

May 2011



**Special points of interest:**

- 50 Year Members' Breakfast, Senior Sunday, Intergeneration Lunch, May 1
- Mother's Day, May 8
- Teacher Appreciation, Youth Sunday, New Member Seminar, May 15
- Kindergarten Bibles, Youth Celebration, May 22
- HomeFirst Homeless Week, May 22-29
- Memorial Day, May 30

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# THE SPIRE

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## Panda Mania is Coming to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield!



*Panda Mania*

*Where God Is Wild About YOU!*

*July 18-22, 2011*

*9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.*

*Children 4 years*

*through 5th Grade*

*Take a walk on the wild*

*side with Boomer, Fez,*

*Amanda, Pogo and Lulu!*

Registration is limited to church members until June 1, 2011. Registration will be open to the general public after June 1. Payment must accompany registration. Parents are asked to help, and registration forms will NOT be processed unless your helping preference is checked on the registration form.

There will be crafts, games, music, snacks, storytelling and LOTS of fun! 4th and 5th grade children may sign up to be assistant volunteer helpers!

Vacation Bible Camp fills up very, very, quickly, so please register right away! Registration forms are available in the church office!

### Youth ReBuilding Hope

February was Youth ReBuilding Hope month, where we raise money for youth-related missions projects: the Agape Community Kitchen and the Middle School and High School Missions trips.

Each Sunday during February, the youth of our congregation presented how participating in the church youth mission programs has changed their lives and strengthened their faith.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we raised over \$20,000 to go towards these important programs. If you contributed to Youth ReBuilding Hope, THANK YOU! If you would still like to contribute, donations are still being accepted. Simply send them to the church office, noting the donation is for YRH.

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## Join Us for Senior Sunday, May 1!

For the first time, the Presbyterian Church in Westfield will hold a special Sunday event next month not only honoring long-time members but also having seniors handling much of the worship services. Our church has more than 100 persons who have been members for 50 years or longer.

All long-time members are encouraged to attend and be inspired by the message theme, "Live Into Hope." They also are invited to bring along family members to be part of this unique occasion.

Both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services on May 1, will be designated as Senior Sunday, with a special emphasis on the newest group of 50-Year members. All others in attendance who joined our church before 1961 also will be recognized.

The Fellowship Commission will host a

breakfast at 9:00 a.m. for those who became members of our church in 1961. The commission then will have an intergenerational, all-church buffet luncheon after the 10:00 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to this luncheon.

All three ministers, Ray Roberts, Mike Samson and Emily Wilmarth, will join in delivering the main message, but members of the Senior Network Committee will participate in all other facets of the worship services, including serving Communion.

The church has mailed letters inviting those who joined in 1961 to respond whether they plan to be present on May 1.

Everyone is welcome to join us, as the church gives special recognition to its long-time members.

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## Eine Kleine Music Note

Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

This was our cry as we began our Worship on Easter Sunday. On that glorious day, all of our pageantry on Palm Sunday, our breaking bread at the table on Maundy Thursday and our grieving at the foot of the cross on Good Friday reached its apex. In this season of Easter, we give thanks for the Resurrection – we robustly sing our alleluias again.

Many people sang and played throughout Holy Week, truly making all of our worship experiences special. I would like to thank the Chancel Choir, the Chancel Handbell Choir, the New Covenant band and all of our other instrumentalists for their hard work. Many of these people share their gifts week after week, but all their hard work leading up to Holy Week was truly remarkable. It is with deepest gratitude and love that I say thank you.

If all the music from Holy Week left you inspired to share your gifts with the congregation, please speak to me. Spring is the perfect time of year to give the music ministry a try.

I will forever hold in my heart the Chancel Choir's rendition of Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ from Good Friday as well as the entire congregation singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus as the Benediction on Easter.

Thank you for your love and support over the past few weeks and I look forward to singing God's praises with you. Keep singing my friends!!!

Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

*With love in Christ, Jason*

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## Led by Love

At the heart of the Old Testament is the story of God's people freed by God from slavery in Egypt and led by God through the harsh wilderness, on the way to the land that God promised their ancestors long ago – a rich land, flowing with milk and honey – the Promised Land. That long and difficult journey was a time of preparation for Israel to be equipped by God with commandments, all of which made up God's law. This law was God's gift of life for God's people. It was clear that if they trusted God with their lives and obeyed God's law, it would go well with them in the new land. If they did not, a fall was imminent.

On the cusp of the promised land, after receiving God's law in its entirety, Moses lays

the situation out for all of God's people: "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. Choose life so that you and your descendents may live" (Deut. 30:15, 19).

At the heart of God's law is God's love. God loves us and wants our love in return. It is spelled out very clearly for us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deut. 6:5). We were created to be loved by God and to love God in return. The choice to love God is ever before us, but it is always a response to a choice that has already been made about us. We are loved.

—Rev. Mike M. Samson

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## Lunch and a Movie May 25

The next lunch and movie, sponsored by the Senior Network Committee, will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 25, in the George Plenty Room. All you need to bring is a bag lunch; an iced drink and dessert will be provided.

The month's movie, "Walking Across Egypt" starring Ellen Burstyn, is described as funny and heartwarming. Ms. Burstyn plays a depressed widow who hears a sermon on helping "the least of these thy brethren" and then uses the message to improve the life of a troubled teenage boy no one else wants. In the process, she decides what her life is really about.

After the movie, there will be a discussion of how everyone can benefit from this type of experience.



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## The Men's Fellowship Group Wants You!

The men's group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the 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.

Our next meetings scheduled in May will occur on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. For these last two meetings of the year, we will be featuring programs on the Zambia visitors including a special meeting not to be missed on May 21, featuring Parish Minister, Rev Nehemia Mkwai, and Church Elder, Robert Nkunika, who will talk about the Zambia Church.

Please join us!

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# May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8 & 10 Worship Senior Sunday 8:30am 50 Yr member Breakfast 9am Youth & Adult Education 10am Sunday School 11am 50 Yr/JOY Intergenerational Lunch 4:30pm Last MS Advisors 5pm Last MS Fellowship 7pm Last HS Advisors 7:30pm Last HS	2 9am Craftsmen 12:30pm Adult Bible Study 7:30pm Theological Discussion Group 7:30pm CNC 8pm Chancel Bells	3 9am Searching for Work 7pm Evening Prayer 7:30pm Youth, O & W, Worship, Communications 8pm Mission	4 7am Dawn Patrol 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape 4:30pm Joyful Ringers 5pm Joyful New 5pm Cherub Choir 5:30pm COW Dinner	5 9:30am PW Board 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6 9:30am Bible Study	7 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group
8 Mother's Day 8 & 10 Worship 9am Youth & Adult Education hour 10am Sunday School Installation of Officers	9 9am Craftsmen 12:30pm Adult Bible Study 1:30pm Parkinson Grp 7pm Knoxbells 7:30pm Stephen Ministry 8pm Chancel Bells	10 9am Searching for Work 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Youth Sunday Planning 7:30pm Session	11 <i>Zambians Arrive</i> 7am Dawn Patrol 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape 5pm C.O.W. Party	12 7am LAST Breakfast Club 9:30am PW Circles 1, 2 3:30pm PW Circle 5 7:30pm Chancel Choir	13 9:30am Bible Study 12pm Lunch/Book	14 10am Youth Sunday Rehearsal
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Staff Retreat May 24/25</b> </div>						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>HomeFirst Week 5/22—5/29</b> </div>						
29 8 & 10 Worship	30 Memorial Day Church office closed	31 9am Searching for Work 1:30pm Staff Meeting				

## Children and Families Ministry

**PANDA MANIA** Vacation Bible Camp “Where God is Wild about You!” July 18th-22nd!: Vacation Bible Camp will be held in the morning from 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on these dates. Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. Children in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades may sign up to be assistant leaders. We wanted to let you know the dates now so you can work around them as you plan out your summer vacations and activities. Registration forms are available and will be handed out in Sunday School on May 1st. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! (see below!)**

**MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** In May our “Kids Discovering Worship” classes (age 3-1st grade) will learn some of the post-Easter stories and some very special parables. Our “Workshop Rotation” classes (2nd through 5th grades) will participate in cooking, games, drama and art workshops all about the stories of the “The Road to Emmaus” and “The Greatest Commandment.”

**KINDERGARTEN BIBLE PRESENTATIONS ON MAY 22ND:** Every year we present a children's Bible to each of our kindergarten children. We will do this on May 22nd, at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Children are called

forward with their parents to receive their Bibles.

*If you would like your child to receive a Bible, please email Betty Born at [bborn@westfieldpc.org](mailto:bborn@westfieldpc.org) with how you would like your child's name to appear on the bookplate. (Most parents include the child's first, middle and last names.)*

**LUNCH BUNCH MAKES LUNCHESES ON MAY 24TH**  
Not sure what Lunch Bunch is? Well it's an exciting way for our younger church (K-5) and their parents to be involved in mission. We will gather at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall on May 24th and make approximately 300 brown bag lunches (sandwich, fruit, snack & juice) that get distributed at the Agape Soup Kitchen in Elizabeth. If you are interested in helping make lunches for our friends at AGAPE please contact Nancy Testa, Lunch Bunch Coordinator, at [nancy@suburbansign.com](mailto:nancy@suburbansign.com) or 908-889-7327.

**Please let Nancy know if you plan on coming so she can plan accordingly.** Participation is limited to 30 children and adults.

### Mark Your Calendars

**MAY 15**  
Sunday School  
Teachers Appreciation  
Breakfast  
8:45-9:45 a.m.  
Assembly Hall

**MAY 15**  
No Children's Sunday School  
Child care for children:  
Birth- 2yrs old

**MAY 22**  
Kindergarten Bible  
Presentations  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**MAY 24**  
Lunch Bunch  
3:30 .p.m  
Assembly Hall

**MAY 15**  
No Children Sunday School  
Child care for children:  
Birth- 2yrs old

**MAY 29**  
Memorial Day Weekend  
One Room Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**JULY 18-22**  
PandaMania  
Vacation Bible Camp:  
Where God is Wild about You!  
Children 4 yrs -5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Registration is limited to church members until June 1. After June 1, registration is open to the public.



## PANDA MANIA

Now Recruiting People

Looking For Some Adventure!

Panda Mania Vacation Bible Camp!  
July 18-22, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Take a walk on the wild side and join our children as they discover that God is wild about them!

We Need Leaders For: Opening Assembly, Songs and Motions, Bible Storytelling, Crafts, Video, Snacks, Games, Closing Assembly, Preschool Activities. We also need CREW LEADERS to guide children to and from their Bible camp activities!

For more information or to let us know where you will help, contact Mary Bielen at [mbielen@westfieldpc.org](mailto:mbielen@westfieldpc.org)

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## Youth



**HAPPY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY  
AGAPE!!**

**YOUTH SUNDAY-** We encourage all youth, grades 6-12 to plan and lead the worship service. The service will include songs, skits, scripture, sermons and prayer. Planning meetings are underway. Rehearsal is May 14, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All youth that have ever participated in the youth program are invited to the rehearsal & to Youth Sunday. **Youth Sunday will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services.**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB** each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to enjoy breakfast, games, and prayer. What a great way to start your day! We will even give you a free ride to school! Last Breakfast Club is May 12<sup>th</sup>!

**SUMMER TRIPS:** Get ready for a great time with any or all of our summer youth trips! Registration deadlines have passed, but if you are still interested, please contact Linnette in the church office at lmercado@westfieldpc.org or 908-233-0301 ext.22. Space IS limited on the summer trips.

All current 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders get on the bus for the **The Great Escape** (July 25-30). Want a sneak peek at The Great Escape? Check out [www.ycmhome.org](http://www.ycmhome.org) for more information. The cost for The Great Escape is \$655.

All current 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the **Middle School Mission Trip** to Philadelphia, PA, on July 11-15. The cost of the Middle School Mission Trip is \$375. The trip is open to members of PCW and those non-members who have actively participated in Agape or middle school fellowship this program year. If you have a friend or relative that would like to attend, please contact Emily at [ewilmarth@westfieldpc.org](mailto:ewilmarth@westfieldpc.org).

**YOUTH CELEBRATION** - YOU are invited; as a parent, youth, friend of a youth to the Youth Celebration Dinner. Sunday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. in Assembly Hall. The celebration will

include a slideshow of all youth ministry programs in 2010/2011 and a Senior Video dedicated to our graduating seniors. The cost is \$3 per person or family maximum of \$10. **REMEMBER, PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED!**

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Last Fellowship:** May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Last Breakfast Club:** May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Sunday:** May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Celebration:** May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Last Sunday School:** May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**H. S. Mission Trip Parent/Student Meeting:**

June 2, 6:00 p.m.

**H. S. Mission Trip Student Orientation:**

June 2 6:30 p.m.

**H.S.M.T. Advisor Meeting: Sunday,**

June 5, 9:00 a.m.

**M.S.M.T. Advisor Meeting:**

Sunday, June 12, 9:00 a.m.

**M.S.M.T. Youth & Parent Orientation:**

Sunday, June 19 at 9:00 a.m.

**High School & Middle School**

**Mission Trip Commissioning:**

Sunday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. service

## Youth Celebration

Sunday, May 15, 2011

6:30pm Assembly Hall

YOU are invited; as a parent, youth, friend of a youth

The cost for all families is \$3/person, \$10 family maximum.

*The celebration will include*

- slideshow of all youth ministry programs in 2010/2011
- a Senior Video dedicated to our graduating seniors

**REMEMBER: PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED!**

Don't forget,  
May 15<sup>th</sup> is ALSO:  
**YOUTH SUNDAY**

At the 8am & 10am  
services.

Join us for both of these  
special events  
for our youth!



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### Join Westfield Symphony for Season Finale on May 14th

Prepare to be transported on Saturday, May 14, at 8:00 p.m., at The Presbyterian church in Westfield, as the Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents *To Russia and Beyond with Love*, a grand season finale featuring two monumental favorites of the classical music repertoire.

Tzars meet the Hapsburgs as WSO brings together two great composers whose works are representative not only of giant European dynasties in their death throes, but also, perhaps, of the over-ripe and soon to be toppled Romantic era of classical music itself.

The concert opens with the Allegro Moderato from Bruckner's Symphony No. 7, a magnificent and deeply spiritual work, the grandeur of which is rivaled only by the Gothic cathedrals in which Austrian Bruckner worked as an organist.

The evening's exciting finale continues with the timeless beauty of one of Tchaikovsky's best-loved and most heartfelt works, the massive Symphony No.5. Composed at the apex of the Romantic era of classical music, its noble passion, gut-grabbing intensity and beautiful melodies have captivated audiences for over a century.

*To Russia and Beyond with Love* has been made possible in part through the generous support of the NJ State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Cultural Trust.

**Special offer: all students k-12 \$10.** This offer is part of WSO's ongoing effort to bring the thrill of the live concert experience to young music enthusiasts by making it more accessible and affordable.

For further information go to [www.westfieldsymphony.org](http://www.westfieldsymphony.org) or visit WSO on Facebook.

**TICKET INFORMATION**  
**Tickets (\$25-\$70) may be purchased directly from the WSO office (224 E. Broad Street) or by calling the box office at 908 232 9400.**  
**Tickets are also available (for cash or check) at The Town Bookstore in Westfield and Martin Jewelers in Cranford.**

### Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Breakfast is May 15!

To all of the dedicated and wonderful volunteers who support our Sunday school program, by teaching, assisting, or helping in any way, Thank you!. We could not have a successful program without your invaluable help.

To that end, the Children and Families Ministry Commission invites all volunteers (and your families, too!) to a special breakfast in

your honor on Sunday, May 15, at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Hall. We hope you will plan on attending as this is our way of acknowledging your commitment to the Sunday school program! Thank you!

Please RSVP to Tisha Klofta at [kklofta@verizon.net](mailto:kklofta@verizon.net) or 654-0384.

Bring your appetite and your family!



### Reception for Alice Ousterman, Sunday, May 1

Alice Ousterman will be retiring as PCW's coordinator for the HomeFirst Interfaith Homeless program following our hosting week of May 22. She has been a coordinator for the program for over 20 years!

Please join us for a reception, which will be held in Assembly Hall on May 1, following the 10:00 a.m. service to, honor and thank her for her tremendous dedication to those in need of shelter.

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## Livingstone Delegation to Visit PCW this May

<p><b>The Zambia Team has been diligently working to plan activities and events for our friends visiting from Livingstone, Zambia from Wednesday, May 11, to Tuesday, May 24. A copy of the itinerary for the two-week visit is at right. Our hope is we've found a way to make our visitors accessible to as many members of PCW as possible during their time with us. Please pray for our sister congregation as we take this exciting step forward in partnership, and pray for the safety of our friends during their travels.</b></p>	Wednesday May 11	<p>1pm – Delegates arrive at Newark Airport          2:30pm – Arrive at Church, go to host family homes to rest, wash up          5-6pm – Attend COW program          6-7:30pm – Meet/Greet and dinner with Session</p>
	Thursday, May 12	<p>9:30-11:30am – WOMEN attend Circle 4 Meeting MEN –Spiritual Meeting with Staff          12-1/1:30pm – Lunch hosted by Alex &amp; Jennie Williams          1:30-2:30pm – Grounds/Cemetery Tour          2:30-5pm – Downtime at church          6:30pm – Dinner with choir, hosted by Marnie Ainslie and Joy Hoffacker          7:30-9pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
	Friday, May 13	<p>9:30-1:30/ 11am – Bible Study          11am-1pm – Debrief with ZT potluck lunch          1pm-6pm – Downtime or local sightseeing          6:30pm-7:30pm – Dinner with The Well, hosted by Rev. Mike &amp; Kelly Samson          7:30pm – Bible Study with The Well</p>
	Saturday, May 14	<p>10am-12pm/1pm – Partnership Workshop #1 lunch with Partnership Covenant Committee          1pm – Down time          5pm(time TBD) – Dinner hosted by Rev Ray and Sallie Roberts          8pm – Westfield Symphony at PCW</p>
	Sunday May 15	<p>8am-9am – Worship in Chapel          9am-10am – Questers          10am-11am – Worship Youth Sunday          11:30am – Attend New Members Meeting,          Afternoon Downtime          6:30-8:30pm – Attend Youth Celebration for Dinner</p>
	Monday, May 16	<p>10am-12/1pm – Partnership Workshop #2 and lunch with Partnership Covenant Committee          1-5pm – Downtime or local sightseeing          5-7pm (tbd) – Women Pot Luck Dinner w/circle 9 MEN – Dinner w/ Dave Rogers and Rev. Roberts</p>
	Tuesday, May 17	<p>7:30am – Sightseeing Day in NYC – U.N. Tour and bag lunch          5:30-6:30 – Dinner with respective host families</p>
	Wednesday, May 18	<p>9am – School visit with Penny Johnson          12-2pm – Lunch hosted by Caroline Youssef          3:30-7:30pm – attend Agape          During Agape-Meet Rafael and Rev. Bob Higgs re: Red Ribbon Program</p>
	Thursday, May 19	<p>9:30-11:30am – Women-PW meeting with program MEN Spiritual Meeting          12pm – Debrief and Lunch hosted by Debra and Mitch Janklow          Afternoon Downtime          6:30pm – Dinner hosted by the Carlson Family</p>
	Justina's Birthday	
	Friday, May 20	<p>9:30am-11am – Bible Study          11:30/12–1:30pm – Lunch hosted by Tay Miller with the Senior Network Committee          Afternoon downtime or local sightseeing          6:30/7pm – Dinner hosted by the Kieczkowski Family</p>
	Saturday, May 21	<p>7:30am – MEN Men's Breakfast, activity and lunch until 3-4pm          9am – Women-Reeve's Reed with PW, lunch at Liz Dwyer's afternoon activity until 3-4pm          5pm (tbd) – Dinner hosted by the Roth Family</p>
	Sunday, May 22	<p>8-9am – Chapel worship-Rev. Nehemiah Mkwai preaching          9-10am – Triangle Bible Study          10-11am – Worship-Rev Nehemiah Mkwai preaching          11:30-1pm – Farewell event and lunch-Assembly Hall          1:30pm – Visit HomeFirst          Afternoon Downtime          4pm (tbd) – BBQ hosted by the Testa Family</p>
	Monday, May 23	<p>Beach Day with Gary Hunsinger</p>
	Tuesday, May 24	<p>10/11am – Final Debrief Session with Zambia Team          12pm (tbd) – lunch with staff and Zambia Team</p>
	Delegates Depart	<p>4:30-6:30pm – Presbytery Meeting with Brown Bag Dinner          11:05pm – Delegates depart from Newark Airport</p>

### Last New Member Seminar Before Summer Arrives

In the midst of a busy time at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, the Outreach and Welcome Commission will host a seminar for prospective new members on May 15, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Assembly Hall. Our session is scheduled to conclude about 3:30 p.m. The class, which is taught by Rev. Ray Roberts, includes an overview of church history, a look at the various Protestant denominations and an explanation of the opportunities for spiritual growth and involvement at PCW. Attendance at the class is a mandatory step in becoming an official

member of the congregation, but open to anyone looking to examine the basic principles of faith. Lunch is provided and we will have child care for the children of anyone attending the class.

Please contact Dawn Adams at the church (908) 232-0301 or [dadam@westfieldpc.org](mailto:dadam@westfieldpc.org) or Gail Hein, Co-Moderator of Outreach and Welcome, (908) 232-5098 or [gailandalhein@verizon.net](mailto:gailandalhein@verizon.net) with any questions. We look forward to having an exciting, vibrant class!

—Gail Hein

### Welcome our Newest Members!

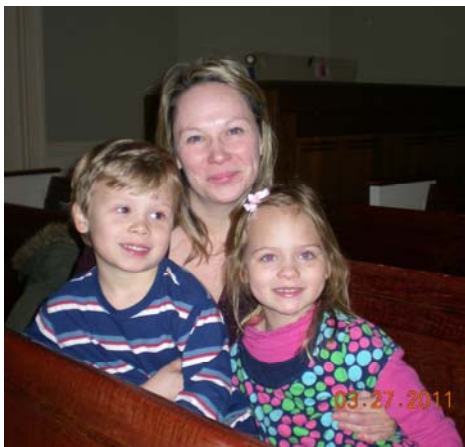
Confirmation Sunday on March 20<sup>th</sup> was the time that our young people stood before the congregation and professed their faith. It was also the Sunday when two other adults joined our congregation. Please extend a welcome to:



**Jennifer McAvoy**, pictured left with Juliet, her daughter, who was born on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer is already familiar with one of our Deacons. Jeff Dalrymple is her twin brother! She reports that “my brother told me all about the church.” Jen says that Nancy Testa and Mike Samson have been instrumental in the growth of her faith.

Jennifer is hoping to participate in “The Well” and assist with children’s Sunday School as Juliet gets a bit older.



**Susan Petras** pictured left with her children, Camille, a kindergartener who is 6 years old, and JB, who is 4 ½ year old. Camille is already part of our Cherub Choir and “loves” Sunday School. Susan and her children live in Scotch Plains. A sense of community is what drew Susan to PCW.

Joining by reaffirmation of faith from a Roman Catholic background, Susan, credits her mother with being instrumental in the growth of her faith. Susan is already investigating ways that she may become involved in the life of the church.

# The Spire

## Financial Report

### March 2011 Financial Results across all funds

<i>3 months thru March</i>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Cash Receipts	\$598,456	\$624,954
of which:		
Investment Gains =	\$176,658	\$181,652
and Bequests received =	\$-	\$50,000
Total Cash Expenditures	\$412,425	\$457,205
of which Mission \$s spent =	\$47,855	\$49,053

The Church's net cash flow was positive during the first quarter of each 2010 & 2011, due to strong gains on the investment portfolio. Overall receipts this year are ahead of last year as well, boosted by a bequest in 2011 whereas no bequests were received during the early part of 2010.

### Status of Annual Operating Fund

Good news for the 3-month period, as revenue this year-to-date is higher than it was for the same period last year:

<i>3 months thru March</i>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Offerings	\$332,320	\$354,300
Other Revenues	\$28,018	\$51,790
Total Revenues	\$360,338	\$406,090
Total Expenses	\$341,249	\$354,322
NET INCOME	<u>\$19,089</u>	<u>\$51,768</u>

At 25% through the year, revenues are at 31% of the annual budgeted amount (good!) and expenses are right at the 25% annual budgeted amount (also good!) For comparison, through March of last year, the church had received 29% annual budgeted revenues and had spent 23% of annual budgeted expenses. Other revenues in 2011 include more than \$17,300 of investment income from the Unrestricted Endowment, none of which was included in the 2010 figures above.

*Please consider if you, or someone you know, would be willing to serve as Assistant Treasurer to ensure a smooth succession, as this is a top priority for Ray and Stewardship.*

Comments or questions always welcomed! Mblapham2001@aol.com or 889-6670

— Marybeth Lapham, Treasurer

## Register Now for Summer/Fall 2011 at the Westfield Day Care Center!

The Westfield Daycare Center is currently registering for the summer and fall 2011! Please contact Thera Rocca at [thera@westfielddaycarecenter.org](mailto:thera@westfielddaycarecenter.org), or 908-232-6717, for more information, or if you have any questions .

Happy Birthday

- May 1  
Luerssen, David  
Petras, Susan  
Harris, Cynthia  
Eck, Lauren Taylor
- May 2  
Rogers, Ellen  
Boyle, Colette  
Kashlak Jr, Ronald  
Parker, Abigale
- May 3  
Seeley, Kathy  
Wager, Barbara  
Osment, Deborah  
Cerra, Lisa  
Collins, Jane  
Milford, Scott  
Dencker, Barbra  
Sorge, Peter  
Burke-Spolaor, Sarah  
Snowden, Matthew
- May 4  
Curtiss, Kristine  
Roth, Mary  
Yockel Gonzalez, Maggie  
Hyman, Jordan  
Trisler, David  
Star, Kyle  
Weldon, Sophia
- May 5  
Robinson, Jean  
Ayres, Ann  
Park, Jane  
Nelson, Barbara  
Perry, Jonathan  
Pink, Susan  
Becker, Andrew  
Garnecki, Jamie-Lyn  
Fahrenthold, Katherine  
Pate, Jeffrey  
Casale, Samantha  
Caramagno, Alexander  
Gamba, Joseph
- May 6  
Morgan, Mike  
Kinsella, Lawrence  
Petersen, Nicole  
Smith, Connor  
Cote, Jack  
Wright, Tyler
- May 7  
Pollard, Neal  
Jordan, Nicholas  
Bond, Alexander
- May 8  
Hetherington, Elizabeth  
DuBois, Doug  
Morgan, Paula
- Smith, Nancy  
Humphreys Jr, Richard  
Lapham, Brian
- May 9  
Jablonski, Richard  
Nary, Charles
- May 10  
Miller, Robert  
Eickemeyer, Robert  
Graf, Larry  
Wetlesen, Nancy  
Fico, Robert  
Mackay, Susan  
Foltz, David  
McLaughlin, Dennis  
Ostrega, Geoffrey  
Ramage, Megan  
Collins, William
- May 11  
Bielen, Mary  
Thomas, Eleanor  
Chandler, Beverly  
Kaes, Fred  
Manning, Scott  
Carlson, Chelsea  
Miller, Christopher  
Nier, Katarina
- May 12  
Burke, Cynthia  
Browning, Mary  
DeMartino, Bradley
- May 13  
Meyers, Tracey  
Boff, Jason  
Jablonski, Natalie  
Betz, Rachel
- May 14  
Barkley, Peter  
Engelke, Roland  
Johnson, Laura  
Greco, Carol  
Wood, Carolyn  
Dee, Mary  
Reed, Cheryl  
Burton, Matthew
- May 15  
Milanette, Jeffrey  
Rosolanko, Nicholas  
Shpunder, Sandra  
Miller, Kieran  
Wyckoff, Taryn  
Grow, Allison  
Fusco, Emily
- May 16  
Walsweer, Jane  
Diehl, Ann  
Kephart, Deborah  
Vanderbilt, Alison  
Perez, Daniel
- Hewit, Leanne  
Fahrenthold, Daniel
- May 17  
Kiamco, Estrella  
Durr, William  
Healey-Miller, Carol  
King, Jordan  
Berret, Kristen  
Kimmins, Griffith  
Van Wyk, Cameron
- May 18  
St. Laurent, Ronald  
Cummings, Myrna  
Fleder, Carolyn  
Ince, Matthew  
Zavetz, Lisa  
Ingrassia, Alexander
- May 19  
Gray, Dean  
Bergen, Deborah  
Fulmer, Richard  
Betz, Hunter
- May 20  
Hartkopf, Janet  
McAdoo, James  
DeTergo, Michael  
DuMont, Glen  
Crenshaw, Haili  
Janusz, Richard  
Nemec, Courtney  
Jacobsen, Steven  
Smith, Katherine  
Murphy, Samuel  
Colao, Samuel
- May 21  
Boyer, Angela  
May, Sarah  
Reimlinger, Richard  
Iannazzone, Ralph
- May 22  
Sailer, Margaret  
Bostdorff, Judy  
Murch, Bonnie  
Harley, Nancy  
Meglaughlin, Michelle  
Dalton, Tracy  
Devaney, Ian  
Brewer, Luke  
Shields, Emily
- May 23  
Rich, Gina  
Victorino, Kristen  
Burke, Karl  
Feeney, Sean  
Jackson, Dylan
- May 24  
Marthaler, Todd  
Obuchowski, Jamie
- May 25  
Boyer, Ruth  
Wetzel, Marion  
Akerly, John  
Cook, William  
Driscoll-Swartz, Carolyn  
Brown, Steven  
Yarusi, Ryan  
Sullivan, Sean  
Weber, Mary  
Howland, Morgan  
Withrow, Luke
- May 26  
Kender, Meredith  
Klofta, Benjamin  
Efthymiou, Graham
- May 27  
Gillie, Jean  
Victorino, Christian  
Kirna, Jaclyn  
Douglas, Jack  
Milford, Olivia
- May 28  
McFall, Patricia  
Meierdierck Jr, Paul  
Yarusi, Joyce  
Jacobsen, Nancy  
DuMont, Roger  
Kim, James  
Brown, Amelia  
Cimafonte, Jeremy  
Cimafonte, Zachary  
Fleschler, Margaux  
Miller, Wyatt  
Braun, Jonathan  
Brown, Ellie
- May 29  
Fulmer, Carol  
Burton, Barbara  
Fine, James  
Arms, Daniel  
White, Avery
- May 30  
Park, Im  
Brown, Katherine  
Gates, Julia  
Vasnelis, Lauren  
Masin, Zachary  
Sisto, Lilly  
Roth, Ryan  
Vierschilling, Alexa
- May 31  
Seastream, Elsie  
Carlson, Richard  
Cowell, Matthew  
Eckman, Katherine



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**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT**

**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.
- Sunday School (2yrs-5th grade) at 10:00 a.m.

**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.**