

June 2011



The Spire

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Invite...
Grow...
Serve...

Coming this month:

- Church Picnic, June 12
- High School & Middle School Mission Trip Commissioning, June 19
- Father's Day, June 19
- Sunday School ends, June 19
- Summer Sunday School Begins, June 26

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Partnership!

Sunday, May 22nd, 2011 was a momentous day in the life of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Our congregation officially entered into partnership with our sister church, the Livingstone congregation of the CCAP in Zambia, Africa! As our respective Ministers, Rev. Raymond Roberts and Rev. Nehemiah Mkwai, and Clerks of Session, Dave Rogers and Robert Nkunika, signed the official Partnership Covenant, a sense of optimism and excitement filled the room for embarking on this shared journey as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As members of the Zambia Team, our hearts are bursting with joy! We looked forward for many months to the arrival of our friends from Livingstone with great anticipation, but also with some apprehension. Had we prepared enough to provide a meaningful experience for our visitors as well as for our members? Would Rev. Nehemia Mkwai, Robert Nkunika, Justina Yvonne Mwanza and Jane Ngala feel like a welcome part of our church community? Would we succeed in creating a covenant that respectfully honors both our congregations and our growing mission relationship? As the congregation stepped forward to volunteer hosting, providing meals and spending time with our guests, and as we talked with our visitors

as well as our members about their experiences during the visit, we began to realize the answers to these questions were a resounding YES, YES, and YES!

Our road to partnership has been long and winding, but the journey has always been lead by prayer and faith in God's wisdom and guidance. We cannot begin to express the appreciation we feel for the efforts made by PCW to include our Zambian friends in the life of our church. We hope and pray that the time you spent with them touched you as it has touched all of us. Their Christ-centered lives are apparent and their joy, infectious. We have so much to offer each other as fellow Christians in God's world, and we look forward to taking these next steps together.

Kristin Pirich, Mission Coordinator

On behalf of the members of the Zambia Team, with whom it's truly an honor to work: Debra Janklow, Mitch Janklow, Linda Morse, Barbara McLaughlan and Barbara Ringk.

The Covenant Agreement appears on Page 8

Annual Church Picnic, sponsored by our Board of Deacons

Don't miss out on the annual Church Family Picnic, Sunday, June 12, 11:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the front lawn! This year's theme is 'Fired Up for Christ!'

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and be ready for games, lots of food, and tons of fun!

Please contact the church office, 908-233-0301, for more information.

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Let Me Tell You Something Good!

Not long ago a beloved church member raved about the movie, *The King's Speech*, and recommended I go see it. Although Sallie and I are not frequent moviegoers, we went. And we enjoyed it!

I recount this story to illustrate the dynamic of true evangelism. There, I used that word! "Evangelism!" I can see you looking at this article with furrowed brow, thinking, "Oh no, not that!"

But I do mean "that."

I know. I know. Evangelism evokes a lot of bad, scary images: Odd, angry street corner preachers pronouncing judgment on passersby, strangers intruding in your private space, high pressure people "making a sale" using a sterile formula to force you into a decision. You likely have your own experience. Yuk!

These things are far from evangelism. The word "evangelism" is a compound word from the Greek: *eu* (meaning "good") + *angelion* (meaning "message," our word Angel, or "messenger" comes from the same root). Together *eu* + *angelion* means "a good message" or "good news." It is the word the New Testament evangelists used to describe the story of Jesus.

While we are rightly sensitive to all the bad news ways of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, I dare say that we could brush up on a positive approach, something good enough to be called "good news."

Which brings me back to my opening story. It is a simple story with two movements. In the first movement someone experienced something good, in this case a movie. In the second movement they wanted another person to experience the same goodness enough to share their experience and make a recommendation.

That, in a nutshell, is everything you ever wanted to know about evangelism.

At the story suggests the first step to sharing the good news with others in a way that is comfortable and meaningful (for everyone) is to get in touch with and reflect on our own experience with God in Jesus Christ. Can you think of a time when God was real in your life? Have you ever sensed God's presence? Good-

ness? Mercy? Truth? Love? How has God given your life meaning and purpose? How has a relationship with God's people (the church) strengthened you?

As you think about where God has been in your life and the good things that are part of being a follower of Christ, it may help to reflect on what writer, Dallas Willard, calls "the cost of non-discipleship;" namely, what we miss out on if we decide not to follow Jesus.

Your relationship with God will become richer.

No matter how bleak things seem you will live in hope.

You will begin to see the shimmering glory and splendor of God in all things and all people, no matter how ordinary.

You will find a purpose that gives your life meaning.

You will be more available to serve God.

You will gain a perspective that will help you find balance in your life.

You will learn wonderful things about God, yourself, and life.

You will become wise and mature.

You will become who God created you to be.

You will seek the excellence of God.

You will realize that it's not all about you, but about the wondrous glory of God.

Currently the Session is reading a book, *Unbinding the Gospel*. Based on a study of growing mainline Protestant Churches, it unfolds the dynamic I discuss in the article. In growing congregations members have a living, vital, well-attended spiritual life. They know that the good news of Jesus is not a rumor, but God is still working in the world, blessing and changing lives.

All of which is to say, that there may be more to Christian faith than you have experienced.

— Rev. Raymond R. Roberts



A Fond Farewell

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens”

—(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

A time for everything... it's sometimes a difficult thought to keep. Whether the loss of a loved one, experiencing a family displaced, or just not understanding why things are the way they are, there is a time for everything. This is God's time. We are blessed to be loved by such a gracious God. No matter where life's journey takes us, we find comfort in God's time – protected, nurtured, sustained and fulfilled through our creator.

And, so, my time with you is coming to an end. My time with you has been filled abundantly with laughter, faith, fellowship, friendship, love, growth in the Spirit, singing, amazing Worship and outstanding commitment to the Gospel. There are no words to truly describe how grateful I am to be part of the PCW family. While I am preparing to return to school in California, I am mindful that the lessons that I've learned by serving with you cannot be taught in any classroom by any professor. Among the many gifts you have shared with me, these are the most meaningful.

In our partnership over the last four years, we have experienced growth and rebirth in the music ministry. More people are actively engaged in participation, not just through singing, ringing and playing but in overall leadership. We have made a lot of wonderful music together – all of which has served to glorify God as we've sought to enjoy God in our daily lives. I have been blessed to lead the Music Ministry of PCW, but this is NOT my ministry – it is ours! It is my prayer and hope that you continue to grow and challenge yourselves spiritually and musically.

There are so many people that I have to thank that I'd take the entire *Spire* to do so. So, simply. . . **Thank you!**

On Sunday, June 19, at 4:00 p.m., please join me in the Sanctuary for a concert of organ music, hymn singing and guest soloist Maureen Francis. Please join me in giving thanks for our time together and invite your friends to be with us as well!

And so, with gratitude, I bid you. . . keep singing PCW!

— With love in Christ, *Jason*



Au revoir

Hasta pronto



A Sincere Thanks to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, NJ

As I end 20 years as head coordinator of our HomeFirst Homeless program, I am reflecting on my many years of wonderful associations with PCW and its dedicated members and staff. It has been my privilege to hold this position for so long, although it has seemed like months and not years. Becoming acquainted with you all, getting to know you, and working with you are the parts of the job that I will miss the most. You have all become my family and I cherish the time we have spent together.

I would like to give special thanks to Lou Ann Kaplonski, our Church Administrator, Jim Kajosevic, our Maintenance Supervisor, for their ever-present help when it was needed, and above all, to Wilma Barker, who spent endless hours helping me run the program. I couldn't have done it without her assistance.

Thank you, too the PCW and the Mission Commission for the lovely reception in May, for the

wonderful framed certificate which I am so proud to have, and the very beautiful cross, the first I have ever owned!

I hope you will give the same love, support, and loyalty which you have given to me, to the new HomeFirst leaders, Margo Seaman, Carol Cook, Ellen Rogers, and Deborah Osment. I'm sure they will be running the program beautifully, and they will have any help I can give them along the way.

—With Love,
Alice Ousterman



June 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	2 9:30am PW Board 6pm HSMT Planning 6:30pm HSMT Student Orientation	3	4
5 8 & 10 Worship 9am Adult Education 10am Sunday School 11am Eva Christian Interment	6	7 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching for Work 7pm Outreach/Welcome 7:30pm Youth, Worship, Communications 8pm Mission Com.	8 10am Program Staff 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	9 9:30am PW Circles 3:30am PW Circle 5 7pm Seib/Clement Rehearsal	10 12pm Lunch/Book 4:30pm Seib/Clement Wedding	11
12 8 & 10 Worship CHURCH PICNIC	13 1:30pm Parkinsons' Group 7:30pm Stephen Ministers 7pm MSMT Advisor Mtg	14 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching for Work 1:30pm Program Staff 7:30pm Session 7:30pm Deacons	15 7am 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	16 7pm The Well	17 6pm Wolford Rehearsal	18 3pm Wolford Wedding
19 Father's Day 8 & 10 Worship 10am LAST Sunday School 2yr-5th gr 10am HS MS Mission Trip Commissioning 4pm Jason Klein Recital	20	21 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching for Work 1:30pm Program Staff	22 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape 7pm Zambia Team 7:30pm Office/Property	23 9:30am PW Sewing	24 10am Cemetery Committee	25 HSMT through July 2
26 8 & 10 Worship 10am Summer Sunday School Begins	27 7:30pm Stephen Ministers	28 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching for Work 1:30pm Program Staff	29 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	30		

July 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 8 & 10 Worship 9am Adult Education 10am Sunday School	4	5 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching for Work	6 10am Program Staff 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	7	8	9
10 8 & 10 Worship 10am Sunday School	11 7:30pm Stephen Ministers	12 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching for Work 1:30pm Program Staff	13 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	14	15	16
Middle School Mission Trip 7/11-7/15						
17 8 & 10 Worship 10am Sunday School	18 9am VBC Panda Mania	19 9am VBC Panda Mania 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching for Work 1:30pm Program Staff	20 9am VBC Panda Mania 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	21 9am VBC Panda Mania	22 9am VBC Panda Mania	23 Middle School Great Escape Begins!
24 8 & 10 Worship 10am Sunday School	25 7:30pm Stephen Ministers	26 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching for Work 1:30pm Program Staff	27 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	28	29	30
31 8 & 10 Worship 10am Sunday School	Middle School- Great Escape! 7/25- 7/30					

Children and Families Ministries

Panda Mania is just around the corner! Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 18-22, 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and is open to all children 4 year-olds through 5th grade. The cost is \$25.00 per child or a family maximum of \$50.00.



Spaces fill up fast so register your child early.

Parents can join our children in Panda Mania as they discover that God is wild about them by helping in some area and may choose from the following options:

We Need Leaders For: *Opening Assembly, Songs and Motions, Bible Storytelling, Crafts, Video, Snacks, Games, Closing Assembly, Pre-school Activities.* We also need **CREW LEADERS** to guide children to and from their Bible camp activities! (Middle School and High School youth may sign up to be Crew Leaders.)

Registration forms are available in the church office and on our website: www.westfieldpc.org.

(Payment and parent volunteer preference must accompany each registration or the registration form will not be processed.)

For more information or to let us know where you will help, contact Mary Bielen at mbielen@westfieldpc.org.

Kindergarten Bibles were presented to children on Sunday, May 22. The following is a list of the children who received their very own Bible:

Preston Jeffrey Barber, William Thomas Dailey, Ian Murphy Deyerle, Samuel Eller Deyerle, William Ernest Deyerle, Ethan Richard Diehl, Maxwell Edison Dolling, Logan James Elfstrum, Mason Riley Gibbs, Morgan Gillian Howard, Sarah Robyn Klemm, Kathryn Rose Phelan, Avery Clair Pierce, Julia Mae Sugrue, Jeffrey Scott Valentine, Jr., Ryan Cole Werder, Ethan Can Yucetepe

If your child did not receive a Bible and you would like them to, please contact Betty Born in the church office: bborn@westfieldpc.org.

The Clothing Connection: Because our children outgrow their clothes faster than we can blink, we thought it would be an interesting idea to connect the people who have kid's clothes that their child has outgrown, to people who could use them. *The Clothing Connection* is a Presbyterian Church in Westfield, NJ organization that does just that. If you have children's and teen's clothing you are finished

with, or if you could use children or teen clothes, contact Melanie White, 908-451-6432 or email: connection@westfieldpc.org.

Summer Sunday School begins Sunday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m.! The curriculum for the summer is ***Awesome Adventures: God's People on the Mountains and Seas.*** Children, 4 years old through 5th grade will gather each Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. worship service for some fun and exciting stories and activities that will take them over mountains and across seas as they explore what it means to follow God no matter where they are!

**CALLING ALL FAMILIES!
YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!
NEW VOLUNTEER STAFFING PLAN TO BEGIN
IN SEPTEMBER 2011**

Over the last year-and-a-half, our Children's Sunday School program has been growing as new families have joined the church. In addition, Church on Wednesday (COW), the new "music and meal" program that started in the Fall of 2009 has been growing as well. Like all church programs, we need volunteers to teach in our Sunday School program, and we need volunteers to lead activities, to help prepare or provide meals, and to assist in other ways. Some of our current Sunday School teachers have been teaching for 5-6 years, and their children are ready to move up into the youth program. Many of these parents have been volunteering 20 Sundays a year to support the Sunday School program, and they miss participating in the worship service because they do volunteer.

The Children and Families Ministries Commission recognizes that we need to increase our volunteer support of these programs in a way that is more equitable, so beginning this coming Fall 2011, we are asking each family (Mom or Dad) to volunteer for either Sunday School or COW (Church on Wednesdays). Although we are presently working on the scheduling details we estimate that each family (Mom or Dad) will be scheduled eight to ten Sundays or Wednesdays a year. We realize this is a new direction, but one that we feel is sorely needed in order to support our two biggest programs. More information will be mailed to you in June and follow up will occur over the summer.

Thank you for your support of Sunday School and Church on Wednesdays (COW)! We look forward to having everyone involved.



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Youth



What do we do all summer:

Get ready for another fun summer for all upcoming 6th graders through recent high school graduates! We do all kinds of stuff whether it's a mission trip, picnic or camp!! Stay in touch and have a blast with us all summer!

Agape

Agape continues during the summer, so keep Wednesdays open for our friends in Elizabeth. Every Wednesday meet at 3:15 in the church parking lot. No experience necessary! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited, as well as adults!!!

High School Mission Trip Meetings

If your youth has signed up for this trip, please be advised there are **mandatory meetings** which they must attend:

-Mission Trip Parent/Student Informational Meeting: Thursday, **June 2**, 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in Assembly Hall

-Mission Trip Student Orientation: Thursday, **June 2**, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in Assembly Hall

If you cannot attend the meetings, and you haven't let Linnette know, please do so.

High School and Middle School Mission Trips: Participant Commissioning: Sunday, June 19 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Middle School Mission Trip & The Great Escape

The Middle School Mission Trip, headed to Philadelphia, PA and The Great Escape registrations are PAST DUE, but if you are very interested in attending, please contact Linnette in the church office.

Important Dates to Remember

June 25-July 2

High School Mission Trip
Dulac, LA

July 11-15

Middle School Mission Trip
Philadelphia, PA

July 25- 30

Middle School Summer Camp
"The Great Escape"

Bookmark this page to get updates on the Summer Mission Trips:

<http://pcwyouthmission.blogspot.com/>



Lunch and A Book

Please join us on Friday, June 3rd from noon to 1:00 in the church library to discuss Ernest Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms". This American Classic is always on the "must read" lists. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to get started on the summer book we'll be reading "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by

Jamie Ford. For a complete list of all of the books we've read, please go to the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Black, blackpolak@verizon.net for more information.

—Lisa Black

Time Out For Parents (TOPS)

Do you know anyone with very young children who may enjoy some Time Out?

Starting up again in September, child care in a preschool setting, will be available for children, age three through twenty months.

Classes meet from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Monday - Wednesday mornings in room 104. Brochures and registration cards for Time Out for Parents will be available all summer in the Church office and Narthex. If you have questions, email

Mary Danskin, TOPS Director at mkdanskin@comcast.net or call 908 654-5157.



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The Friends of Westfield Symphony present...

A TOUR OF NOTABLE HOMES, Saturday, June 4th 10am – 4pm!

A once-a-year opportunity to personally visit some of the most captivating and enticing homes in Central New Jersey. This year's tour features a prime knoll-top property by celebrated American architect Henry Bacon in Summit, a majestic Berkeley Heights Victorian circa 1860 with Italianate elements owned by a former world series baseball player, a Kimball Ave award winning Queen Anne historic home, an authentically restored charming Euclid Ave landmark residence with pool house and one of the lushest gardens in Westfield, and a brand new Nordic-inspired Tudor with white-on-white interior. Refreshments, plant sale, musical interlude, raffles and more.

All proceeds to benefit Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 on the day
For further information call 908 232 9400
www.westfieldsymphony.org
<http://www.westfieldsymphony.org>
or visit Westfield Symphony Friends on Facebook.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

Westfield: *Baron's Drug Store, Coldwell Banker Realtors E and W, The Town Book Store, Weichert Realtors, WSO office (224 E Broad St).*

Summit: *Keller Williams Realty Premier Properties, Coldwell Banker, Paperfolio,*

Fanwood: *Norman's Hallmark*

Cranford: *Periwinkles's Fine Gifts,*



Labels for Education—Thank You

3890 Labels for Education...translates into **\$389.00** sent to a very grateful Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM! The school redeems the labels for much-needed equipment and supplies in their classrooms.

Thank you to all church members who clip and turn in the labels! A complete list of acceptable labels and splash caps can be found on the church's website and on the bulletin board/poster in the lower hall entrance off the parking lot. The large Campbell's Soup can receptacle for the labels and caps is also located there.

Many household purchases besides food products, such as Ziploc, Cottonelle, Kleenex, Huggies and Hefty have labels on them. Some products are worth 5 or 10 points. General Mills pays 10 cents for each box top. Please

check the three-page list to see what can be saved. Also note: Menaul does **not** use Betty Crocker Points. The entire labels cannot be used...only the symbol and the bar code should be turned in for redemption.

Items Menaul has received include musical instruments, maps and globes, sports equipment and, most recently, a video/data projector for use in the science program. They wish to acquire two more (at a cost of 90,000 labels each.) Menaul was founded over 100 years ago to provide a school for native children... some children from remote areas board at the school. They are very grateful for our continued help.

—Ann Fontana



The Men's Fellowship Group Wants YOU!

The men's group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Assembly Hall for great breakfasts and lively group discussions.

Our Saturday morning meetings have been growing in attendance and welcome all men to participate in fellowship each month.

We won't be meeting again until September, so mark your calendars and please join us!

First timers are strongly encouraged to join us!

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Covenant of Partnership between The Livingstone Congregation (CCAP), Zambia and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, NJ (PCUSA)

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Jesus Christ. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."

—Philippians 1:3-11

Responding to God's call to a mutual ministry that expresses Christ's prayer that we would all be one and in recognition of the Spirit's movement among us through a variety of growing friendships, we enter into this partnership in order to give a structure to the oneness we find in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

The practice of partnership guides God's church in the whole world. Through prayer, humility and a mutual openness to one another, we develop a cooperative witness that exalts the Lord we serve.

This allows the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, as a community rooted in grace to pursue our mission to:

"Invite...people into a relationship with God,
Grow...together as devoted of followers of Christ, and
Serve...others through the power of the Holy Spirit."

As Livingstone Congregation and indeed as part of the body of Christ, We reach out to people within and beyond the borders of our lands with the word of God encouraging them to become servants of God through a holistic ministry in line with Biblical and Presbyterian guidelines.

Purposes and Expectations of the Partnership:

1. God's Word shall at all times be the guide in our partnership and that we shall respect the supremacy of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Therefore our partnership shall be to the glory of the Lord and that we shall be dedicated to do God's mission in both Congregations in any way possible within our means.
2. As we carry on with our mission work through our partnership, we shall always be dedicated to lifting each other up to God in prayer for all of our daily needs, concerns, challenges and joys.
3. There shall be mutual sharing of resources, which include spiritual, human, cultural, material and financial resources. By contributing our resources to each other's needs within each congregation, we shall thus build up the body of Christ.
4. Communicate the mission work in the two congregations, expanding and strengthening the existing relationship between our two congregations and increasing our understanding of what church life is like in each community. In addition, seek ways to develop a common mission.
5. Exchange of visits from both congregations in order to continue learning about each other and our mission work through experience. This will help us to strengthen and nurture the life and work of our congregations.

This Covenantal Relationship Shall Include:

1. Mutual commitment and respect,
2. Open, honest, transparent communication, providing accountability and up-to-date reports regarding the allocation or distribution of material, financial and human support.
3. A partnership of giving and receiving, teaching and learning, leading and following, resulting in a deepening understanding of each other,
4. Open dialogue with an agreement to disagree on occasion and to offer and receive forgiveness when an unintentional misunderstanding has occurred.

Partnership Opportunities for Sharing:

A. Identification of the Livingstone Congregation needs:

- building church
- capital for starting businesses which will create sustainability for church programs
- to assist the vulnerable within the congregation

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- instruments for music ministry
- support for HIV/AIDS outreach (H.B.C.)
- leadership and job training for youth
- increase membership by having Westfield visitors evangelize in the community
- communication equipment

B. Identification of the Westfield Congregation needs:

- expanded awareness and understanding of Christian spirituality in developing countries and specifically in the Livingstone CCAP congregation
- encourage spiritual gifts of praise, prayer and tithing through their example
- methods of seeking creative evangelism that will bring people into the church community.
- better understanding of how to live a more Christ-centered life
- increase spiritual ministry of laity and elders
- better stewardship of our material blessings
- encourage spiritual feeling through music

C. Identification of what the Westfield Congregation has to offer the Livingstone Congregation:

- a desire to learn a new perspective, ways of life, and ideas
- a caring spirit that responds to the needs and hurts of others
- hospitality, offering a friendly warm welcome to all who visit
- a variety of skills and technical knowledge within our membership and a willingness to share these with others (i.e. agriculture, education, health care, business and water treatment)
- assistance with financial resources within our means to enable the Livingstone congregation to create and/or sustain their church programs
- a willingness to share knowledge and resources pertaining to worship, stewardship, church growth and church education.
- a desire to share in the Reformed tradition of worship, prayer, sacraments, and Polity.
- encouragement communication between our two congregations

D. Identification of what the Livingstone Congregation has to offer the Westfield Congregation:

- priority of God in Zambian lives
- praise of God in worship
- strength of prayer life and Bible knowledge
- skills in lay pastoral care
- compassion in outreach ministry
- welcoming visitors and collaborating fully and willingly with the Westfield congregation in any approved work parties and group visits, including short and long term missionaries to serve in the congregation in an area of interest to both parties.

Term of Covenant:

This Covenant is entered into a period of five years from the date of its signing by all parties, and will be reviewed annually and subject to renewal as the Spirit leads our congregations. The Westfield congregation's Zambia team and the Livingstone congregation's Westfield Team will review and evaluate the covenant and bring to their respective Session and Vestry a commonly agreed upon yearly report.

Communication:

All communications related to this partnership will go through their respective, designated official communicator. There shall be regular exchange of information between our Churches. Westfield and Livingstone will periodically send bulletins and newsletters.

Partnership Education:

Continuing education will take place in both congregations to ensure that pastors, leaders of the church, elders and congregations have a clear picture of the scope of the partnership. The blessing of pastors and elders must be evident as they convey information about the partnership to their congregations, session and vestry.

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Financial Report

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS through 4/30/2011

	<u>4 mos 2011</u>	<u>4 mos 2010</u>	<u>4 mos 2009</u>
Investment Capital gains/(losses)	\$340,007	\$233,323	\$(90,072)
Bequests	\$50,000	\$67,338	\$-
Offerings & all other receipts	\$529,286	\$532,606	\$603,205
 Total Cash Expenditures	 \$574,025	 \$999,737	 \$616,447

The church's financial position has been supported in large part by the YTD performance of its investment portfolio: 37% of consolidated cash through April 2011 was due to unrealized capital gains. Cash expenditures in April last year were skewed by the \$440,000 spent to purchase the manse. Excluding these special items (investment gains and manse purchase), the results for the first 4 months of 2011 almost exactly match the levels for the same period last year, for both inflows and the outflows.

ANNUAL OPERATING FUND REVIEW & RESULTS through 4/30/11

For the four month period:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Offerings	\$440,011	\$392,011	\$438,620	\$513,665
Other income	\$64,770	\$40,179	\$34,772	\$35,667
Expenses	\$456,914	\$466,087	\$483,956	\$480,350
net	\$47,867	\$(33,897)	\$(10,564)	\$68,982

For the full year:

	<u>2011 PROJ</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Offerings	\$1,100,000	\$1,097,703	\$1,193,267	\$1,310,113
Other income	\$190,000	\$129,853	\$120,205	\$114,606
Expenses	\$1,409,440	\$1,397,462	\$1,402,156	\$1,451,870
net	\$(119,440)	\$(169,906)	\$(88,684)	\$(27,151)

Offerings consist of 2011 pledges, plate income and prior year pledge receipts. With 1/3 of the year passed, pledge collections amounted to \$380,365, or 39% of the total amount committed. Other income consists of space rental fees, and in 2011 also includes *all cash income from the Unrestricted Endowment*, which was not included in the AOF budget in prior years. Expenses are running at an appropriate level for the time of year passed (32% of budgeted expenses have been spent during 33% of 2011).

Annual pledges this year: 407 pledges totaled \$ 978,844 (-19 pledges and -\$ 25,736 v '10)

Questions and comments always welcomed: mblapham2001@aol.com or 889-6670

—Marybeth Lapham

Expenses remain steady throughout the year (given that staffing is 2/3 of the overall budget), so please try to keep current on your pledges during the summer months.

The Spire

Happy Birthday

June 1
Hunsinger, Janice
Lorentzen, Susan
Donzella, Jennifer
Crosby, Stephen
Williams, Ed

June 2
Rogerson, Jennifer
Bracco, Danielle
Banta, James
Williams III, Donald
Ranney, Sarah
Bigelow, Daniel
Mushell, Michael
Compton, Joseph

June 3
Klofta, Kevin
Mislinski, Joseph
Finter, Steven
Tonking, Susan
Magiera, Jennifer
Carlson, Taylor
Chapman, Matthew

June 4
Cyr, Carol
Collins, David

June 5
Armstrong, Olga
Danser, Bonnie
Sarle, Jean
Akerly, Richard
Cote, Gwyneth
Rogers, Craig
Kephart, James

June 6
Habgood, Linda
Swingle, Carolyn
Spurlock, Malcolm
Weber, William

June 7
Kolterjahn, Linda
Partelow, Shirley
Burke, Trudy
Pace, Donna
Thompson, John
Stroevert, Keith
Ruiz, Pedro
Buttermore, Linnea
Buttermore, Kara
Anderson, Meg
Bartok, Owen
Becker, Alexandria

June 8
Duddy, Nancy
Fahrenheitold, Gerald
Parker, Rose

Victorino, Maxwell

June 9
Stevenson, Carmella
Augustine, Jeanne
Zeitounian, Dee
Bennett, Faith
Molloy, Eleanor
Hewitt, Brent
Hewitt, Eric
Stroevert, Timothy

June 10
Vivian, Robert
Nemec, Norma
Hoeft, Karrie
Riddell, Marci
Hewitt, Craig
Mislinski, Jack

June 11
Meglaughlin, Robert
Luker, Jeff
Stock, Craig
Van Wyk, Bob
Fraits, Kristina
McQuade, Amanda
McQuade, Rebecca
Roff, Adel
Molloy, Owen
Augenstein, Amelia

June 12
Belcher, Dariel
Shaw Jr, Gaither
Kobasa, Peter
Campbell, John
Koch, Greg
Cerino, Anthony
O'Neill, Matt
Lucas, Seth
Elsasser, Bryan
Douglas, Katherine
Campbell, Jack
Howell, Benjamin

June 13
Sullebarger, Franklyn
Jackson, Doris
Peterson, Jon
Perez, Juan
Boyle, Christine
Molloy, Emma
Case, Thomas
Robertson, Natalie

June 14
Enders, Judith
Kolterjahn, Paul
Scrudato, Charles
Iannazzone, Ralph
Roberts, Sallie
Smith, Tacy

Obuchowski, Karen
Murphy, Griffin

June 15
Vincentsen, Barbara
Janklow, Mitchell
Roth, Paul
Busse, Dirk

June 16
Lindgren, Ruth
Siegel, Lynn
Dix, Claudine
Foley, Kerry
Adams, Justin
Timko, Cynthia
Dee, Elizabeth

June 17
McFall, Warren
Klofta, Rose
DelPaoli, Jason
DelPaoli, Madison

June 18
McMackin, Dorothy
Yockel, Roger
Davison, Paula
Williams, Victoria
Stierhoff, Valerie
Smith, Milton
Doerr, Michael
Laterra, Mr Scott

June 19
Sullebarger, Joanne
Mann, Dave
Lau, Nancy
Oslislo, Shirley
DiTullio, Kirsten
Cook, III, Robert
MacPherson, Gabriela

June 20
Kohler, Charles
Stewart, Jessica
Feeney, Abigail
Douglas, Christopher

June 21
Traverse, Eulah
Mack, Patricia
Festa, Christian
Lee Kim, Jen
Petroric, Joseph
Manning, Douglas

June 22
Werber, Nancy
Albanese, Nancy
Kender, Brian
Embry, Colin

June 23
Macrae, Kay

Evans, Dwight
Vasel, Donna
Curtiss, Peter
Janssen, Sharon
Paulino, Francis
Johnston, Paul
Algarin, Claire
Hill, Devin
Burgdorf, Tobin

June 24
Mayo, Dorothy
Horner, Arthur
Seib, Susan
White, Melanie
DeMartino, Jesse
Murtishaw, Charlotte

June 25
Archer, Dot
Kolterjahn, Marilyn
Rand Sr, William
McQuade, Elizabeth
Thompson, Chris
Bond, Scott
Doyle, Michael
Dimon, Chris
Potok, Paul
Miller, Carlee
Stierhoff, Emma

June 26
Akerly, Audrey
Friedrichs, Marilyn
Treger, Christine
Jablonski, Cynthia
MacGregor, Margaret
Knisely, Logan
Williams, Peter

June 27
Farrell, Joan
Finter, Scott
MacPherson, Martha
Humphreys, Kerry
Cote, Cynthia

June 28
Finter, Donald
Johnsen, Karen
Bush, Kristen
Gerckens, Jennifer
MacPherson, Ian
Mantone, Brady

June 29
Cook, Allison
Sullivan, Colin

June 30
Ekstedt, John
Seaman, Margo
Wahl, Evan



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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD**

- Worship Service in the Chapel at 8:00 a.m.
- Christian Education for Youth (grades 6-12) & Adults at 9:00 a.m.
- Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (2yrs-5th grade)

Child care for infants thru 3yr olds is available in our cribbery located on the lower level of the Christian Ed. Building, 8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.