

# The SPIRE

BOONTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • MAY 2011

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

Dear Saints,

Sitting here writing this letter, I thought ... **In case you haven't heard...** there's a pretty big wedding on April 29th. As the date looms, daily updates of every detail that we "need to know" are being transmitted to us via radio, television, internet and even facebook updates. Today I read that over two billion people are expected to watch the nuptials. Two BILLION people. That's almost one third of the world's population!

That's a lot of pressure. Although I suspect that every one of us has endured intense pressure in our lives and maybe even for sustained periods of time, but **none of us** will ever experience the kind of pressure that Will and Kate are stepping into, for the rest of their lives.

## into God's marvelous light

But they are not entering into their marriage lightly. They took their time to ensure that they were mature enough and properly prepared to begin a life with each other and also in great part, with Great Britain and the world.

Rowan Williams, The Archbishop of Canterbury, who will have the honor of marrying Will and Kate, was interviewed recently and was said to have been impressed with his time together with the famous future couple and asked for prayers on behalf of Will and

Kate "for a future which is destined to **always** be in the spotlight and scrutinized by the media."

Indeed.

But deeper in the article I was reading, the Archbishop went on to say something I don't fully understand... "*...I hope they'll be given the strength and the persistence to go on **showing the rest of us what's possible**, for the whole of their life together.*"

Surely, we all understand from the outside looking in, that life in the public eye AND as membership in the royal family is a rare calling and it demands great poise, courage, patience and strength.

But I am stuck on the words "**showing the rest of us what's possible.**" Rowan Williams is certainly himself a highly educated, greatly privileged and well thought of cleric the world over. And I too hold him in great esteem, but I am left wondering — are Will and Kate the only ones who are responsible for showing "the rest of us" **what's possible?** I hope not.

Before I get quoted (or misquoted) as taking on the Archbishop of Canterbury, I do not think the Archbishop is

intending for the entire world to look to Will and Kate alone for modeling what is possible. (I hope).

But it certainly bears repeating that we too as Christians, though not privy to royal power and grand luxury are also charged with public service, because we too are heirs...heirs to the royal priesthood.

As it is stated in I Peter 2:9 "*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of God who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.*"

Saints, we have just come through another wonderful, meaningful and very blessed **Lent, Holy week** and **Easter**, filled with rich bible studies and fellowship, glorious sounds of music and deep silences, beautiful witnesses to faith and mission and have added 11 to our number of those who will continue to proclaim God's mighty acts.

As we watch with joy, amazement and hope — as Will and Kate marry — may we not forget that we too are royal; **God's royalty.** That we too have many riches to share with the world.

*Sharing with you in Christ.*

♥ Jen

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**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

Marilyn Ward will be leading a night time bible study on Revelations starting **May 17th**. It will run every 3rd. Tues. of every month at 7:00PM. Please let Marilyn

know as soon as possible, so she can order books.

PW will be selling Mother's Day cards again every Sunday after church from **April 17th. until and including Mother's day** in Reighart Hall right after the church service.

**On Sunday, May 15th** the women of the church will be leading the worship service; it will be called "Women, Feed My Sheep."

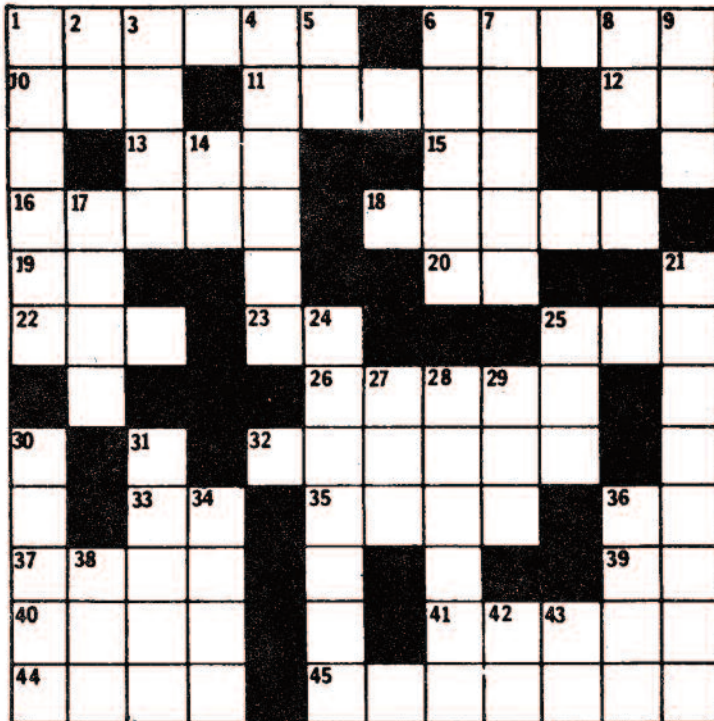
There will be a practice on Saturday, **May 14th.** at 10 AM.

**Save the date of  
June 11th...**

– because PW will be having an evening fund raiser at Cricket Hill, which is owned and operated by our own Rick Reed. Rick brews and bottles his own speciality beer for sale, and has graciously allowed us to have a fund raiser at his place of business. The cost will be \$25.00 per person and tickets will be sold shortly. This fun evening will include beer, wine, soda and food. Invite your neighbors and friends.

The next PW board meeting will be held at Marisa Crozier's house on **May 4th.** at 7:30PM. ♥

**BOOK OF REVELATION**



**ACROSS**

1. Revelation uses images to describe the power of—.
6. In this book, Christ defeats the kingdom of—.
10. —de Janeiro, Brazilian city.
11. Ch. 20— came down from heaven.
12. Myself.
13. Used with rowboat.
15. Vice-President.
16. Satisfied, gratified.
18. A religious war.
19. Pres. sing. of "be."
20. North America.
22. Offense against God or neighbor.
23. South West.
25. To deface, damage.
26. Ch. 1- "I am the Alpha and the—."
32. Ch. 12- Symbol of woman and—.
33. Licentiate in Surgery.
35. Went very fast.
36. Foot-Pound.
37. Absent Without Leave.
39. Right End.
40. Vocal or musical sound.
41. A water recess in a shore.
44. Ch. 3- "Let him who has ears— the Spirit."
45. Ch. 15 is about the seven last—.

**DOWN**

1. The Book of Revelation was written during a time of—.
2. A greeting.
3. Ch. 22- "I am the— and offspring of David."
4. Ch. 3- "To the presiding spirit of—."
5. Ton (abbrev.).
6. In Revelation, this number symbolizes perfection.
7. Ch. 1- "I am the— and the Omega."
8. Before noon.
9. Ch. 21 tells of— heavens and earth.
14. Atomic Energy.
17. Revelation begins with a greeting to the churches of—.
21. Ch. 8- Angels played seven—.
24. Ch. 22- "— God alone!"
25. Ch. 4- Third symbolic creature had the face of a—.
27. Used to locate places.
28. Women adviser.
29. Ch. 22- "Worship— alone!"
30. Ch. 6- Rider of horse was called—.
31. Ch. 22- "Worship God—!"
34. Used with snow.
36. Not restricted, held in.
38. Ch. 8- Eagle cried out "—."
42. New Guinea.
43. Lutherans United.

# Welcome! New Members

## FRED AND SHIRLEE

**FAEHNER** – Fred and Shirlee have lived in Montville for over 30 years. Fred is president of a wood by-products company. Shirlee teaches at a nursery school in Summit. They have three grown children: Josh, Lyndsey (and husband Brian), and Kyle.

Shepherds: Marty and Charlie Homeijer

## BILL AND NANCY GOELLER –

Bill and Nancy have lived in Parsippany for 29 years. Nancy is a school nurse in Parsippany, and Bill is an engineer for Johnsons & Johnson. They have two children: Dan & Kelly. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren as well as traveling together.

Shepherd: Marilyn Terhune

## PHYLLIS LEHR –

Phyllis and her husband, William, have lived in Boonton Township for 13 years. They have three grown children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Phyllis grew up in Buffalo, NY. She is retired from NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS). Phyllis enjoys traveling and hiking.

Shepherd: Evelyn Thiel

## NATALIE PISARCIK –

Natalie has lived in Boonton all her life. She works as an Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator for Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (RVRSA). Natalie is the granddaughter of Doris Hornick. She is very active in the community: She is a volunteer firefighter and has also served in the Recreation Committee of Boonton for over 10 years; She also has conducted & organized numerous park/river cleanups along the Rockaway River. Natalie enjoys the outdoors, and also playing and watching hockey (avid and longtime Chicago Black Hawks fan).

Shepherd: Donna Kurley

## FRANK & MARCIA REITZ –

Frank and Marcia have lived in Denville for 23 years. Frank is retired from the Air Force and works as office manager for an accounting firm. Marcia enjoys spending long summers at their camper in Cape May. Marcia and Frank have five children, eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and one Shetland Sheepdog.

Shepherd: Don Estler

## LESLIE SMITH-FICARO –

Leslie and her husband, Bob; and daughter, Lia (11), live in Montville. Leslie works part-time as a substitute teacher in Montville. She enjoys baking, reading, and outdoor activities with her family.

Shepherd: Trish Herrera

## SCOTT AND HEATHER

**WALKER** – Scott and Heather moved to Montville from South Orange three years ago. They have three children: Collin (10), Ian (7), and Jacob (5). Scott is a lawyer at Lowenstein Sandler PC, and splits time between the firm's New York and Roseland offices. Heather works part time as an analyst for Defined Health; she previously worked as a molecular biologist doing cancer research (most recently at Novartis).

Throughout the year, they enjoy spending time at their kids' sports and other activities, including football, soccer, basketball, baseball, tennis, and cub scouts. During the spring and summer, the whole Walker family enjoys spending time fishing, swimming, playing tennis and softball at the Lake Valhalla Club.

Shepherd: Donna Keoppel



*“Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father’s glory  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river flow*



*Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord and let there be light”*



## NOTES FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

MAY 2011

<http://www.fpcboonton.org>

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Liturgically meaningful, poetic, and powerful music was echoed throughout the sanctuary walls during **Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter** at First Church. Tremendous thanks to the members of the Chancel Choir, Hand Bell Choir, and vocal soloists for your endurance and patience during rehearsals over the past few months in preparation for such musical offerings.

**Special thanks to our instrumentalists,** Paul Danilack and David Frederick, and guest soloist Lynn Peterson who also enhanced the worship experience during **Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter** at First Church.

## Attention to Children’s Choir singers and parents:

The children’s choir is scheduled to sing during worship on **Youth Sunday (Mother’s Day) Sunday May 8th**. Please have your child(ren) attend Sunday morning rehearsal on May 8 at 9:30AM to have a final run through of music.

## May rehearsal schedules:

**Chancel Choir:** Thursdays • 7:30–9PM  
(final spring rehearsal: Thursday, May 19th)

**Children’s Choir:** Sunday, • May 1st,  
11:15–11:45AM  
(final spring rehearsal: Sunday, May 1st)

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, [babbleon247@yahoo.com](mailto:babbleon247@yahoo.com)). Hope to see you at the next rehearsal! ♥

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

## One great hour of sharing

### Next month we'll report ..

the results of the FPC collection for OGHS. Thanks to all who worked on this year's theme and to those who encouraged us by doing the weekly Minute for Mission.

But most of all, a **"BIG" thank you** to everyone who donated to OGHS.

*One Great Hour of Sharing funds made it possible for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to work with our ecumenical partners and the Presbyterian Church in Pakistan to assist communities suffering from the worst flooding in the country's history. In addition to providing food and shelter in winterized tents, OGHS funds enabled mobile health units to provide medicines and health services.*

## Refuge from the Floods

### One of the many programs supported by OGHS

**Reminder:** The booklets "The Upper Room" and "Alive Now" are on the bridge. Please feel free to take one. They are paid for by the Board of Deacons. If you would like to make a donation to assist us in purchasing, let one of the deacons know or indicate that on one of the green envelopes. ♥

### 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.**



*Prayer To Go – May 2011*

**A NATURAL DISASTER**

When cataclysm strikes, the spirit is tested.  
 The Earth has turned over in its sleep.  
 People have been crushed, killed, wounded.  
 Let us pray for the survivors that their lives may be rebuilt.

When cataclysm strikes, the spirit is tested,  
 wakes from its dream of immortality.  
 Yet the spirit cannot be crushed, killed, wounded.  
 Let us pray that everyone who has suffered may find  
 strength in the spirit.

*Modern prayer from Gujarat, India*

**BIRTHDAYS!**

**MAY**

- 3 Theresa Davenport
- 4 Robin Gershaw
- 10 Mike Saez
- 12 Ken Nickel
- 13 Anne Edwards
- 15 Paul Danilack
- 18 Philip Beatty
- 18 Rebecca Nickel
- 19 Amanda Clarke
- 20 Valerie Whipple
- 21 Allen Whipple
- 23 Eric Aldrich
- 25 Connie Ward-Hance
- 25 Jeff Nordfors
- 27 Brett Nickel
- 27 Rich Davis
- 27 Devon Kelly
- 29 Olivia Case
- 28 Marilyn Ward
- 30 Christina Herrera
- 30 Travis Whipple



The Report from your  
 Stewardship Committee

**BUDGET 2011**

- Income is tracking ahead of budget.
- The expenses are tracking below budget.
- The additional contributions to the restricted funds total \$9,012.05 for the period.

January 1 – March 31, 2011				
	Pledged	Non-pledged	Plate	Expenses
2011 Budget	35,000.00	15,500.00	1,000.00	61,190.25
2011 Actual	50,262.00	9,495.80	878.00	53,399.29
2010 Actual	33,099.00	15,137.00	1,157.00	

**MISSION 2011**

- \$2,271.26 has been contributed to our Mission budget to date.
- We encourage you to use the Mission envelopes when supporting our Mission program.

**BOOK OF REVELATION**



## AND GOD SHALL GRIEVE WITH ...

**THE FAMILY OF RAYMOND HUSK** — *Eric & Jean Rothrock's brother in law's father, is mourning the loss of Raymond who was called home to his Lord. Please keep Ray's extended family in your prayers.*

**THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF BETTY MADDELENA** — *friend of Rev. Jen, Betty had been battling cancer but died during a surgical procedure. She was 53. Please pray for the entire Maddelena family during this difficult time.*

**THE FAMILY OF PETER C. WENDTV** — *child of this church, Peter died at the age of 36, on March 21. Please pray for his surviving spouse Cheryl; their children Riley and Peter; Peter's parents, Peter and Barbara; and sister, Heather.*



## IN OUR PRAYERS: Concerns

**WILLIAM HOMEIJER** — *Charles' father, was hospitalized in Florida and is now at home recovering. Please continue praying for William for a complete recovery.*

**RUTH EMMONS** — *Jean Lobb's sister, will receive treatment to remove cancerous tumors. Please pray for Ruth's healing.*

**VIVIAN THOELE** — *mother of Jack, is recovering after a stroke and now has a home health aid. Please keep Vivian and the entire family in your prayers as Vivian works on her rehabilitation.*

**BRENNA HASSELMANN** — *11 year-old granddaughter of Tom and Louise, is at home, receiving*

*therapy and tests. Please pray that the doctors can find a cure.*

**VIRGINIA APELIAN** — *is recovering well from surgery. Please continue praying for Virginia, as she will need further treatment; also pray for her husband, Henry.*

**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 remember those who served on this coming Memorial Day.*



## JOYS

**TAYLOR STONE** — *Robin Gershaw's granddaughter, has been inducted in to the Math Honor Society and will also go into the Business and Honor Societies.*

**BONNIE & TOM CHIZMADIA** — *are thankful to God for the time in First Church Boonton, and as they move to Texas, prayers are asked for them to find a warm and loving church community as well.*

**BRENNA NICKEL** — *has been offered a call to a church in North Dakota that is shared with a church in Saskatchewan, Canada. Please pray for a smooth process of examination.*

**ARLENE LANGDON** — *had additional surgery to remove additional lymph nodes; all nodes were cancer free. Praise God!*



**Please continue to contribute your change to the "Drop-in-the-Bucket" Font.**

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## 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.**



### Save the Date !

Join us for Vacation Bible School on Saturday,  
June 25, 10 am – 3 pm

### USHERS NEEDED !

Please sign up to fill the vacant dates for the next month. The sign up poster is by the library.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like to have *The Spire* Newsletter **emailed** directly to your home computer each month – please send Charles Homeijer an email at **chh.home@yahoo.com** This would be convenient for you and save us the cost of paper, ink and regular mail.  
*The Spire Committee*

**PW Knitting** is looking for anyone interested in knitting prayer shawls. These are passed on to anyone in the church or community who needs to be wrapped in the love of God while going through a touch time. See Marisa if you are able to help out.