



Steeplelight

First Presbyterian
Church

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October 2009

All-Church Autumn Hayride

Plans are underway for an Old Fashioned Autumn Hayride on Saturday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m. at Schreiber's Farm in Oxford. The evening will include farm animals, a rustic flatbed tractor ride, cows waiting to be fed, a roaring bonfire and new this year—a gas grill for

cooking—and s'mores of course! Plan to bring a blanket, a picnic dinner which can include hot dogs and veggies for roasting, beverages and your singing voice. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-12 (under 3 are free.) In case of rain, bring your dinner and a



pumpkin to Brooks Hall to 'picnic', carve and sing anyway. Sign up in Brooks Hall.

Apple Pies for Thanksgiving

Once again the church will be making homemade Apples pies and the Youth Group will be selling them in time for Thanksgiving. You can order yours beginning in October and pies will be available on

November 7. the cost of a pie will be \$12, the same as last year. Many volunteers will be needed on Thursday evening, November 5 to prepare crusts and all day November 7 to assemble the

pies. Please plan to join us for this church-wide event. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact: Tracy Surrick (333-3164). or bsurrick@aol.com.

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Special points of interest:

- See what the children are learning in Sunday School
- Special program for All Saint's Day
- Join the Women's Association
- Stop and Shop program



The culmination of the program will take place on October 25th, with a special sermon from our Guest Steward, Larry Comstock.

Consecration Sunday—October 25

The *Consecrating Stewards* program for 2010 will take place in October. This is a faith-based approach to encourage every member to make a financial commitment to the church and its work for the coming year. The program was launched last year and it resonated as a meaningful and spiritual approach towards stewardship.

The Consecrating Stewards committee is excited and energized by what is in store for you next month! On October 4, the theme will be introduced through a special and moving ceremony involving our children and youth; and the following two Sundays you will hear testimonies from two beloved church members. The culmination of the program will take place on October 25th, with a special sermon from our Guest Steward, Larry Comstock, followed by a service in which our members will privately decide and consecrate our giving for next year. We look forward to experiencing this special program with all of you in October!

American Chamber Orchestra—October 24

The American Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Christopher James Hisey, will perform its fall concert at First Presby on Saturday, October 24 at 8 PM. The program will feature a performance of the Robert Schumann Piano Concerto in A minor with local piano teacher and music educator, Dorothy Kolinisky, as soloist. Also on the program will be the Hebrides Overture of Mendelssohn and the majestic Symphony #3 ("Eroica") of Beethoven. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. The congregation is reminded that a portion of the revenue from

the American Chamber Orchestra concerts goes to support the Pollitt Fund of the church for musical activities. For any questions, please call Ray Weber at 203-255-7661 or visit the Orchestra website @ www.americanchamberorchestra.org.



Sunday School Teachers

The Christian Ed Committee would like to thank Sunday School Superintendents Mike Mears and Jenn Morrow for putting together a full roster of teachers for our Sunday School program. We encourage you to pray for our Sunday School program throughout the year: - that our teachers may enrich the children's lives with Spirit-led lessons- that our children will receive God's word in a relevant and meaningful way- that our families will be blessed by the growing presence of Christ in the time they spend together. Sunday School teachers are:

2-3 year olds – Jenn Morrow, Jeff Richard

4-5 year olds - Jenn Morrow, Ann Palm

Grades 1 & 2 - Nancy Hancock, Kim Donohue

Grade 3 - Jeff Randolph, Jen Richard

Grade 4 - David Boczar, Kim-Louise Spinosa

Grade 5 - Janielle DiLorenzo

Middle School - Vance Hancock, Vince Caprio, Dan Martens

Sunday School Lessons

for October

4th-God Created the World (Pre-K)

God Meets Us in the Law
11th- God Creates You and Me (Pre-K)

God's People Pray Praise for the Law

18th Moses Floats (Pre-K)

God is Present with People

25th Moses is Drawn Out (Pr-K)

God is Present with His People

Youth Retreat

Twenty-one members of the Youth Group and five chaperones enjoyed a weekend at Camp Hope on Bantam Lake. Activities included a ropes course, an early morning polar bear swim for the brave, water sports and field games. The theme for the weekend was "Relationships" and PJ led spiritual talks throughout the weekend. For pictures of the event, check out the church's website.



To our Family at First Presbyterian,

We thank you and appreciate your support and prayers during this difficult time of loss of our father Albert.

Sincerely, The Boczar



The Women's Association

The Women's Association held their annual Strawberry Festival in June. We would like to extend our many thanks to those who helped before, during and after the festival and those who came and made purchases. You made the festival a great success and helped us meet our mission goals.

We ended the season with our picnic and Bingo extravaganza. There were 27 people present and we enjoyed an evening of food, fun, fellowship and winning of prizes.

The new season started on Tuesday, September 1 with a Board Meeting. Old and new business was discussed and the nomination of new officers.

The Ruth Circle got underway on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. There were 13 women present. We welcomed 3 new members and 1 transfer from the Miriam Circle. Donna Lou Anderson gave a wonderful lesson from Luke and we had a delicious dessert and coffee.

The Sewing Circle gathered on Thursday, September 10 to continue their mission of sewing Johnnie coats and the knitting or crocheting of Prayer shawls. We are always looking for some extra hands to help.

You may wonder who these women are who go to circle meetings. We are members of the church. If you are a woman and a member of the church, you ARE a member of the Women's Association. You are welcome to come to a circle meeting or any of the events we hold. You are being issued a special invitation to join us. If you would like more information or have any questions, please call Pam Ales at 203-261-2466 or pam-ales6397@gmail.com.

ODE TO MARTHA

* Luke, 10:38-42

*Thank God for women's work...
Amid grief, pestilence and war
We do the dishes, mop the floor
Boil the eggs and make the tea,
Tidy up for company
Thank God for women's work.
Faced with utter cataclysm,
Bemoan we bread that hasn't
risen
Or beds unmade, lest someone
see
And find our household slovenly
Thank God for women's work.
Despite disaster at the door,
The curtains need attention more
And clutter rears its ugly head,
So we can deal with it instead
Of dwelling on sad thoughts and
such
That wouldn't help our outlook
much
Thank God for women's work.
Elaine Hawie Chedister*

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Oct 2009 (Eastern Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10am - Worship 27</p> <p>11am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11am - Deacons</p> <p>5:45pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>7:30pm - CED mtg 28</p> <p>7:30pm - Consecrating</p> <p>7:30pm - Worship mtg</p>	<p>9:30am - M.O.M.s of Faith 29</p>	<p>9:30am - Prayer Mtg 30</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>7pm - BSA Trip 10</p> <p>7:30pm - Alpha</p>	<p>9am - Sewing 1</p> <p>7pm - Middle Sch YG</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3:30pm - Family Event 2</p>	<p>9am - Oper Hope 3</p>
<p>10am - Worship 4</p> <p>11am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11am - Fellowship</p> <p>5:45pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Sr. High YG</p>	<p>5 5</p>	<p>9:30am - M.O.M.s of Faith 6</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Assoc.</p> <p>7:30pm - Mission Comm.</p>	<p>9:30am - Prayer Mtg 7</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>7pm - BSA Trip 10</p> <p>7:30pm - Alpha</p>	<p>9am - Sewing 8</p> <p>6:30pm - Ldrship Dinner</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9am - Oper Hope 9</p>	<p>10 10</p>
<p>10am - Worship 11</p> <p>11am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>5:45pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Sr. High YG</p>	<p>Columbus Day 12</p> <p>7:30pm - Session Mtg</p>	<p>9:30am - M.O.M.s of Faith 13</p> <p>7:30pm - Ruth Circle</p>	<p>9:30am - Prayer Mtg 14</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>7pm - BSA Trip 10</p> <p>7:30pm - Alpha</p>	<p>9am - Sewing 15</p> <p>10am - Mother's Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7pm - Wyld Lite/Middle 16</p>	<p>4pm - Hayride Family 17</p>
<p>10am - Worship 18</p> <p>11am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>5:45pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>7:30pm - Outreach 18</p>	<p>9:30am - M.O.M.s of Faith 20</p>	<p>9:30am - Prayer Mtg 21</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>7pm - BSA Trip 10</p> <p>7:30pm - Alpha</p> <p>7:30pm - Trustee Mtg</p>	<p>9am - Sewing 22</p> <p>7pm - Middle Sch YG</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Habitat Workday 23</p>	<p>24 24</p>
<p>10am - Worship 26</p> <p>11am - Deacons</p> <p>11am - Stewardship</p> <p>5:45pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Sr. High YG</p>	<p>7:30pm - CED mtg 26</p> <p>7:30pm - Worship mtg</p>	<p>9:30am - M.O.M.s of Faith 27</p>	<p>9:30am - Prayer Mtg 28</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>7pm - BSA Trip 10</p> <p>7:30pm - Alpha</p>	<p>9am - Sewing 29</p> <p>7pm - Middle Sch YG</p> <p>7pm - Young Life/Sr</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Habitat Workday 30</p>	<p>31 31</p>



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Steeplelight deadline is the 13th of
each month.

Submit articles to
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What will you leave behind?
Please remember First
Presbyterian in your will.

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**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER
BY OCTOBER 1st**

All Saint's Day

A beautiful and prayerful remembrance of all those of our church family who have passed away during the last year will be included in the service of worship on November 1. A bell will be rung at the sound of each name; and flowers will be presented. The Book

of Remembrance will be updated. All families of loved ones who are now with the Lord are especially invited and encouraged -- if possible -- to be present.

Don't forget to buy your Stop and Shop cards for your Thanksgiving food shopping. The deadline is Nov. 3. The Youth Group purchases Stop and



Shop gift cards at a discount and they sell them at face value. The difference between the discounted price and the face value is profit for the Youth Group. In some cases, the Youth Group can earn as much as 5% of your gift card purchase. That's all there is to it! The Youth Group thanks you for your support.