



The Spire

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November Highlights

- Pie/ Cake Sale, November 1- 13
- Deacons Turkey Drive November 6-17
- Men's Breakfast Group November 5 & 19
- Thanksgiving Holiday November 24
- 1st Sunday in Advent November 27

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Our Stewardship

My wife Donna, and I have been members of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for about a decade. Three years ago, I never gave any real thought to what I was giving the church or that stewardship was anything more than paying my "fair share" -which to be perfectly candid was at best loosely defined.

One Sunday, Ray gave a sermon on the Protestant work ethic which spoke very personally to me and challenged my thinking on my Christian walk and, among other things, how I was deploying the resources God had so graciously bestowed upon me and my family. This began a process that has led me to co-chair this year's stewardship campaign.

God showed me that stewardship is not about paying my perceived fair share, but rather the practice of placing God's priorities for HIS resources ahead of MY priorities for HIS resources. I was humbled at how God so loves me, how gracious he has blessed my family and me - and how little I thought about my responsibility to supporting the Church and HIS work. It is the process of this cultural endeavor that enriches us individually as Christians, collectively as a church and facilitates spiritual growth.

The parable of the widow's mite is instructive. The poor widow living in abject poverty gave a fraction of what everyone gave, but for her it was everything. It teaches us that God valued the process of quiet, introspection by the widow far more than careless giving of the rich. Without the widow contemplating about what God meant to her, there would be no story.

There is no doubt that God has great things planned for this church - to serve our members and community as his servants. The greatest risk we face as a congregation to achieving this goal is our failure to submit to the culture God calls us to regarding stewardship.

As co-chair of the stewardship campaign, I encourage everyone to engage in this critical culture of stewardship - this necessary form of worship. I invite EVERY member of this church to quiet, introspection of what God means in our lives. If you currently do not pledge to the church, I ask that you take that step of faith and pledge. Pray about it. Wait upon the Lord for His guidance. If you currently pledge to the church - I thank you - and ask that you consider increasing your pledge.

Over the course of October, we heard from a variety of people regarding many aspects of this wonderful church - the tangible benefits the church provides to the community, the lives that have been forever changed through the ministry of this church, the tireless efforts of members to operate this beautiful campus as efficiently as possible, and opportunities for everyone to be more involved as a member of this church. I encourage everyone to consider God's gifts and how we apply them during this stewardship campaign and throughout the year.

The economy goes up and it goes down, but our Lord offers us perfect love and omniscience to allow us to weather the storm. He offers us salvation. Truly, His is the greatest love story. It is through Holy Scripture that He calls on US to cheerfully return a fraction of what he has given us to further his most important message to our community and the world.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding stewardship, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, any member of the Stewardship Committee or the Pastors. Thank you.

—Garrett Falzone,
 Co-Chair Stewardship Campaign

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The Men's Fellowship Group Wants YOU!

The purpose of the Men's Group is:

1. To love God, and be the best we can be as men, husbands, fathers and friends.
2. To build trusting relationships
3. To explore how to be a Christian Man in a modern world.

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

Over hot coffee, cereal, fruit, eggs, bacon and bagels this group of all ages discusses a wide range of topics contemporary, newsworthy, philosophical and spiritual. Guest speakers from outside and inside the church lead some of the topics.

Our scheduled meetings this month will occur on November 5th and 19th. We also look forward to seeing you this year at our regularly scheduled programs and at the 2012 Men's Retreat—January 20-22, 2012 in Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Island.

The retreat speaker this year will be Dr. Robert Johnson. Dr. Johnson is currently the executive director of Friends of Forman Christian College, the organization set up in the U.S. in support of Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan and most recently was the Sr. Pastor at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA.

Following his doctoral work at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Dr. Johnson worked at the office of Theology and Worship at the PCUSA General Assembly. Following this he and his wife served as missionaries at Foreman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan. Johnson previously lived at Forman with his wife Marianne and two sons, Nathan and Peter, from 2005-2008 where he was dean of the chapel and associate professor of religious studies. He also taught historical theology at Gujranwala Seminary during his time in Pakistan.

During his tenure as dean, Johnson instituted a large Christian life program for Christian students, who are a small minority in Pakistan. The program included a well-attended chapel as well as weekly Bible Studies, prayer groups and leadership committees.

Retreat registration forms are now available from Dawn Adam in the church office. Join us for this weekend of interesting discussions, spiritual renewal and fellowship.

Unbinding our Community

Earlier this week I watched a beautiful, thought-provoking movie that I can't recommend enough, *Of Gods and Men*. Though it won lots of awards, it was not a blockbuster. I only learned of the movie through a rave review in the New York Times. <http://movies.nytimes.com/2011/02/25/movies/25gods.html>

The film tells the true story of Trappist monks who serve a small village in Algeria. The monks rise in the dark to recite scripture, sing and pray together. Then they go about the day serving the community. They run a small, but overwhelmed clinic. They till the soil and sell honey at the local market.

Days after watching the film, I am haunted by the film's graceful portrait of Christian love, commitment, community and service. Even more I am haunted by the film's depiction of the community's spiritual center: worship, scripture, and prayer.

The monasteries worship is deceptively simple and plain. Yet it becomes apparent, as the threat from the radical Islamicists grows and they must decide whether to stay or leave, that it has powerfully shaped the community. Some monks are terrified. They disagree. Sharp words are spoken. They cast about for direction. Yet their common worship unites this very human community, providing a framework for resolving differences, dealing with their frailties, and seeking God's direction.

This film has made me think about our worship, our community, and the places we serve. It reminds me of the promise of small groups of men and women who worship together and are able to talk about what God is doing in their lives. As we move into the *Unbinding the Gospel* project, my prayer is that we develop this aspect of our life together.

— Ray Roberts



Thanksgiving Pie and Cake Sale— October 30-November 13!

Mission Commission will once again hold a pie and cake sale to benefit our brothers and sisters in our partner congregation in Livingstone, Zambia.

Prepaid orders will be taken from Sunday, October 30, thru Sunday, November 13, for an expanded selection of pies and cakes from Restaurant Depot, including traditional Thanksgiving favorites - apple and pumpkin! Pies and cakes will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 20, in the Assembly Hall foyer from 8:45a.m. to noon. Order forms are available in the Sunday bulletins, in the e-mail blast or at the reception desk in the Parish House.

Checks should be made payable to **The Presbyterian Church in Westfield with Zambia - pie** written on the memo line. Zambia team members will take orders in the Parish House following services on Sundays, November 6 and

13. Orders may also be left in Tina Barulli's mailbox in the Parish House.

Do you need a dessert to serve for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's or anytime? Not cooking this Thanksgiving? — bring a pie or cake as a hostess gift. The delicious desserts are frozen and will keep. Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to purchase holiday desserts! Mission Commission received many enthusiastic comments after the last sale about the great quality of these pies.

The proceeds will be used to help the Livingstone congregation complete their church building. They believe that having a completed building will assist them in attracting new members and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in their community.

—Barbara Ringk



Celebrate the Beginning of the Holiday Season With WSO!

On Saturday December 3, at 7:00 p.m. under the baton of Maestro David Wroe, Westfield Symphony Orchestra will present *Home for the Holidays*, a family festival of traditional and contemporary songs and music, sing-a-longs and more guaranteed to make the season merry.

This seasonal stroll of timeless classics, sentimental holiday favorites and symphonic pops is sure to bring joy, smiles, and holiday memories to young and not-so-young alike.

Tickets prices range from \$25 to \$75 for adults and there is a special discount price of only \$12 for students K-12 making this event a perfect start to the holiday season for the whole family.

For tickets and information go to www.westfieldsymphony.org or call 908 232 9400. Purchase your tickets (and subscriptions) on line – it's simple, secure, you can choose your own seats, print your tickets, **and** avoid the \$6 handling fee.



JOY Lunches in November and December

The November JOY Lunch will be held on Sunday, November 6, and will feature Beef Stew with Biscuits, Salad and Carrot Cake for dessert.

Our new Interim Director of Music, Katie Connolly, will lead us in a 'Hymn-Along'. Please come prepared to share your all-time favorite

hymn! Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday, November 3.

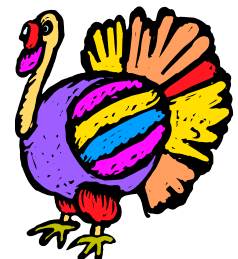
The December JOY Lunch will combine with our first Advent Soup/Bread lunch of the season, with special appetizers and dessert for J.O.Y. Lunchers. Join us December 4!



Donate to the Turkey Drive!

The Mission Commission will be collecting turkeys which we will donate to the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center in Elizabeth, NJ for Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate, please bring your frozen turkey to the church between Sunday, November 6th and Thursday, November 17th.

Please bring your turkeys to the walk in freezer in the Assembly Hall kitchen. (Access by opening the SECOND door INSIDE the walk-in refrigerator.) The turkeys will be delivered to E'Port on Friday, November 18, to give them plenty of time to distribute before Thanksgiving! If you have questions, please contact Kristin Pirich at mission@westfieldpc.org.



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NOVEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Deacon's Turkey Drive November 6-13!</p> 		<p>1 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 5:30 Confirm Advisors 6pm Confirmation 7pm Outreach/ Welcome 7:30 Communications, Youth, Worship, Stewardship 8pm Mission</p>	<p>2 7am Dawn Patrol 10am Program Staff 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape Kitchen 5pm COW</p>	<p>3 7am MS Breakfast 9:30 PW Board Mtg 7:00 Learn to Read Music 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4 9:30 Bible Study w/ Pastor 12pm Lunch/Book</p>	<p>5 7:30 Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>6 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Sunday School 11am JOY Lunch 11am Teacher Training 5pm MS Fellowship 6:30 All Youth Worship 7:00 HS Fellowship</p>	<p>7 7:30 Theology Discussion Group</p>	<p>8 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30 Program Staff 5:30 Confirm Advisors 6pm Confirmation 7:30 Session</p>	<p>9 7am Dawn Patrol 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape Kitchen 5pm NO COW</p>	<p>10 9:30 PW Circles 1,2, 3:30 PW Circle 8 7:00 Learn to Read Music 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11 9:30 Bible Study w/ Pastor</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Sunday School 11 Inside Out 5:pm MS Fellowship 6:30 All Youth Worship 7pm HS Fellowship</p>	<p>14 1:30 Parkinsons Group 7:30 Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>15 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30 Program Staff 5:30 Confirm Advisors 6pm Confirmation 7:30 O&P Commission 7:30 Deacons Mtg</p>	<p>16 7am Dawn Patrol 1pm Agape Prep 1:30 Senior Network 3:15 Agape Kitchen 5pm COW</p>	<p>17 7am MS Breakfast 9:30 PW Circle 10 6:30 Third Thursday 7:00 Learn to Read Music 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18 9:30 Bible Study w/ Pastor</p> <p>High School Fall Retreat November 18-20</p>	<p>19 7:30 Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>20 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Sunday School 11am New Members 5:pm MS Fellowship 6:30 All Youth Worship</p>	<p>21 7:30 Theology Discussion Group</p>	<p>22 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30 Program Staff</p>	<p>23 7am Dawn Patrol 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape Kitchen 5pm NO COW</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 1st ADVENT 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 10am Sunday School 11am Advent Soup/ Bread Lunch</p>	<p>28 7:30 Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>29 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30 Program Staff 5:30 Confirm Advisors 6pm Confirmation 7:00 Evening Prayer Service</p>	<p>30 7am Dawn Patrol 12 Lunch & Movie 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape Kitchen 5pm COW</p>			

Christian Education

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRIES

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. for all children ages 2yrs – 5th grade! Children are dismissed from the worship service following the Time with the Younger Church. Two-year olds through first grade continue with Kids Discovering Worship and second through fifth graders participate in the We Believe work-shop rotation where they engage in a different workshop each Sunday. Some of the workshops include, games, art, mission, drama/storytelling, and cooking. Children go to a different classroom each week, and locations are listed on the bulletin board in the Christian Education hallway. Sunday School Registration forms are available on the church website, www.westfieldpc.org. For more information contact Mary Bielen, Director of Christian Education, at mbielen@westfieldpc.org.

Sunday School on Thanksgiving Weekend! On November 27th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, we will offer two "One Room Sunday School" classes. One will be for preschoolers (3 & 4 year olds) in room 103 and the other is for Kindergarten through 5th grade children in room 201. Child care will be available for birth through 23 months old in room 104.

Church on Wednesdays! Church on Wednesdays is off to a great start! At 5:00 p.m. the Cherub Choir children (ages 2yrs-1st grade) meet in the Robinson Room with Sallie Roberts and Joyful Sound Choir children (2nd – 5th grade) meet with in the choir room our Interim Director of Music, Kathleen Connelly for rehearsals. At 5:30 p.m. all children and parents go the assembly hall where they enjoy a delicious dinner with their families. At 6:00 p.m. children enjoy hearing a biblical story and doing a related educational activity that reinforces the story. If interested in Church on Wednesdays please contact Mary Bielen, mbielen@westfieldpc.org. Registrations forms are available in the church office. "Church on Wednesdays" will not be meeting on November 9 & November 23 due to the Westfield Schools holiday schedule.

Coming Up in December... Please mark your calendars for these events:

Advent Adventure Wednesday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. All Children, K-5th grade and their parents celebrate the Advent season with a dinner, crafts and games.

Christmas Eve Family Service Friday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Children participate in this service as shepherds, angels, stars, wise men, and other nativity characters, while singing traditional Christmas hymns. Costume pre-fittings will take place a few weeks before the service. Children may be stars, angels, or shepherds. Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletin.

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Inside Out! Join us for our first INSIDE- OUT program on November 13, at 11:00 am in the Christian Lounge. Master Storyteller, Jim Cyr will present **Feeding Our Wolves: St. Francis: Teachings –A Christian Response to World Aggression**. What transformed Francis of Assisi from an aspiring knight bent on glory to a world peacemaker? From the commune of Assisi to the Piazza of Gubbio to the Crusade besieged city of Damietta, St. Francis' ministry and preaching turned people from aggression and conquest to peace. How does the life and teaching of St. Francis speak to the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya as well as the global war on terror?

Questers This class is held every Sunday in the George Plenty Room at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. They are currently using The Present Word curriculum. Questers welcomes everyone. Email Nancy Smith at alan.nancy.smith@gmail.com for more information.

Triangle This class is also held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Christian Lounge and is being led by The Rev. Hibbert Moss. Participants read, review and discuss the scriptural passage being used for each week's sermon. Whether you like to have an active part in the discussion or just listen to others, please feel free to come and join in. No preparation is required.

New DVDs in the Library! The Life Long Learning Commission recently purchased 12 DVDs about Jesus' ministry and the life of the early church. The DVDs are located at the library circulation desk (Upper Level Parish House) and may be checked out for 30 days. All DVDs were produced by the History Channel and the Arts & Entertainment Channel.

– Mary Bielen

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Youth

To register for any YOUTH program, complete a Youth Ministry Registration Form and turn in to Linnette Mercado in the church office or place in her mailbox. Forms can be found in the parish house mailroom or on the web.

FELLOWSHIP Join in the fun of Middle School and High School Fellowship! The fun has already begun, and we can't wait to see you on Sundays!!

Middle School fellowship starts at 5:00 p.m. in the Jim Cole Room. **Don't forget your \$5.00 for dinner!!** ALL Youth Worship is at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. High School fellowship starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Jim Cole Room and dessert is included.

Please Note: There will be NO High School Fellowship on November 20th.

There will be NO Youth Fellowships on November 27th.

BREAKFAST CLUB Middle School youth in grades 6-8 are invited Thursday mornings from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. for breakfast, games, talks about God, and a free ride to school. Bring \$3 for breakfast and show up in the Jim Cole Room. There will be NO breakfast club on November 10th and November 24th.

THIRD THURSDAYS All high school youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a time for dinner & conversation about faith.

We will meet Every Third Thursday of the

month. Bring three (\$3) dollars for dinner. November's meeting will take place on the 17th, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Jim Cole Room.

AGAPE Keep your Wednesdays open and come help us serve over 250+ of our friends in Elizabeth. We meet EVERY Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in the church parking lot. No experience is necessary. We need adult and youth volunteers. You will be glad you came!

NAME THE YOUTH NEWSLETTER! ALL YOUTH, PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Youth Newsletter is in need of a name!! We could use your idea! Emily tried to come up with something, but "The Totally Gr8 PCW Youth Newsletter" seemed too cheesy. Please email your ideas to Emily or Linnette at ewilmarth@westfieldpc.org or lmercado@westfieldpc.org TODAY! Please name the newsletter!!!

Any questions regarding youth programs, activities and trips, contact Linnette Mercado at 908-233-0301 ext.22, or lmercado@westfieldpc.org.

—Linnette Mercado, Youth Assistant

Live Nativity! Join Us on the Front Lawn of the Church!

Be sure to join us as we begin the preparations for Christmas by enacting The Live Nativity on the front lawn of the church December 4, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Costumed members of the congregation will recreate for us the scene at the manger. Featured in the evening will be a petting zoo for children and adults to enjoy.

Hot cocoa and cookies will be served on the front lawn, courtesy of the Fellowship Commission.

Join us for Christmas carols, wonderful fellowship, and a time for reflecting on the true message of Christmas.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and families to get acquainted with The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, a time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and to just enjoy meeting and greeting both visitors and members of the PCW family. Invite your friends and neighbors to this fun and inspirational time at the church.

Join us on the front lawn for this annual event.



Scenes from Live Nativity 2010



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Projects in Holiness

Sometimes in the church office we quip that it can feel like we're at the 9-1-1 dispatch center with the phones lighting up like a Christmas tree. What's behind this metaphor is that the church is often the first and/or primary place many people turn when tragedy strikes, when a diagnosis comes in, when an illness takes a bad turn, when a job is lost, when a marriage erupts, when a hurricane destroys, and so on. Like the 9-1-1 dispatch center, things are never dull around here.

It strikes me that this multitude of emergency calls can be viewed in two ways. One way is that they are distractions from the way we're comfortable worshipping the Lord and operating as a church and as Christians. They distract time and resources (both human and financial) from our desires, dreams and goals. The alternative view is represented below by Walter Brueggemann, who reminds us with this prayer that these things are not distractions but, rather, God's holiness unexpectedly breaking into our lives:

*We arrange our lives as best we can,
to keep your holiness at bay,
with our pieties,
our doctrines
our liturgies,
our moralities
our secret ideologies,*

Safe, virtuous, settled.

And then you –

*you and your dreams,
you and your visions,
you and your purposes,
you and your commands,
you and our neighbors.*

*We find your holiness not at bay,
but probing, pervading,
insisting, demanding.*

And we yield, sometimes gladly,

*sometimes resentfully,
sometimes late...or soon.*

We yield because you, beyond us, are our God.

*We are your creatures met by your holiness,
by your holiness made our true selves.*

And we yield. Amen.

What this prayer tells me is that we should not be surprised when our lives and plans as Christians and as a church are interrupted. After all, we serve a Lord who offers an open-ended invitation and promise: "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). We are the body of Christ, each of us instruments of Christ's work, each of us uniquely equipped and qualified to be used by Jesus to fulfill that promise. Like the 9-1-1 dispatch center, we are interrupted all the time by people carrying heavy burdens, seeking some relief. These opportunities are to be expected and welcomed as projects in holiness, the very presence of God breaking into our lives.

I invite you to consider how God is calling and has equipped you to serve as an instrument of Christ's body here at PCW. What gifts do you have to offer? What need do you enjoy meeting? What burden has God placed on your heart? Perhaps you'd like to join the Deacons Visitation team and visit hospital or home bound members, volunteer as a Sunday School teacher or an usher, serve our Seniors a warm meal with friends at the monthly JOY luncheon – there are MANY ways to serve, these are just a few. If you're not sure how to take the next step, contact the church office and we'll help connect you to the work of Christ's body: 908-233-0301.

- Rev. Mike Samson

1 Walter Brueggemann, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*, (Fortress Press: Minneapolis, 2003) 3.

Bakers and Buyers Needed!

The Presbyterian Women are hosting an **Advent Bake Sale** on Sunday, December 11. There will be treats galore available after the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:00 a.m. services.

We are looking for bakers to drop-off goodies at Assembly Hall on Sunday, December 11, between 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Items should be packaged and ready for pricing. **Please indicate what the items are and whether they contain nuts.**

All monies collected go toward local and international mission projects. Any questions, please contact Faye Sobala at fayeb1482@aol.com.



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News From Zambia



Zambia

Five months have passed since our visit with Rev. Nehemia Mkwayi, Robert Nkunika, Justina Yvonne Mwanza and Jane Ngala. Our friends from Livingstone left a powerful impression on many members of our congregation by sharing stories of their faith, their families, and life in Zambia. Barbara McLaughlan recently had the opportunity to visit our sister congregation during a vacation to Africa. She is home now and has many stories to share!



Rev. Nehemia Mkwayi wife, Maureen

Barbara had the chance to visit Rev. Nehemia at his home, dine with his family, and attend a Bible study led by Maureen, his wife. She saw where he set up the computer equipment PCW donated to the congregation, which allows them to communicate with us more readily and run church business more effectively. Recently, we received news that Nehemia and Maureen were blessed with a baby boy, Brighton, born on Monday, October 17th, 2011! Both mother and baby are well.



Robert Nkunika, his grandson, his wife, Vailet, daughters, Miriam and Mary.

Barbara also broke bread with Robert Nkunika, his wife, Vailet, and their family. She toured the building Robert rents to merchants to supplement his retirement income and saw the coops Robert once used to grow chickens, a business venture the congregation hopes to embark on someday to support the work of the church. Visiting PCW seems to have left an impression on Robert as well. During their time here, the Zambia team talked with our visitors about the way many husbands and wives in the U.S. share the household chores, including the cooking. From this conversation we understood that this is not a common practice in Zambia. During Barbara's visit to Robert's home, he revealed he'd decided to try the "American way", and spent the morning with his wife and daughters preparing dinner in the kitchen,

which, with a grin, he said he really enjoyed.

HBC is one of Livingstone's primary mission programs. Volunteers from the congregation provide physical and spiritual support for clients who suffer from HIV or TB, are orphaned or may simply need help. Robert took Barbara to visit 9 of Livingstone's 20 Home Based Care clients. Some were not at home because they must travel to attend appointments to receive their free medications from the government. But Barbara was able to meet with several clients, and she brought greetings from PCW to each. Every person she met thanked PCW profusely for the food that is provided to them as a result of our quarterly gift.



Maarita Chungwa with Robert, Jane, and Elaina, her caregiver.

Barbara had some touching stories to share. One such story came from Maarita Changwa. During the mission trip to Zambia in 2008, Linda Morse, Barbara Ringk, TJ Elgin, and Debra Janklow distributed blankets to clients they visited in the HBC program. Maarita and her husband received one of these blankets. Maarita's husband died a year ago, and she wanted PCW to know that they used this blanket to wrap her husband's body when they buried him. She was so grateful to have had it.



Mary Mukuka's grandparents, with whom she is living. Peter Bonda, her caregiver, is on the right.

Barbara also spoke with the grandparents of Mary Mukuka, another client. Mary, age 8, was away attending a confirmation class but her grandfather was thrilled to see Barbara and immediately spoke about the visit from Rev. Roberts, TJ Elgin and Mitch Janklow during the 2009 mission trip. Mary's mother was a client then, but has since passed, and they think Mary has the same disease. He spoke of Peter Banda,

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caregiver, who comes down the street with food in a wheelbarrow when he has some available. They thanked PCW for their gifts and spoke about how much they need the food and how grateful they are to receive it.

Sara Mulenga lives with her daughter. Her other child lives with Sara's mother near the Congo border. Sara is HIV+ and was very sick and bedridden when she became a HBC client. For a couple of months Jane Ngala visited daily to bathe and feed her. She is very healthy now. An HBC caregiver visits to make sure she's getting proper nutrition to enhance her meds and dropping off food when funds allow.



Sara Mulenga with her daughter

Prayer and emotional support are part of all

HBC visits. Caregivers check on their meds, diet, family and other needs. They provide extra food when funds are available. The money for this program is raised from the members of the Livingstone CCAP. PCW's quarterly donations supplement this vital program. Unfortunately, the needs are often greater than funds available. Living expenses are high in Livingstone and jobs are scarce. The funds PCW provides are prayerfully and gratefully received by CCAP caregivers and their clients and are life-sustaining for many. Some funds are used to pay school fees for a few orphaned children and youth under CCAP care.

In next month's Spire we will share updates from Justina and Jane and introduce another member of the Livingstone congregation. It is moving to hear about our sister congregation and their mission work. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are working so hard to lift up members of their community and to spread the word of Christ's love.

— Barbara McLaughlan and Kristin Pirich,
The Zambia Team

New Member Classes Scheduled for November 20th

The Outreach and Welcome Commission announces the last seminar for New Members in 2011: November 20, 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

If you are thinking about officially joining PCW, just interested in learning more about the church and its history, or hoping to deepen your faith, we invite you to join the New Members' Orientation. All classes begin at 11:30 a.m. in Assembly Hall. Led by The Rev. Dr. Ray Roberts, this class is an introduction to the offerings of our congregation. It is a mandatory step in offi-

cially joining the church. Childcare is provided and there is a time for lunch and fellowship.

If you plan to attend, please contact Dawn Adam (dadam@westfieldpc.org) Gail Hein or Hal Benz, co-moderators of the Outreach and Welcome Commission

(gailandalhein@verizon.net)

(hebenz@verizon.net) or call the church. If you find that you are suddenly available, just come and join us. The class is the first step as we INVITE others into membership at PCW!

Please Welcome our New Members:

We extend a warm welcome to Sherri & Brandon Wilson and their daughters, Abigail and Avery. Sherri and Brandon relocated to the Westfield area from Charlotte, NC, where they were members of the Hickory Grove Baptist Church. The Wilsons are looking forward to moving on November 1, to their newly purchased home on Summit Avenue in Westfield. The Wilsons were drawn to PCW by the sense of community, the pastoral staff and the youth programs. Brandon is the director of sales for Lacoste, USA and Sherri is employed by the Chamber of Commerce in Westfield. Abbey, an 8th grader and Avery, a 6th grader, are attending Edison Middle School. We welcome the Wilson family to the family of PCW.



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Mission Opportunity



Many of you are aware that HomeFirst discontinued their shelter system. They are now focusing on many other avenues in which they support and mentor low income families, including providing permanent housing.

Our church had been a shelter congregation for twenty five years, with many devoted volunteers spending time with our guests when they stayed with us for a week at a time. We have been asked to help out another organization that helps house the homeless in various churches throughout the year. Fish, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1969, helping to feed, clothe and house families. While they have a network of churches that support them, one of the churches is under

renovation and unable to house guests. Mission Commission responded with a resounding "YES" when called to host December 4-11, as we know how eager our congregation is when it comes to hands-on mission work.

We are in need of volunteers for set-up, evening and overnight shifts, and break-down. As we enter the holiday season, appreciating all of the blessings that we enjoy, may we be mindful that there are neighbors in need; all that we are asked to provide them with is some of our time.

Please contact Carole Cook at 908-789-9097 or chcook22@yahoo.com, or Margo Seaman at 908-928-0547 or margonova@comcast.net to volunteer.

Labels for Learning!



Thanks to the coupon-clipping-box-top-saving members who stuffed the large Campbell's soup can over the summer, we were able to send nearly 1,000 "Labels for Education" to The Menaul School in Albuquerque this month! That translates into \$100.00 worth of educational aids for the school.

The Menaul School was founded in 1896, by a Presbyterian minister, Rev. James A. Menaul, to provide a faith-based education for native children who had no opportunity to attend a school in their remote villages. Most students came to

board at the school and some still do. They have gone on to distinguish themselves in many fields.

Menaul still needs our help through financial donations for the coupons and box tops which they redeem. The list of acceptable coupons, labels and box tops is available in the hall off the parking lot entrance, which is where the Campbell's soup can also resides. Presbyterian Women welcome all contributions, which they process for the school.

— Ann Fontana

Presbyterian Women Host Christmas Dinner!



Everyone come to the Presbyterian Women's Christmas Dinner Friday, December 2.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m with fine food catered by Xocolatz and wonderful entertainment provided by musician, Sean Garnhart. There will be "Magi Boxes" on which to bid. For those unfamiliar with "Magi Boxes", you are in for a treat. There will be small boxes up for bid that will contain different items, i.e. gift cards, jewelry, home decor items. You bid and choose

a box not knowing what is inside of it. It is sure to be a suspenseful, exciting time as you open your box to reveal what is inside! All boxes are guaranteed to be winners!

Tickets for the dinner are \$30 each, and are on sale now through November 27. All proceeds will go to mission projects. Any questions may be directed to Lisa Black at 908-654-9262 or lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com.

Lunch and A Movie



The next Lunch and a Movie, sponsored by the Senior Network Committee, will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 30, in the George Plenty Room. All you need to bring is a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert are provided. The movie, "New In Town," stars Renee Zellweger and Harry Connick Jr and is described as a feel-good romantic comedy. Ms. Zellweger is a high-paid consultant who is sent to a small town in Minnesota to improve productivity at a manufacturing plant. Connick is a union boss who tries to make sure the consultant does not cut any jobs. Join us. No RSVP necessary!

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Gifts and Re-Gifts

Did someone last year give you a pair of earrings that are just not quite your taste? Did your significant other receive a vest he's not crazy about? Did the kids end up with duplicate toys? Or what about that oval mirror, picture frame or Christmas decoration that you don't need? There is a perfect place to "re-gift" clothing and many small household items and toys! Turn them in to the mailroom receptacles marked "Norwood Terrace" and "Elizabethport" to be used for a Christmas Shopping Spree on Wednesday, December 7. Wrapping paper, ribbon and gift tags are also welcome. Presbyterian Women chair the event.

Norwood Terrace, located in Plainfield, was founded as a Presbyterian Home for elderly and other patients needing care. In a sign of the times, a few years ago the church withdrew from the nursing home milieu, and Norwood was sold to AristaCare that specializes in short-term rehab. However, many of the original residents are still housed there to live out their lives.

Three years ago when Presbyterian Women hosted the annual Golden Jubilee for a 100th birthday party, there were 5 residents at the event who were 100 years old or more! By the following year, all were deceased; but there are many elderly who still need our attention and aid. They do not have the opportunity, means or physical ability to visit stores.

Each year Presbyterian Women go to Norwood Terrace and set up a Christmas "shop" where the long-term residents can choose gifts (free) for their loved ones. For many, this is their only opportunity to shop. Residents are given a minimum of three tickets and may select any gifts they choose with their tickets. They then can go to the wrapping stations where volunteers wrap their selections in appropriate paper with gift-tags. They leave very happy and pleased with their "purchases."

A part of the same treasure trove of "regifts" goes to E'port for distribution among that community and the nursery school there. In addition, our Sunday School classes shop and wrap gifts, tagged for the correct age-group boy/girl. Nothing goes to waste...all re-gifts are utilized! So please take a look around your home and see what you might share with someone less fortunate. Presbyterian Women are asked to take items to their November Circle Meetings and to the Thank Offering Luncheon on November 17, in Assembly Hall.

Anyone interested in assisting with the shopping spree in pre-sorting or setting up shop and assisting shoppers may contact Ann Fontana: afontana@comcast.net or by calling 232-7825. All smiling faces and help are welcome!

— Ann Fontana



Stay Connected with PCW – Communications Commission Update

Welcome to 2012! From a calendar perspective I am sure that may look funny to you, but from a Communications perspective, we are just beginning to launch the 2011 – 2012 season.

As Elder Moderator of the Communications Commission, our vision is to serve as PCW's information 'beacon' shedding light on important topics, happenings and events which will positively impact the awareness and experience of our members and potential visitors. The Communications Commission is charged with the dissemination of information to the congregation and to the community at-large in the Westfield-area and surrounding towns. The Commission serves as the key link to keep everyone informed about what is happening and what is planned.

Communications, as the name suggests handles press releases, signage, newsletters, and acts as the liaison for crafting and releasing any and all information to the local community. To that end, we utilize a number of tools to help keep our church community connected including our weekly email 'blast', the church website, Face-

book, Twitter and the monthly Spire which is available both electronically and will be mailed directly to your house if you desire a print-only version. The commission also creates unique articles and press releases for the Westfield/Scotch Plains Leader/Times, Suburban News and the online 'Patch'.

Are you connected? If not, please let us know how we may improve communications to our members. Please drop a note in the Communications Commission box in the mailroom, call the church office, or send an email to info@westfieldpcw.org as the Commission is always looking for ways to improve the flow of information to our members and visitors. We have a very talented group of volunteers and PCW staff members who support the communications process and are eager to ensure we are all connected. For more information about PCW including programs, updates, newsletters and links to register for all communications, please visit the church website at www.westfieldpcw.org.

—Rich Carlson

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Financial Report



This month, Session begins work on the 2012 Annual Operating Fund budget. Lots of members generously give to many of the various appeals that are made, all of which help others both locally and beyond. **Currently, the 2012 Annual Pledge Campaign is underway.** This particular appeal is the primary funding source to facilitate all that goes on at our church. Your pledging keeps the doors open for our worship services and supports the staff to ensure that these ministries remain vital and significant in today's world, a world desperately in need of Christ's presence and love. Put simply, people's lives are transformed as a result of your pledges! You may submit your pledge by emailing the church controller at tbarulli@westfieldpc.org, or by placing a completed pledge card in the offering plate or in the church office.

<u>ANNUAL OPERATING FUND Results</u>	<u>ACTUAL for 9 mos 2011</u>	<u>ACTUAL for 9 mos 2010</u>
Total Annual Operating Fund Receipts	\$866,359	\$808,342
Total Annual Operating Fund Expenses	\$1,033,402	\$1,029,407
YTD NET for the Ann Oper Fund	\$(167,043)	\$(221,065)
	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Budgeted Full Year results	\$(137,310)	\$(169,794)

Senior Moments



EDITOR'S NOTE

This is another in an occasional series of interviews with long-time members of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield or previous churches to learn their views on matters involving our congregation.

For George Harbt, sermons are the most important reason to join a church. "The preaching is what brought me to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, and the preaching is what keeps me here," he says.

When he started looking around for a church to join in this area, he says he heard the Rev. Dr. William Forbes preach one Sunday and decided then and there to become a member. He says Forbes was an "outstanding preacher, well prepared and able to bring the message to a focal point."

Although our church provides varying degrees of opportunities for all age groups, he says, he believes inspirational sermons are the key to keeping people as members.

After joining our church in 1998, George soon became involved in ushering and served two three-year terms as a Deacon in the early 2000s. He currently is beginning his second term as an Elder. He co-chairs the Office and Property Commission with Alex Williams and is a member of the committee overseeing the church's cemetery that dates back to the American Revolution.

George was in the first class of Stephen Ministers after our congregation decided to begin training lay persons for this program. An international program, the Stephen Ministry uses lay church members to provide pastoral counseling and caregiving to people facing a crisis or major challenge. The needs include bereavement, illness, divorce and unemployment.

A native of Westfield, George was the only child of Max and Helen (Dreier) Harbt. Both parents were born in Germany but they met and were married in New Jersey. His father was a master cabinet maker and his mother a practical nurse. They settled in Westfield in the 1920s in a house on Hazel Avenue that George still owns.

A product of public education, George attended McKinley and Roosevelt schools and in 1951 was one of the 216 graduates in the last class to attend Westfield High School when it was located on Elm Street. By the time he was 19, he was in South Korea serving in the U.S. Army Medical Services Corps.

After ending his military service, George used a GI Bill of Rights grant to attend Upsala College in East Orange. He graduated with a degree in Economics.

His father was a Roman Catholic and his mother a Lutheran. However, George was not active in any church in his early years. An aunt and her family influenced him to join a local church, where he became an ordained Elder and an active member.

His job as Manager of Wage and Salary Administration for INCO, the International Nickel Company, on Wall Street, required extensive travel in North America, Europe and Southeast Asia.

His father died in 1969 and his mother's health began to deteriorate during the time he was working in New York and traveling so

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 1
Vincenten, Jock
Purachev, Joan
Thornberry, Nancy
Brand, Owen
Hunsinger, Craig
Dohm, Timothy

November 2
Andrews, Louise
Kampe, Robert
Cyr, James
Hewitt, Marla
Munson, Wendy
Kolterjahn, Paul
Strong, Elizabeth

November 3
Petty, Charles
Wetzel, Charles
Bigelow, Susan
McIntyre, Margaret
Lamb, Rachel
Lowe, Marissa
Hickman, Mason

November 4
Reinhardt, Doris
Snowden Jr, Stuart
Janssen, Gary
McLoughlin, Susan
Walker, Thomas
Griggs, Elizabeth A
Schwarz, Christopher
Mackay, Elizabeth
Anderson, Lauren
Shields, Sara
Shor, Eric

November 5
Schulz, Helen
Schroeder, Wayne
Kline, Jeffrey
McCrea, Christina
Berges, Adriana
Fraitas, Adam

November 6
Ousterman, Alice
Sandstedt, John
Augenstein, Christopher
Crenshaw, Celine
Riley Jr, Charles

November 7
Musso, Mary
Rees, Alfred
Lapham, Mary
Dix, Kelsey

November 8
Kline, Peggy
Anderson, Cindy
Nassif, Menhan
Tonking, Kathryn

November 9
Dinsmore, Robert
Sweet, Jeannette
Cederroth, Sandra

Benz Jr, Hal
DuMont, Lisa
Aliche, Karen
Johnston, Pamela
Mackay, Christopher
Trimble, James
Seib, Kathryn
Pink, Katherine
McCauley, Declan
Fallo, Jack

November 10
Darsie, George
Melloan, George
Humphreys, Richard
Roff Jr, Wallace
McArdle, Margaret
McCurdy, Lauren
Cook, William
Hawkins, Hannah
Werder, Kyle

November 11
Connell, Patricia
Gorman, Elizabeth
Janklow, Debra
Belford, Robin
Foltz, Cyrene
McLaughlin, Yvette
McMeekan Jr, William
Katz, Allyson
Stroever, William
Rhodes, Christopher
Rogers, Alicia
Palia, Eric

November 12
Birchall, George
Brown, Betty
Sharma, Manju
Zavetz, Audrey
Thompson, Scott
Gerckens, Maria
Marat, Caitlyn

November 13
Scrudato, Diane
Forbes, Philip
Yarusi, Ashley
Thompson, Ryan
Shields, Connor

November 14
Cutler Jr, Frank
Diddell, Julia
Hoffman, Jane
Star, Jennifer
Kimmins, Britton

November 15
Scrudato, Ryan
Scrudato, Sean

November 16
Gruman, Karen
Lubalin, Darcie
Fleder, Allison
Kristiansen, Kyle
McCall, John
McCall, Thomas
Swingle, Kelsey

November 17
Shields, Timothy

November 18
Bauer, Robert
Jacoby, Ellwood
Gordon, Robert
Tarleton, Bridget
Powell, Rhea
Maines, Ryan
Merz, Chandler
Curtiss, Ethan
Curtiss, Natalie
Beke, Mary
Riley Jr, Amee

November 19
Elsasser, Sharon
Bombaci, Santina
Dwyer, Jessica
Dohm, Kelly
Janssen, Caroline

November 20
Masin, Nora
John, Ani
MacPherson, Gordon
Wahl, Margaret

November 21
Kashlak, Karen
Zippler, Jake

November 22
Folwarski, John
Fischer, Christopher
Fischer, Katherine
Dailey, Aidan

November 23
Molloy Jr, Christopher

November 24
Wright, Sally
Lau, Alexander
Efthymiou, Reid

November 25
Knudsen, Wendy

November 26
Hoogsteen, Margaret
Schundler, Kristin
Wilson, John
Gray, Scott
Ingrassia, William
Howell, Russell
Dolling, Charlotte
Ingrassia, Maxwell

November 27
Gillespie, Charlotte
Johnsen, Henry
Paden, Cheryl
Tate, Elise
Gearhart, William
Dalrymple, Jeff
McAvoy, Jennifer

November 28
Luerssen, Honorata
Schundler, Jeffrey
Hennessey, Terry
Heinbokel II, William
Pavleszek, Paige
Brown, Samuel
Taylor, William
Tarleton, Perry

November 29
Capalbo, Claire
Wilson, Lucy
Trimble, Tucker
Stone, James
Perez, David
Aliche, Lisa
Polak, Nicholas
Kim, Katy

November 30
Manchester, Mabel
Murtishaw, Taylor
Bond, Kathleen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SENIOR MOMENTS

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much. “Maybe it was guilt,” he says, but he decided to return to Westfield to help his mother and look for employment closer to home.

He became Director of Compensation for the National Starch and Chemical Company in Bridge-water in 1974, developing long-term and short-term incentive plans for its professional staff. He remained with the company until he retired in 1998, the year he joined our church and again became an active participant.

After retiring, George bought land and developed the property, building a total of 11 houses. He also works part-time for a funeral home, helping with pallbearer duties and removals.

His son, George Jr., lives in Cranford. He also has two daughters, Eleanor, who lives in Mountain-side, and Helen, who lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have provided him with five grandchildren.

For about five years in the late 1980s, George was an instructor of evening classes at Raritan Valley Community College. He says his teaching of Personnel Administration gave him an insight in what is required to develop a clear message. And, he says, that is one reason he thinks excellent sermons are so important in the life of a church.

—Charlie Monzella

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HOMEFIRST: 25 years of Helping the Homeless of Union County

Thanks to the many MANY members of PCW who have supported the emergency shelter program for the last 25 years. As the landscape has changed and other shelter options now exist (which wasn't the case 25 years ago!), Homefirst has discontinued the emergency shelter program and turned its focus on the **Interfaith Transitional Housing Program**: the 17 bedrooms now available in 7 Transitional Housing units provides a home to 35 family members. This is more than double the capacity of the 14 beds in the emergency shelter where the families were forced to move weekly!

Look at how PCW members have been making things happen at HomeFirst!

Three times during the growing season, teenagers were welcomed into the Family Success Center and learned to prepare a meal with the produce. Then bags were assembled to include the recipe and all the ingredients for the meal and 35 of these bags were shared with the kids and also with all families in the Homefirst housing programs. Hundreds of pounds of fresh produce were provided to families in the more than 100 bags distributed this year!

Organic Community Garden – with the help of Sophia, Ali & Eric Palia & Brian Lapham went from **THIS...**



...TO THIS!



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HOMEFIRST: 25 years of Helping the Homeless of Union County... A Letter from the Board of Directors

Dear Members of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield:

We thank you for continuing to share our mission of finding permanent solutions to homelessness. We are rewarded with inspiring stories of kindness & generosity each and every day. Your congregation's commitment through volunteering, advocacy, financial support and prayer has truly touched the lives of thousands of families. Thank you.

Recently, we shared the news with Reverend Roberts and your Mission Commission that we will now provide homeless families with a Transitional Home to live in as a first step out of homelessness and one step closer to a permanent place to call home. As Homefirst, Interfaith Housing and Family Services begins a year of celebrating 25-years of service, we continue to be committed to our mission, to provide safe affordable housing in conjunction with meeting the social service needs of local homeless families. Today, our experience and many accomplishments with meeting the complex needs of homeless families has led us to realize that our transitional housing program offers a clear path to assist families to become self-sufficient in their own home. Therefore, in light of meeting today's needs we have brought the shelter program to an end. These recent program enhancements are in response to the changing landscape, and will ultimately create even more innovative & meaningful ways for volunteers and your congregation to get involved with Homefirst.

As we move forward into 2012 and beyond, these programmatic decisions have been part of our overall strategic planning process to broaden our housing solutions and social service programs. The past several years have been marked by significant changes in the housing options available to local homeless families. Throughout the complex changes, Homefirst has remained committed to advocacy and action; purchasing and renovating over 40 properties that families can call home and advocating on a state and national level for housing that people can afford.

In response to recent economic and housing challenges, Homefirst has taken action to alleviate the hardships facing homeless families with the following initiatives and accomplishments:

Transitional Housing Program – enhanced service delivery for 12-18 months to homeless families and made capital improvements to 7-homes;

Homefirst Family Success Center – a one-stop-center where families can access the critical social services and the help they need to strengthen their families and community

Affordable Housing – added 14 new homes that are safe and affordable for homeless families

Homelessness Prevention Services – increased emergency rental, utility and security deposit assistance to prevent a family from becoming homeless

Organic Community Garden Initiative – local volunteers working hand in hand to plant, grow, harvest, and distribute fresh, organic, local produce to local homeless families

In partnership with your congregation and the entire faith community, we have accomplished so much in 25 years to improve the quality of life for the homeless. With the expanded focus on Transitional Housing, the 17 bedrooms now available more than doubles Homefirst's capacity to help homeless families providing a more stable: The IHN shelter capacity was only 14 beds as compared to the 35 family members that can be accommodated at one time. We encourage your feedback, and welcome open dialogue as Homefirst evolves to meet the needs of today's homeless families. We invite you to call Ellen directly at (908) 753-4001 x 13.

There is a saying that we have posted on the wall of Homefirst- that has inspired us and we hope it inspires you to continue to help us help homeless families, it states:

"A house is made of walls and beams; a home is built with love and dreams." -Dr. William A. Ward

Thank you for 25 years of hope, dreams and **action**.

Warm Regards,

Ellen McGovern, Executive Director & Casey Woodruff, President, Board of Trustees



Transitional Housing renovation – Chris Gerckens, an aspiring Eagle Scout, is in the process of renovating a kitchen in one of the Interfaith Transitional Housing units in Plainfield. Look how badly this space is in need of improvements! We'll follow Chris' progress on this project in future Spire issues!



HOMEFIRST BREAKFAST! You're Invited! All are welcome to this FREE breakfast, On Thursday, November 17, but reservations are required. Please contact Homefirst Board of Trustee members, Jane Collins (jrobcol@aol.com or 654-1647) or Marybeth Lapham (mblapham2001@aol.com or 889-6670) if you would like to attend this event that you'll be talking about for months! Presentation will begin PROMPTLY at 8:00a.m. and will be completed prior to 9:00a.m. to have you on your way!



Homefirst
"Faith, Home & Charity"
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November 17, 2011
at L'Affaire Gallery
1009 Route 22 East Mountainside, NJ
(908) 232-4434
Hot breakfast buffet starts at 7:30 am
The program is from 8:00-9:00 am
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Homefirst Interfaith Housing
& Family Services
www.homefirstinc.org
(908) 753-4000 Ext. 24
Let's look forward to seeing you there!

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FLOWER POWER! HELP WANTED

Immediately following Sunday worship services, flowers are collected from the flower room and delivered to someone from our church community who could use a smile. It's a meaningful way for you to show the love of God. Volunteers are needed each week and you can stop by today or sign up to help for a future week. It is a very small time commitment - no more than 30 minutes, but a beautiful and meaningful act of fellowship. We hope you will consider helping this important Ministry. If you are able to volunteer your time, please stop by the flower room after today's 10 a.m. service which is located to the left of the Chancel Choir or contact Faye Sobala via email at fayeb1482@aol.com.

Don't Forget!



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.
- 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.