put our money, where our hope, faith and love is...at the corner of Church and Birch."

*Giving with you in Christ,*

♥ Jen

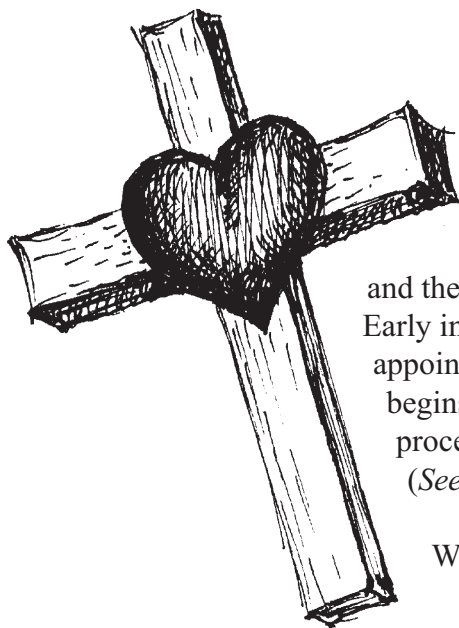
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# GET INVOLVED

*with honoring & remembering*

## *loved ones*



*The Memorials Committee* continues to be an active component of the congregation's desire to help, and their devotion to loved ones. Early in the calendar year the newly appointed **Scholarship Subcommittee** begins its work with the selection process for qualified applicants. (See below)

We sponsor a **Memorial Wreath** to be placed at the Memorial Ceremonies at Boonton Town Hall, and respond to requests from committees to **fund programs and projects** dear to us all. *Music programs, and the new choir robes are several examples.*

### "ALL SAINTS" SUNDAY

Our "**Living Memorial Crosses**" in the Sanctuary allow us to keep the names of loved ones close. On **November 6, 2011, "All Saints" Sunday**, the following individuals will be honored and memorialized in prayer and by having their names added to the Crosses.

John Black, George Engert,  
Alice Middleton, Grace Roberts,  
Carl Weber, Peter Wendt V

All these wonderful displays are not possible without your involvement. The Memorials Committee encourages all to continue the generous contributions to the Memorial Fund, which cares for many special projects including our scholarship, music and organ programs. ♥

## HELP WANTED

The Memorials Committee is seeking individuals interested in helping select qualified individuals for our Scholarship Program in 2012 – as members of the **Scholarship Subcommittee**. We have been blessed with bright young applicants in the past years and are proud to be of some assistance to them as they further their education.

Please contact a member of the Memorials Committee or email [chh.home@yahoo.com](mailto:chh.home@yahoo.com).

Thank you – Your Memorials Committee  
Charles Homeijer, Marty Homeijer, Marisa Crozier

## MEMORIALIZE AND HONOR LOVED ONES

**In Memory of:**      **Given By:**

**Alice Middleton**

Pauline & John Weber  
Dolores Sost  
Geraldine & Fred Waterhouse  
Mae & Frank Wiswall  
Marilyn Van Houten &  
Robert Devito  
Jane & Christopher Castello

**Mildred & Aldrich Nix**      Donald Nix

FOR THE MEMORIAL AND ORGAN FUND ♥



# NOTES FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR



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“With praise and thanksgiving  
There stands a great throng  
In the presence of Jesus  
And sing this new song,  
Unto Him Who hath loved us  
And washed us from sin,  
Unto Him be the glory forever!”

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Special thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talents to make the **Second Annual Organ Concert featuring Dr. Andrew Moore** a success. The sanctuary was filled with flute, string, bell and trumpet sounds from the organ and no stop was left unheard by those who attended!



A **Christmas Choir Cantata** will be presented during morning worship on Sunday, **December 11th**, entitled “Festival of Lessons and Carols” by Hal Hopson. It will feature the Chancel Choir and readers from the congregation. If anyone is interested in singing with the choir for this special event, please begin attending Thursday evening choir rehearsals at 7:30PM in the choir room during the months of November and early December. All are welcome to attend to celebrate the season and to enjoy this enriching musical experience.

A **Christmas Pageant** will be

presented during the Family Service on Saturday, **December 24th**. Rehearsals will be begin soon for all interested children. Please stay tuned for details!

*Rehearsal schedules are as follows:*

- Chancel Choir**  
Thursday evenings  
7:30–9PM
- Children’s Choir**  
Sunday mornings  
11:15–11:45AM
- Hand Bell Choir**  
Thursday evenings  
6:30–7:30PM

*(Hand Bells: November 10th; December 1st, 8th & 15th)*

If you are interested in becoming a member of any of the above-mentioned choirs, please call or e-mail the organist/choir director, Sarah Frederick ([babbleon247@yahoo.com](mailto:babbleon247@yahoo.com)). Hope to see you at the next rehearsal! ♥

# Twelve Months of GIVING

As we look forward to the end of another calendar year, you have always answered the call when asked to provide for our programs and operations. **WE ARE VERY THANKFUL!**

We are now looking forward to 2012 and our Annual Stewardship Campaign at First Presbyterian Church. The theme for our 2012 campaign is

“TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING.”

On Nov. 6, we will culminate the pledging process. On that date you can return the CONFIDENTIAL pledge card, OR mail it to First Church (attn: Financial Secretary) OR provide to our financial secretary, Charles Homeier ([chh.home@yahoo.com](mailto:chh.home@yahoo.com)). Think about all the things for which you are grateful. Consider your pledge and how you can help the next “Twelve Months of Giving.”

Thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge,

♥ Your Mission Interpretation & Stewardship committee

CUT here if you use this card. Keep a copy for your records.

## First Presbyterian Church of Boonton “Twelve Months of Giving” for 2012

We commit to God a portion of the many blessings He has bestowed upon us!

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ commitment

weekly    bi-weekly    monthly    quarterly    annually  
(circle one)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



# PW Events

*Save the Dates!!!*

## Church Women United

On Friday **November 4th**. Church Women United will be holding their meeting at our church. We will start at 11:30AM with lunch. Bring your own lunch but dessert and beverages will be provided by the PW. The celebration services will begin at 1:00PM.

## A Trip to Paper Mill Playhouse

Sunday, **November 20th**. the PW is sponsoring a trip to the Paper Mill Playhouse to see "White Christmas." The cost for the tickets is \$28.00 and our time to be there is 1:00PM. We can leave immediately after church and carpool together. Reserve a ticket (we only have 10 tickets reserved) call Shannon Ambrosiani, 973-541-1607 or see her at church.

## Cookie Walk

Well, ladies of the church we are fast approaching that time of year when the PW will hold their COOKIE WALK. We will be holding it right after church in Reighart hall on **December 11th**. What we need are BAKERS! There is a sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board outside the church office. Please help us out.

## Annual **CHRISTMAS** Celebrations

Also coming up in December are our Annual Christmas luncheon and evening get-togethers. The luncheon will again be held at Marilyn Ward's house on Wednesday, **December 14th**. at 12:00. The evening get-together will be held on Friday, **December 16th**. at Donna Keoppel's house at 7:00PM. Look for the sign-up sheets for these two events on the door to the bridge. All are welcome to both events and they are always a fun time. ♥

**ALL SAINTS  
SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 6**

(see page 2)

*Join Us & Pledge*  
**Stewardship  
Sunday**

**November 6**

**SPECIAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING:**

**November 20**

**After Worship Service**

To elect officers for 2012

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BOONTON**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
SATURDAYS - 9 AM**

**ROCK**

**CAMP J'BURG**

**NOVEMBER 18 - 20**



## Important News

*There will be a special meeting of the congregation in the sanctuary*

*immediately following the worship service on Sunday, November 20. The purpose of the meeting is to elect church officers to terms that begin in January 2012. The meeting promises to be brief and will be followed by coffee hour in Reighart Hall.*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>OCTOBER 30</b> 10:00 <b>Worship</b> 11:15 Coffee Hr 11:15 Children's Choir 11:15 Tekna Theou Meeting  7:00 A.A. 	<b>OCTOBER 31</b> 3:30 NJ Conservatory	<b>1</b> 10:00 <b>Needlers (at Sophy's)</b> 7:30 <b>MI and Stewardship Comm. Mtg.</b>	<b>2</b> 5:00 NJ Conservatory 6:45 <b>PresbyAires at St. Francis Residential</b> 7:30 <b>PW Board Mtg.</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am <b>PW Bible Study</b> 7:30 <b>Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</b> 	<b>4</b> 9 am <b>PW-Church Women United</b> 7:00 Cubs - Tigers	<b>5</b> 9:00 am <b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>Daylight Savings ENDS</b> <b>ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY</b> 10:00 <b>Worship-Communion</b> 11:15 Coffee Hr 11:15 <b>ROCK Meeting</b> Tekna Theou Mtg 11:15 Children's Choir 7:00 A.A. 	<b>7</b> 2:00 <b>Evangelism Mtg.</b> 3:30 NJ Conservatory	<b>8</b> 3:00 <b>Presbytery Mtg.</b> 7:00 A.A.	<b>9</b> 3:30 NJ Conservatory	<b>10</b> 10 am <b>PW Bible Study</b> 6:30 <b>Hand Bell Choir</b> 7:30 <b>Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</b> 7:00 Cubs/Wolf Den	<b>11</b> <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b>  6:00 Cubs Pack 201	<b>12</b> 9 am <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 12:00 Girl Scouts
<b>13</b> 10:00 <b>Worship</b> 11:15 Coffee Hr 11:15 Children's Choir 11:15 Tekna Theou- <b>Monster Golf</b>  7:00 A.A.	<b>14</b> 3:30 NJ Conservatory  7:30 <b>SESSION</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 <b>Needlers (at Sophy's)</b> <i>Bible Study</i> 7:00 <b>PW Evening Bible Study</b> 7:00 <b>Deacons Meeting</b>	<b>16</b> 3:30 NJ Conservatory 6:45 <b>PresbyAires at Victoria Mews</b>	<b>17</b> 10 am <b>PW Bible Study</b> 7:30 <b>Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</b> 6:30 Cubs	<b>18</b> 4:00 Girl Scouts  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             5:00 pm - <b>ROCK -</b>  <b>Camp J-Burg Retreat 11/18 - 11/20</b> </div>	<b>19</b> 9 am <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 9 am Cubs Pack 201 12:00 Girls Scouts
<b>20</b> 10:00 <b>Worship</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:15 Children's Choir 3:00 <b>ASAP Support Group</b>  7:00 A.A.	<b>21</b> 3:30 NJ Conservatory 7:00 <b>Christian Ed. Mtg</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 NJ Conservatory	<b>24</b> HAPPY   <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Church Office Closed 11/24 - 11/25           </div>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 am <b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00 <b>Worship</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 11:15 Coffee Hour  7:00 A.A.	<b>28</b> 3:30 NJ Conservatory 7:00 <b>Worship Comm. Meeting</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 3:30 NJ Conservatory	 <h1 style="color: red; font-size: 2em;">November 2011</h1>		

# DEACON'S DOIN'S .....

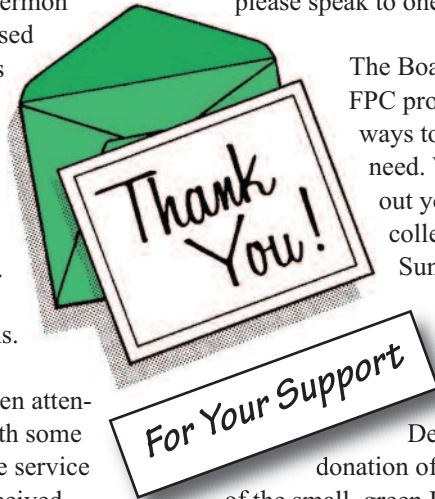
Over the past few months, the Deacons had been searching for a way to reach out to the community. It was decided that one way would be to bring Sunday services to those who could not get to church. We selected the Fireman's Home in Boonton and reached an agreement with them to conduct a Sunday service once a month. We also reviewed their facilities. Next, of course, we put together an appropriate service. We felt that we should have readings from the Gospels and Psalms, singing of hymns, communion and even a sermon. Our plan was to have at least three Deacons conduct the service. We assembled a short 30 minute service and set up laminated booklets as a guide. The books are updated each month to include words of selected hymns. The hymns are prerecorded on CD to help with the singing. After much planning and discussion we were ready for the first service.

On Sunday October 2, Dan Carhart conducted the first service. Donna Kurley distributed communion. Jim Cowan delivered a brief sermon which coincidentally discussed the volunteers at the Texas wildfires. Our appreciation goes out to Rebecca Nickel, who sang a beautiful introit and also operated the CD player and led the singing. It was a very rewarding experience for the Deacons.

There were about two dozen attendees. After discussions with some of them, it was felt that the service was a success and well received. Apparently the singing was greatly enjoyed. We look forward to next month's service.

*FPC continues to host St. John's Luncheon in months when there is a fifth Saturday.* On Saturday, October 29,

2011, Tekna Theou hosted the luncheon. If your family is interested in participating in St. John's Luncheon on a future Saturday, please speak to one of the Deacons.



The Board of Deacons of FPC provide help in many ways to many people in need. We cannot do it without your help. The monies collected from the regular Sunday pledges/plate do not provide any funds for the Board of Deacons. The way to help the Deacons is by placing a donation of any amount in one of the small, green Deacon envelopes in a Sunday Worship Service where we have Communion. This is usually the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your generous donations to the Deacons and please give when you can. Please remember to pick up an extra item for the food pantry when grocery shopping !!!! ♥

## DOLLARS and CENTS

### BUDGET 2011

- Income is tracking \$18,500 below budget.
- The expenses are tracking above budget.
- The additional contributions to the restricted funds total \$21,764.85 for the period.

#### January - October 16, 2011

	Pledged	Non-pledged	Plate	Expenses
2011 Budget	113,076.92	50,076.92	3,230.77	197,691.58
2011 Actual	119,157.00	26,178.82	2,455.55	198,886.73
2010 Actual	112,759.40	49,686.88	2,802.51	

The Net Income is currently (minus) -\$31,000.00

### MISSION 2011

- Mission Income account is \$2,894.26
- Third quarter mission disbursements were completed in September.
- Accelerated payments were made to Market Street Mission and NJ Truck Stop Ministries completing the full year's allocation.
- The goal at the beginning of the budget year was to allocate \$15,000.00 for mission spending from the operating budget.
- A "Mission" income line was added to the P&L for the year anticipating \$15,000.00. Not including the carry-over from the old mission account, only \$1,960.00 has been donated to the mission account.

*We encourage you to use the Mission envelopes to support our Mission program.*

## BIRTHDAYS!

### November

- 1 Doris Bingham
- 2 Chad Edwards
- 5 Peter Lanigan
- 10 John Lobb
- 11 Madeline Harris
- 11 Rev. Jen
- 12 Victoria Crozier
- 13 Michelle Caggiano
- 18 Catherine Lanigan
- 20 Martel Roberts
- 24 Jordan Keoppel
- 25 Marilyn Davis
- 29 Brendan Kelly
- 30 Jessica Beatty

## IN OUR PRAYERS: Concerns

**MARGARET THOMAS** — has been hospitalized for some health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

**RUTH EMMONS** — Jean Lobb's sister, has finished radiation for mouth cancer. Prayers are asked for healing of back pain and burns in her mouth.

**KEVIN SANDRUE** — brother-in-law of Donna Kurley, has been diagnosed with melanoma and had surgery. Prayers are asked for healing and good results.

**COLLEEN BROWN** — friend of Virginia Apelian, will soon start a very aggressive chemotherapy for breast cancer. Please keep Colleen in your prayers.

**JOHN TURNER** — friend & former colleague of Martel Roberts, had knee replacement surgery. Prayers are asked for healing and strength as he starts therapy.

**FRANK AGNELLI** — friend of Donna Kurley, is being tested for Leukemia and will undergo treatment and a bone marrow transplant. Please pray for strength and healing.

**FRANK REITZ** — will be having surgery on November 16. Prayers are asked for good results and full recovery.

**WITT GODDEN** — friend of Sarah Frederick, was diagnosed with a brain tumor on his pineal gland and is awaiting tests to determine the impact of the tumor and course of treatment. Please keep Witt and his family in your prayers.

**DEREK** — friend of Betty Tilli, is in his last stage of cancer. Please pray for strength and peace for Derek and his family.

**JOHN STRUCKO** — friend of Marilyn Ward, had quadruple bypass surgery. Please pray for a swift recovery.

**SEAN & HIS MOTHER PATRICIA** — foster child of the Whipples, after 2 years of foster care with the Whipple family, Sean was returned to be with his mother Patricia. Prayers are asked for strength for Patricia to provide a nurturing & safe environment for Sean.

**NOELLE DUBARR** — friend of Shirlee Faehner, has been diagnosed with preeclampsia. Please pray for healthy pregnancy and delivery.

**OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM** — Let our prayers be with all soldiers as they defend the freedoms that we hold so dear. We are truly grateful for their service to our nation. We will continue to hold all our service personnel in our prayers until they ALL come home. ♥

PLEASE CONTINUE TO  
CONTRIBUTE YOUR  
CHANGE  
TO THE  
"DROP-IN-THE-BUCKET"  
FONT.

and all things  
you ask in  
**Prayer**  
BELIEVING  
you shall receive. (Matthew 21:22)

## JOYS

**GAIL COE** — had a spinal procedure done and is doing better. Please continue to hold Gail in your prayers for complete healing and recovery. Praise God.

**NATASHA** — daughter of Linda Meier's friend — her blood tests results are cancer free. Praise the Lord!



## Prayer To Go

### In God's Hands

In your journeys to and fro  
God direct you.  
In your happiness and pleasure  
God bless you.  
In care, anxiety or trouble  
God sustain you.  
In peril and in danger  
God protect you.

Archbishop Timothy Olufosoye  
(1918-92), Nigeria

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Rev. Jennifer M. Van Zandt, *Minister*  
Sarah Frederick, *Music Director*  
Norma Moreno, *Administrator*

### TEKNA THEOU AND ROCK YOUTH GROUPS SCHEDULE

#### TEKNA THEOU

Nov 6	TT Meeting
Nov 13	TT Meeting
Dec 2	TT Meeting
Dec 18	TT Christmas Party



#### ROCK

Nov 6	ROCK Meeting
Nov 18-19	ROCK - Jburg Retreat
Dec 4	ROCK Meeting
Dec 18	ROCK - Chinese Christmas Party & Secret Santa

## Book Signing Success!

We met the Musa Dagh Girl on Sunday Oct. 2nd. in Reighart Hall after worship. There was a special cake with a replica of **Virginia Apelian's** book cover on top and it looked and tasted wonderful. Virginia gave us a talk and an insight into what we could expect to read in her book. It was both sad and interesting at the same time — learning about her parents experiences during the Turks Genocide attacks and what they had to go through in order to survive.

Virginia is a very accomplished woman and many would be interested in reading about her own experiences in

settling in this country and her many accomplishments.

Several of Virginia's high school classmates made the trip out from Brooklyn and from south Jersey and, of course, our members made them feel welcome. All and all the book signing was a great success, not to mention that we had a good time.

There are still books available and can be had for \$40.00 in hardcover version and \$30.00 softcover — with 10% going to PW since they sponsored Virginia with this book signing. ♥

## Remember The Days When.....???

... We didn't have the **Internet**. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalog!!

... There was **no email!** We had to actually write somebody a letter — with a pen! Then we had to walk all the way across the street or around the corner and put it in the mailbox, and it would take like a week to get there! Stamps were only 10 cents!

... There were **no MP3's or Napsters or iTunes or ipods!** If we wanted to buy music, we had to walk or hitchhike to the record store and buy a record or a cassette tape.

Or we had to wait around all day to tape a song off the radio (if you were lucky enough to have a recorder), and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and @#\*% it all up! We had tape decks in our car (if we were lucky). We'd play our favorite tape and "eject" it when finished, and then many times the tape would come undone - rendering it useless. What fun!

More remembrances to be continued in next issue