

# The Spire

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - APRIL 2011

## *Faith, Hope and Love in Action!*

Dear Saints,

While away recently on a brief vacation, I stumbled upon a journal at the home where I was staying, called Human Development. The name piqued my interest almost as much as the titles of the articles in the issue: "Living with Stress", "Loss and Unrealistic Expectations" and "A Perspective on Stress Among Roman Catholic Lay Ministers".

Among the many articles that I found helpful was an article written by a priest entitled: "Confessions of a Time Manager", by FR. James Torrens. Initially the article was a proclamation and self-confession that he took great (even compulsive) pride in the way he managed his time. I found this a little surprising and a bit disturbing because I don't know many clergy or laity who are able to manage their time well because ministry is a mirror of life; full of surprises, shifts, changes and crises.

You can imagine my relief when after leaving the cloistered world of a monastery and working with parish clergy that he too also discovered:

"... how much the parish ministry can be one of irruptions and interruptions".

No kidding...

I believe this holds true not just for clergy but for everyone involved in the life and mission of the church. Torrens shares his growing understanding of this and how everyone, not just priests should seek retreat time to be with our Lord and one another.

As a self-proclaimed retreat-junkie, I couldn't agree more. But...it's surely easier said than done.

I was talking with a member recently about a Lenten program for parents. He quipped, "I don't think it matters what the program is, if you're offering child-care, I'm there!" He was saying this partially tongue-in-cheek, and partly in earnest about the lack of time there is for personal quiet, reflection and prayer.

But parents of young children are not the only ones who are *uber*

busy. Everyone is.

But if we actually stop and think about how we are spending our time, and why we don't make more (or any) time to retreat with God, might it be that we are afraid of what might happen?

Might we actually fear that our anxieties over our lack of faith might actually increase? Or that the shaming voices of sin and blame will come rushing in and overwhelm us? Or, that if we actually stop and listen to God we might not like what we hear?

I'm guessing the answer for many of us, is "yes" to some or all of these questions.

Consider this instead.

God came to us in Christ not to add more anxiety and blame to our lives but, as it says in John, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that you may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10)

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*(Dear Saints—continued)*

So I am hereby inviting you now to PLAN AHEAD for an abundant Holy Week.

This year as always, we are offering numerous Lenten opportunities and ways in which you can come together as community, pray, listen, learn and deepen your relationship with God and one another. You can jump in on these weekly events at any time. (See inside for more details)

It is my heart's desire that you PLAN AHEAD and make time for you and your family and your friends to experience the wonderful and powerful offerings during Lent and especially Holy week.

All worship services are 'kid-friendly', especially the Palm Sun-

day Breakfast and Parade and the Seder Dinner and Worship on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday's Tenebrae is certainly the most somber and dark worship service of the year but is appropriate for any child in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. We will have child care for those who are younger.

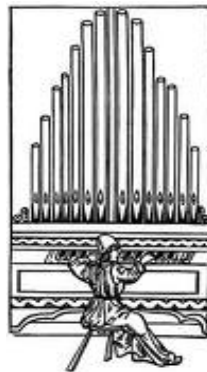
FR. James Torrens finishes his Time Management article saying "the Mass offers a special opportunity to [enter] into the right spirit [that] protects us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ"

May it be so, for us all.

Planning Ahead with you,  
Serving with you in Christ,

*Jen*

## OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY



**YES**, everyone will have a chance to purchase a piece of our old organ in the form of an ivory STOP knob keychain or a wood organ pipe.

**IVORY STOP KNOB KEYCHAINS** may be purchased for \$25.

Since there are only 36 keychains available and possibly more people interested in buying one, it was decided to have a drawing. On May 8 and continuing through June 12, you will have the opportunity to submit your name (one entry per person and/or family) in a designated box in the church office.

On June 12, during coffee hour, the drawing to determine the 36 people who may purchase keychains will take place.

**WOOD ORGAN PIPES** are available in three sizes:

**small** \$25, **medium** \$50 and **large** \$75.

They are great decorative items. The pipes will be available for purchase during coffee hour on May 8 through June 12.

All proceeds will be used to purchase new choir robes.

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OWN A BIT OF HISTORY.**

## Prayers To Go April 2011

### The "Isness" of Others

O Creator Lord, let me feel the "isness" of things and people, without resistance, without trying to impose my own pattern upon them

or exploit them for selfish ends.

Let me welcome them, enjoy them, value them, love them, for what they are and for what they are becoming through your creative love.

*George Appleton (1902-93), England*



### Memorials

Gifts are given for glorifying God and the building of Christ's Church in gratitude for loved ones Departed or present

In Memory of:  
*Aldrich & Mildrid Nix*

Given by:  
*Donald Nix*

## ***“Deacons Doins”***

### **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**

By now, you have probably received a letter about One Great Hour of Sharing. The theme this year is: **“Sharing brings joy to others, to God and to us”**. Our goal this year is \$5000. All monies collected will be divided into thirds, donating to: The Presbyterian hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Self-Development of People. You may donate each Sunday or make a larger one-time donation. We will take donations for OGHS each Sunday through Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

May we all challenge ourselves to *“bring joy to God”* by sharing our love for others. Please remember that these donations support natural disasters all over the world. May we remember the recent devastation in Japan as we open our hearts to God, through those in need. Lets reach that goal !!!!!

### **Support your Deacons**

The Board of Deacons uses your donations to help support many people in need. The monies used to do this work in the community do not come from the regular Sunday collection. This is a separate collection. You can support the Deacons by using the small, green envelopes located in the pews on Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of each month.

### **Boonton Food Pantry**

When doing your grocery shopping, please remember those less fortunate. The pantry is currently in need of non-perishable items, cold cereals and jars of jelly and jam. Please keep in mind that food stamps do not allow for the purchase of health and beauty items. Items such as shampoo, soap, cleansers, paper goods and diapers must all be paid for with cash. So these items are always much needed. The shelves are located downstairs, just outside Reighart Hall. Your continued support of the pantry is very important and very much appreciated.

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Doris Hornick  
Dorian Jayne Veliky
- 3 Michelle Herrera  
Nicole Herrera
- 6 Denise Nickel
- 9 Madeline Durren
- 12 Abigail Hettrich  
Kristen Middleton
- 13 Linda Meier
- 14 Aiden Ambrosiani
- 17 Mira Grace Nickel
- 19 Elizabeth Ward-Hettrich  
Allison Scardena
- 20 John Sourby
- 22 Marisa Crozier  
James Ward
- 23 Spencer Keoppel
- 24 Eric Nordfors
- 27 Sandi Thoele
- 29 Lois Estler
- 30 Jonathan Bingham



### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate flowers for Sunday services, there are still vacant dates. Please sign up on the poster located on the sanctuary corridor wall.



*“We don’t know what it is like to be hungry”*

**Our Food Pantry shelves need constant attention! Please bring what you can**



### *New Members Class*

*Please contact the office or let Rev. Jen know if you are interested. Members must be present at all meetings to join.*

*April 3rd & 10th, 11:30 to 1:00 pm*

*Class meetings*

*April 11th, 7:30 to 8:30 pm*

*Meeting with the Session*

*April 24th, 10:00 am*

*Worship Celebration for New Members*

## A note from the Choir Director (April 2011)

### Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Throughout this time of Lenten spiritual reflection, the members of the music ministry at First Presbyterian Church continue to rehearse for Sunday morning worship services, as well as prepare for **Palm Sunday on April 17<sup>th</sup>**, and Holy Week services on **Maundy Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

The Chancel Choir will be debuting the cantata "*The Rose of Calvary*", by Joseph Martin, during holy week in April. This cantata will be presented in segments, beginning on Palm Sunday and conclude on Easter. It will feature the Chancel Choir and readers from the congregation. **If anyone is interested in singing with the choir for this cantata, please begin attending Thursday evening choir rehearsals at 7:30pm in the choir room during April.** Come one and all to enjoy this enriching musical experience during the season of Lent and Easter.

### **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE:**

Children's Choir has resumed on Sundays, 11:15am-11:45am, in the choir room. The children will be

working on songs to sing for a spring Music Sunday on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. All interested children and parents are encouraged to attend! Music packets will be distributed at rehearsal.

April Rehearsals as follows:

**Chancel Choir**, Thursdays, 7:30 - 9pm

**Hand Bell Choir**, Thurs., 6:30 - 7:30 (April 7 & 14)

**Childrens Choir**, Sundays, 11:15-11:45 Apr. 3-May 1,

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 (973-334-3535, ext 18, babbaleon247@yahoo.com).

Hope to see you at the next rehearsal!

*"When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all."*

## **CAMP JOHNSONBURG**

Register now for Summer 2011!

Camp Johnsonburg is a ministry of the seven New Jersey Presbyteries. We are now accepting registrations for our 2011 summer program. We have programs for campers from grades K-12. For a full look at all of our offerings for this summer, please visit: <http://www.campjburg.org/summer/>.

### **Typical camp activities include:**

Bible study, Swimming and boating, Arts and crafts, Hiking, Team Building, Archery

### **At Johnsonburg, your children will:**

Meet new friends, Work under the guidance of carefully selected and trained staff,  
Learn ways to make good choices

**We offer the same small group, challenge-by-choice camping we always have, but new for 2011: Camper Choice Units. In addition to regularly scheduled activities with their units, campers will have the opportunity a few times during the week to choose their own activities!**

Open houses on April 9 and May 14 from 10 AM- 3 PM. Come visit our site in northwestern New Jersey, meet our staff, and learn more about our summer program!

**For information, to register, or request a brochure, call the camp office at 908-852-2349, email us at [info@campjburg.org](mailto:info@campjburg.org), or visit website at [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org)**

*Scholarships for up to 50% of the cost of camp are available to children of  
First Church Boonton through the Board of Deacons.  
Contact Bob Bingham or Jim Cowan for more information*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<i>April 2011</i>				1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10:00 Worship— <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 <b>New Members Class</b>  7:00 A.A	2:00 pm Evangelism Committee Mtg.	10:00 am Quilting (Sophy Freed's Home) 6:45 Presbyaires (Spring Hill Ass. Lvg) 7:30 MI&S Mtg.	6:30 Lenten Soup Supper (Reighert Hall)	 10:00 PW Bible Study  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	6:00 Cub Scouts Wolves / Webelos I (R hall / Foundation)  4:00 Girl Scouts Troop 57  4:00 PW "Get Away with God" weekend (Villa Pauline)		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
9:00 Confirmation Class 10:00 Worship— <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 <b>New Members Class</b> 7:00 A.A	7:30 Session & New Members	7:30 AA	6:30 Lenten Soup Supper -Reighert Hall 7:00 Lay Listening Group—Library 7:30 PW Board Mtg. (Ward's Home)	10:00 PW Bible Study  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Cub Scouts Tigers—Foundation 7:30 Chancel Choir	4:00 Girl Scouts Troop 57 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack 201	12:00 Girl Scouts Troop 453	
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
9:00 Breakfast & Parade 10:00 Worship 11:15 Children's Choir 11:15 Coffee Hour 3:00 ASAP Support Grp.  7:00 A.A	 7:30 Christian Ed. Committee Mtg.	10:00 am Quilting  6:45 Presbyaires (Baldwin Oakes) 7:00 Deacons		<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 5:30 <b>Seder Dinner</b> 8:00 <b>Worship, Communion, foot washing</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>  8:00 <b>Tenebrae Service - 7 last words</b>		
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:00 Resurrection of the Lord Worship . Communion One Great Hour of Sharing Celebrate <b>New Members</b> 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:15 Scavenger Hunt 7:00 A.A	7:00 Worship Comm. meeting Rev. Jen Vacation (4/25 .. 5/2)			7:30 Chancel Choir		Noon St John's Luncheon (Tekna Theo)	

## A Prayer for Japan

*Almighty and everlasting God, You are strength to those who suffer and comfort to those who grieve. Let the prayers of your children who are in trouble rise to you. We claim your promises of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill or are suffering loss and long for your healing touch.*

*Hear our prayer...*

*Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and support those who serve them as agents of your love. To everyone in distress, grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment.*

*Hear our prayer...*

*Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love, And hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted;*



**"PALM SUNDAY"**  
April 17, 9:00 am  
Breakfast & Parade

## COFFEE HOUR

If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up; you can sign up with another family to share the load.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
April 21  
Seder: 5:30 pm  
Worship: 8 pm  
see p8

Youth Service  
May 8

Dinner for 8  
May 14

PW Service  
May 15

Graduating Seniors  
Scholarship awards  
June 12

Bibles for 5th graders  
June 5

Confirmation  
June 19

Vacation Bible School  
Saturday June 25,  
9:30 - 3:30

## Christian Education

### Women's Evening Bible Study

Starting in May and running every third Tuesday of the month, Marilyn Ward will be leading us through a study of **Revelations**. The group meets once a month at 7:30pm in the Library. Anyone who is interested in joining the program beginning on May 17, please see Marilyn or Donna Keoppel so we can get materials for you.

### Vacation Bible School

FPC will be hosting a one day 6 hour Vacation Bible School on Saturday June 25. Volunteers will lead the kids through Jesus' "**Parable of the Sower**". The program brings together the Bible and environmental stewardship. Through this program we hope to help demonstrate to the kids that being green can be easy, faithful and fun. Although current threats to our environment can seem scary, this program is about hope, opportunity and service. Kids and congregations lead the way as stewards of the Earth. Kids have the opportunity to grow in faith, have fun and change the world.

All children aged 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend. Lunch will be served. Sign up sheets will be posted in May.

## **PW REMINDER!!**

*"Get Away With God"*

**April 8th, thru April 10th**, weekend at Villa Pauline, 350 Bernardsville Rd., Mendham.



## CONCERNS

**JOHN WEBBER** (Former Parish Associate of FCB) In addition to recovering from double knee replacements, Glaucoma is clouding vision in his good eye. Please pray for John and his wife Pauline.

**MARGARET THOMAS** is home after hospital care and rehab for a fall she suffered at home. Please pray for her full recovery.

**STEVEN SCARDENA** (Ellen's Husband) fell off the roof on February; he broke his collarbone and cracked his pelvis. Please pray for full and swift recovery.

**VIVIAN THOELE** – (mother of Jack) Preliminary MRI results show three brain lesions, probably cancer. Please pray for Vivian, Jack, and Sandy.

**VIRGINIA APELIAN** – Had a corneal transplant on March 15. Please pray for Virginia and continue praying for her husband, Henry.

**BRENNA HASSELMANN** (granddaughter of Tom and Louise) Brenna is now 11 and she is at home, still in need of prayers. Brenna is very weak, receiving therapy and tests twice a week. Please pray that the doctors can find a cure.

**BRIANNA BROWN** (10 year-old friend of the Ambrosiani family) has reoccurring tumors in her ears and has lost most of her hearing. Please pray for Brianna's healing.

**THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND** as they recover from the earthquake.

**THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT, LIBYA AND ALL COUNTRIES** in the midst of civil unrest and violence.

**JAPAN RELIEF** – Please pray for the people of Japan affected by the devastating earthquake on March 11.

*FOR ALL THOSE WHO KEEP THEIR NEEDS PRIVATE – please hold our friends in your prayers. Many are going through difficult times but prefer to remain private. For those who know your needs and those of us who don't, you are in our prayers.*

## JOYS

**Sophy Freed** – Happy to be home after knee surgery & rehab

**Kikuko Yasuda** – Japanese Friend of Diane Kearney was found and is well.

*And God shall grieve  
with...*



**THE FAMILY OF CHRIS DILLING** (friend of Martel Roberts) Chris Dilling died after battling ovarian cancer. Prayers are asked for comfort for her family and friends.

**THE FAMILY OF SEAN O'NEIL** - a Morris Knolls senior, died suddenly on Tuesday morning. Sean was a member of all the choirs at Morris Knolls. Please pray for his family and all of his friends who mourn their loss.

**THE NORICARROW FAMILY** (friends of the Velikys) is mourning the loss of Emelye. Please hold them in prayer during this grieving time.

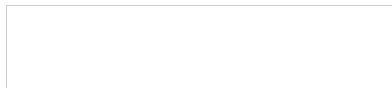
### **Our Men and Women in Uniform**

*Let our prayers go with them as they defend the freedoms that we hold so dear. Please remember those from our congregation and community who have members of their family serving our nation. We are truly grateful for their sacrifice and their strength of character.*

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## Passover Seder

Date: Maundy Thursday, April 21

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Before Maundy Thursday Worship)

Children are a big part of this event and are encouraged to attend.

Cost: \$12/Adult; \$5/child

Sign up on the Bridge. Deadline for signing up: April 10.

The SEDER will be abbreviated, but will include all the elements of a SEDER to help us experience what the disciples and Jesus shared at the Last Supper.



## *How the Trinity Funds were Spent*

The Capital Improvement fund raising Campaign (the Trinity Campaign) officially completed as of the end of the 2010. Through the end of the 2010 most of the key projects had also been completed. Below is summary of how our funds have been spent thus far. There are existing projects; such as the repair of the Church Street side steps and the refurbishing of the stained glass window in the new handicapped entrance, which will be performed later in 2011 pending approval of matching funds from the Morris County Preservation Trust.

Project	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Alarm Upgrade			(3,153)		(3,153)
Contractors		(1,860)	(1,594)		(3,454)
Fund Raising		(556)	(97)		(654)
Handicap Entrance			(16,710)	(1,400)	(18,110)
Historical Architect (1)				(14,899)	(14,899)
Licensing / Surveyors / Inspectors			(6,044)		(6,044)
Lighting			(4,563)		(4,563)
New Hymnals			(1,557)		(1,557)
Organ (includes \$31905.50 from Memorials/Organ fund)			(84,136)		(84,136)
Reighart Hall			(2,406)		(2,406)
Roofing	(4,650)	(27,850)	(1,270)		(33,770)
Sanctuary Renovations			(83,423)		(83,423)
Spire Repair / Lighting	(100,490)				(100,490)
Plumbing Upgrades		(2,000)			(2,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(105,140)</b>	<b>(32,266)</b>	<b>(173,047)</b>	<b>(16,299)</b>	<b>(358,659)</b>

(1) 80% funded by Morris County Historical Preservation Fund