

October 2011



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Invite...
Grow...
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October Events...

- October is Pledge Month
- JOY Lunch, October 2
- Confirmation begins October 4
- Middle School Breakfast Club begins October 6
- New Member Class, October 9
- Confirmation Overnight October 15/ 16
- Lunch and a Movie, October 26

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The Gospel Is a Love Story

This fall's Stewardship theme was inspired by two scriptures: John 3:16 and Matthew 22:36-40. The John passage sums up God's generosity, "God so loved the world that God gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." It frames all life in the larger story of God's love.

The Matthew passage, reminds us that our response to God's extravagant love is loving God with wild abandon, "all of our hearts, souls and minds," and to love our neighbors as God loves them, as ourselves.

This year we are featuring speakers who will inspire us with what this church has done and hopes to do this coming year. We have a special treat on October 9, our own Adam Gorman, whose ordination service will be held at 3:00 that afternoon, will share what this church has meant to him. Jessica Cerino will tell us something about the Unbinding the Gospel Project for next spring. The message we want to communicate this year is that your faithfulness to God through The Presbyterian

Church in Westfield is making a difference in people's lives.

We invite you to become part of God's love story. Support YOUR church in increasing the love of God and neighbor by pledging generously from a grateful heart! You may indicate your pledge by emailing our comptroller, Tina Barulli, at tbarulli@westfieldpc.org.

— Ray Roberts



Norwood Terrace—Collection Begins this Month!

The Presbyterian Women continue their commitment to Norwood Terrace, a nursing home and rehabilitative center, in Plainfield, as we collect new or gently used items such as sweaters, handbags, slippers or socks for the residents to purchase at their annual Holiday Shopping Spree.

The annual "Shopping Spree" at Norwood allows long-term residents to "shop" despite being unable to visit stores physically and/or

financially. Please consider "regifting" any items that you have been unable to use.

Please bring your donations to the church office October – December 8, 2011. A collection box will be located in the mailroom.

PW also accepts the donation of smaller items year 'round as these gifts can be used as prizes for bingo games at Norwood Terrace.

— Carole Cook

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Victims of Circumstance/Jesus the Victor

Victims of circumstance. This statement describes many of the 14 million unemployed and 11 million underemployed in America today. Surely some people have been fired for reasons they had control over, but the stories I've heard point to being victims of circumstance. There are costs to unemployment besides immediate financial hardships. Physical and emotional health can decline, long-term career prospects can diminish, leading to diminishing future security.

This is a bleak and unfair situation that too many people find themselves in, with no easy or short-term answers. What does the Christian faith have to say about it? Well, for starters, God became human in Jesus Christ, and became one of countless victims of a large and seemingly unalterable power: the Roman Empire. The crucifixion of Jesus shows us that God does know our pain when we fall prey to forces much bigger than us, which are often outside of our control. That Jesus suffered and died on the cross means that he is able to relate to our suffering under the weight of difficult and sometimes unbearable circumstances.

That God raised Jesus from the dead means that nothing – not unemployment, not financial hardships or even crises, not relationships

gone south, not divorce, not illness, not even death – is more powerful than God. Combine the crucifixion and the resurrection and you get a God who is not untouched by pain, but who has experienced it and knows it well, and has shown God's intention for wiping away every tear and restoring our lives to a fullness beyond what we can ask or imagine. This is the future that awaits us in Christ.

Each of us has opportunities to point to that future when we comfort the grieving, befriend the friendless, give food to the hungry, care for the poor and needy, and live every moment in service to the risen Lord. Additionally, as we ourselves suffer, we have the opportunity to take hold of the comfort and hope available and offered to the world in Jesus.

You may ask, "how, exactly, do I take hold of that comfort and hope?" Through things like worship, prayer, Bible study, friendships and communities of faith, God gives us the gift of *faith*. And it is *faith* that assures our hearts that Jesus is, in fact, the Victor over all that now oppresses or threatens us and would rob us of our lives and well-being. He is the "pioneer of our salvation made perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10).

— Mike Samson

November JOY Lunch

The November JOY Lunch will be Sunday, November 6, featuring Beef Stew, Spinach Salad and a seasonal dessert!

Our new music director Katie Connolly will provide entertainment with a 'HymnAlong'! *Please come prepared to share your all time favorite hymns and sing them with the group.

RSVP to the church office by November 3.

Next Lunch and a Movie Date: October 26!

A film described as being a "stirring Christian drama" will be shown at the **Lunch and Movie** gathering in the George Plenty Room at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Just bring whatever you would like to eat for lunch. The Senior Network Group will provide drinks and dessert.

Then sit back and enjoy "The Grace Card," starring David G. Evans and Michael Joiner. The film tells the story of a police officer who loses

faith in God and himself after his son's death. The officer gets a new partner, who also is a part-time pastor. The pastor offers the officer friendship and sets him on the path to grace and redemption.

You may also want to mark your calendar for the **Lunch and Movie** set for Wednesday, November 30.

Come and enjoy the fellowship, meal and movie.



The Presbyterian Church in Westfield welcomes Kathleen Connolly as the Interim Director of Music and Organist

We are pleased to announce that Kathleen Connolly has joined our staff as the Interim Director of Music and choir director. Katie comes to us from the All Saints Episcopal Church in Princeton where she directed a music program very similar to ours. In addition, she has served at several other churches over her career and has taught privately for many years. She is the mother of three grown children, George, Ned and Gemma. Her other credits include work with the American Boy-choir School, Violin Studios in Princeton, the June Opera Festival, the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts, the Boston University School for the Arts and the Boston Symphony. Kathleen is a versatile musician whose work is rooted in lifelong study of the keyboard. She has sung in choirs in church and school from childhood and has always worked with singers. An active collaborator, she works with voices and instrumentalists in recitals, chamber music, opera, musical theater, church, and popular genres as conductor, coach, pianist and organist.

Music Director and Organist at All Saints (Episcopal) Church in Princeton from 2005-

2010, she has served other churches of various denominations. She has been Staff Accompanist and Opera Coach at the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts (now University of the Arts) and an opera coach for Boston University's School of Music and for Opera Festival of NJ. She has also been a theory teacher at Princeton's American Boy-choir School and, as accompanist for the Boy-choir playing concerts in eighteen states. Please feel free to greet Katie after any service.



Calling all Past and Present Deacons and Elders

PCW is trying a new approach to serving communion to our home-bound membership. Only Deacons and Elders are ordained to serve, and the need has sometimes gone underserved. Over the next three years the number of deacons will decrease which will affect home bound communion.

In keeping with the new strategy for PCW ministries however, our hope is to instead improve the service of home-bound communion by reaching out to current and past Elders and Deacons, to ask if you would occasionally be willing to help serve. If you agree, together we will be able to improve PCW home communion service dramatically!

All current and past Deacons and Elders are invited to participate in the Deacon Home-bound Communion Ministry Team. Our hope is to maintain and improve the service of home-bound communion by recruiting many volunteers to serve only **occasionally**.

Electronic invitations to serve will go out only the week before communion is served. Answering yes, no or maybe is ok. There is no long-term commitment. The Deacons believe this new path will prove to be a great way to improve the effectiveness of PCW in its mission to invite, grow and serve.

If you enjoyed doing home-bound communion in the past, or would like to try it for the first time but cannot do it more than occasionally, we have designed this program for you! Please join us! If you are interested in joining the team, please send an e-mail to:



pcw.deacons.home.communion@gmail.com

Deacons Home Communion Team:

Henry Johnsen, Juan Iglesias, David Stockwell
Faye Sobala, Deacons Visitation Team leader

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OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October is Pledge Month!						1 7:30 Men's Breakfast 9:30 Teacher Training
2 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Children's Sunday School 11am JOY Lunch 11am Teacher Training 5pm MS Fellowship 6:30 All Youth Worship 7:00 HS Fellowship	3	4 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 5:30 Confirm Advisors 6pm Confirmation 7pm Outreach/Welcme 7:30 Communications, Youth, Stewardship, Worship Commissions 8pm Mission Commissions	5 7am Dawn Patrol 10am Program Staff 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape Kitchen 5pm COW Begins	6 7am MS Breakfast 9:30 PW Board Mtg 7:30 Chancel Choir	7 9:30 Bible Study w/ Pastor 12pm Lunch/Book 5pm MS Fall Fun	8
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16 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Sunday School 5:pm MS Fellowship 6:30 All Youth Worship 7pm HS Fellowship	17	18 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30 Program Staff	19 7am Dawn Patrol 1pm Agape Prep 1:30 Senior Network 3:15 Agape Kitchen 5pm COW	20 7am MS Breakfast 7:30 Chancel Choir	21 9:30 Bible Study w/ Pastor	22 4pm Eckman/Jones Wedding
23 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Sunday School 5:pm MS Fellowship 6:30 All Youth Worship 7pm HS Fellowship	24 7:30 Stephen Ministry	25 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30 Program Staff 7:30 Session Council 7:30 O&P Commission	26 7am Dawn Patrol 12 Lunch & Movie 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape Kitchen 5pm COW 7:30 Life Long Learning	27 7am MS Breakfast 7:30 Chancel Choir	28 9:30 Bible Study w/ Pastor 10am Cemetery Committee	29
30 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Children's Sunday School 5:pm MS Fellowship 6:30 All Youth Worship 7pm HS Fellowship	31 Pledge Dedication Sunday 					

Children and Families Ministry

Sunday School began on September 18, at 10:00 a.m. Over 80 children have been registered. Registration forms are available in the church office and online at our website: www.westfieldpc.org. Just follow the link!

Each week children are dismissed from the worship service, following the *Time with the Younger Church*, for Sunday School.

Children ages 2 years through first grade are exploring the weekly lessons in the worship format. They meet on the lower level of the Christian Education building.

Children 2nd through 5th grade continue the workshop rotation model learning through art, games, drama, and audiovisual workshops. This age group meets on the upper level of the Christian Education building. Weekly room assignments are posted on the bulletin board on the way to classrooms.

Adult help is always welcome! If you are not currently teaching, assisting or helping in some way and would like to, please contact Mary Bielen, mbielen@westfieldpc.org for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School meets every Sunday except: Christmas, Dec. 25, New Years, Jan. 1, Easter Sunday, April 8, and Youth Sun-

day, April 29.

Child care for infants through 23 months is available in room 104 of the Christian Education Building.

Fourth Grade Bible Class led by long-time members, Bruce and Myrna Cummings, will meet on Sunday, October 16, 23, & 30, (Parents: please save the dates) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201. Three additional classes will be held in 2012. Children should bring their new Bibles to each session.

COW (Church on Wednesdays) begins October 5! Children age 3 years through 5th grade take part in the Cherub choir (3yr-1st gr) or Joyful News (2nd -5th gr) at 5:00 p.m. Both groups meet in the Assembly Hall for a delicious dinner at 5:30p.m. Following dinner children may take part in an activity geared for their age group.

If you haven't registered your child, you may still do so. Forms are available in the church office and on our website: www.westfieldpc.org.

Save the Date:

COW begins October 5!

Fourth Grade Bibles were presented to:

Arash Imazu Fatahi Faz Abad

Reid Alexander Busse

Carly Elizabeth Burke

Josephine Marie Cerino

Grace Taylor Demers

Theresa Rose Deyerle

Eric Romerl Elizes

Christian Thomas Festa

William Joseph Gamba, Jr.

Phillip Kim

Daniel Max Kohler

Christopher John McArdle

Declan James McCauley

Jack Mossawir

Colin Michael Murphy

Amanda Page Paden

Dustin Tanner Paden

Jason Daniel Paden

Stephen Jaewon Park

Anna Victoria Driscoll Swartz

Rebecca Mary White

Kevin Cem Yucetepe

Life Long Learning!

Adults have educational opportunities on Sundays, too!

Questers is currently studying The Present Word. They meet in the George Plenty Room every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. If you would like more information, please contact Nancy Testa, nancy@suburbansign.com.

Triangle is back and better than ever! The Rev. Hibbert Moss returns to lead the group each week as they study the sermon text. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Hibbert Moss for more information.

The Eleventh Hour returns and will be offered on occasion following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Join guest speakers discussing national and global concerns relating them to faith.

Inside Out! New this year, speakers will be from our very own faith community who will share their insights on faith and life. Mark your calendar and join us November 13 for

Master Storyteller, Jim Cyr, who's topic will be "Feeding Our Wolves: St. Francis' Teachings—A Christian Response to World Aggression" Everyone is invited!

New In Our Church Library!

The Life Long Learning Commission recently purchased 12 DVDs about Jesus' ministry and the life of the early church. The DVDs were produced by the History Channel and the Arts and Entertainment Channel.

Check out: *Jesus: His Life, Judas: Traitor or Friend; Biography: Paul* and others.

The DVDs are located at the circulation desk in the church library. You may check out the DVDs for 30 days.

Don't forget **Bible Study with the Pastor** on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the George Plenty Room. This study welcomes everyone! No preparation is necessary. Come and join the discussion or sit back and take it all in.

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YOUTH!

FELLOWSHIP!

Join in the fun of Middle School and High School Fellowship! Fellowship kicked off on September 25, but everyone is invited each Sunday!

Please take note of our NEW schedule: Middle School Fellowship starts at 5 p.m. in the Jim Cole Room and includes dinner for \$5.00. 6:30 p.m. ALL youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Worship in the Chapel. High School Fellowship starts at 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Jim Cole Room and dessert is included.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

If you are in 6th to 8th grade you are welcomed to our first Breakfast Club of the school year! Come join us to get a great start to your day by having breakfast with new and old friends. First breakfast meets in the Jim Cole Room on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 a.m. and continues each Thursday thereafter, unless otherwise noted. We play *Capture the Flag* and eat donuts and bagels. We even give you a ride to school! Hope to see you there!!

CONFIRMATION

Calling all youth in the 9th grade and above who want to confirm their belief in Jesus Christ and become official members of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Take part in a program that includes overnights, small group discussions, adult mentors, outdoor activities and so much more!

Confirmation begins Tuesday, October 4, at

6:00 p.m. in the Jim Cole Room. If you are interested in experiencing the many gifts this class has to offer, contact Linnette Mercado in the church office.

Mark your calendars for the **mandatory** Confirmation Overnight – October 15 & 16.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT (Grades 9-12) – We'll be heading off for a weekend of laughter, adventure, favorite games, and faith exploration.

This is a great opportunity to grow closer to your church friends away from PCW in a cozy fall retreat. **6:30 p.m. Friday, November 18th – 11 a.m. Sunday, November 20th.** Cost of this trip is \$225. Cost includes camp price with activities, lodging, transportation and meals at the camp. Please register with Linnette with a deposit of \$100 on or prior to October 1st. Balances of \$125 will be due October 31st.

To register for any and all of these programs, 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, on the web or in the Jim Cole Room.

– Linnette Mercado

New Member Class to be Held

Why not end the year 2011 by taking the step to become an official member of the congregation? If you are thinking about officially joining PCW, the new member class will give you time to ask questions and learn more about the church. If you are trying to decide whether to officially join, this class is designed to help you with that process. Because we take membership very seriously, you will have time to think and pray about your decision after attending the class.

The last New Members' Seminar for 2011 will be held on November 20, in Assembly Hall. The class begins at 11:30 a.m. and includes time for lunch and fellowship before concluding about 3:30 p.m. Child care is available and the children join their parents for lunch.

There is no need to reserve a space, but if you know that you are planning to attend, please contact Dawn Adam (dadam@westfieldpc.org) or Gail Hein, Co-Moderator of the Outreach and Welcome Commission (gailandalhein@verizon.net or 908-232-5098) or call the church office to let us know. Again, if you find that you are suddenly available, just come and join us. We invite you to join us!

LOOKING AHEAD! Christmas will be here before you know it! Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual event of the Live Nativity on our front lawn on December 4, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Look for more details and pictures from last year's event in the November issue of *The Spire*.

– Gail Hein

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CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN WITH WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Music, Movie and Halloween Costume Contest!

Savour the silver screen's final silent masterpiece - swashbuckling musketeers and more - as Westfield Symphony Orchestra celebrates Halloween by bringing to life, in glorious symphonic technicolor, the original 1929 movie *The Iron Mask* starring Douglas Fairbanks on Saturday October 29th at 7pm in the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

With split-second timing and precision, more than 50 WSO musicians will perform LIVE a magnificent soundtrack by renowned composer Carl Davis as the original classic movie - a stirring story of swordsmanship, deception, romance, drama, violence, humor, and grandiose glory that more than stands the test of time - is projected above the orchestra and in full view of the audience.

After the movie, musical giants, goblins and flying warrior women will round off the Halloween festivities as WSO presents *Monsters from "The Ring"* a selection of orchestral ex-

cerpts from Wagner's *Ring Cycle*.

A free pre-concert lecture, an informative, entertaining and an engaging way to learn about the movie, music and music makers before the concert will be conducted by Shuang Guo Wroe in The Presbyterian Church Chapel at 6pm.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTESTS for adults and kids. FIRST PRIZE \$200 – wear your costume!

TICKETS \$25-\$75

SPECIAL OFFER: ALL STUDENTS K-12 \$12

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.



Westfield Day Care Center Needs YOU!

The Westfield Day Care Center (WDCC) is currently recruiting board members to join our dynamic and motivated team.

WDCC is a non-profit early childhood educational center dedicated to providing families with quality, affordable child care on a needs blind basis. We are currently seeking members to fill open positions, including Church

Liaison, Personnel Chair, Fundraising Chair, Finance Chair, Publicity Chair, and Property/Physical Assets Chair.

Won't you consider being part of a group that provides a great educational pre-school experience for local children?

— Thera Rocco, Director

The Men's Fellowship Group wants you!

The men's group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.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 discuss a wide range of topics contemporary, newsworthy, philosophical and spiritual. Guest speakers from outside and inside the church lead some of the topics.

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.

Our scheduled meetings this month will occur on October 1st and 15th.

We also look forward to seeing you this year at our regularly scheduled programs and at the 2012 Men's Retreat planned for January 20-22, 2012 in Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Island. More information about our guest speaker and reservation forms will be forthcoming. Join us for this weekend of interesting discussions, spiritual renewal and fellowship.

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Presbyterian Women



The Presbyterian Women have been long time collectors of the Boxtops for Education, and Campbell's Labels for Education labels which they donate to the Menaul School in Albuquerque New Mexico. Please cut the "Boxtops for Education" label from products that you use and bring it to the church office. The Menaul School receives ten cents for every box top submitted, and since they began participating in the Boxtops program, they have received over \$15,000!

The PW Circles have started up and the Bible Study this year is the Beatitudes. It has been said that "the beatitudes are pillars of wisdom,

spoken with an economy of words." Come learn more about the simple wisdom that Jesus taught us and how that wisdom relates to present social conditions in our world. There are morning, afternoon and evening Circles that meet once each month. If you are interested in learning more about the Beatitudes with a PW Circle, please contact Margo Seaman 928-0547 or margonova@comcast.net

Mark your calendars:

November 17 - PW November Luncheon
 December 2 - Annual PW Christmas Dinner
 December 11- PW Advent Bake Sale
 December 15- PW Christmas Tea

Lunch and a Book

Please join us on October 7th, for our discussion of "Let the Great World Spin" by Colum McCann. We meet in the church library from noon to 1:00, so bring your lunch, bring your book and get ready to chat! If you want to read ahead, we will be discussing "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand on November 4th. All are welcome to attend! Contact Lisa Black, lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com for more information.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?



It's ME time!

We know how difficult it can be to fit some ME time into your busy schedule! Some working moms of young children are forming a new Presbyterian Women's Circle to meet once a month in the evening. We'll have a lot to share, as well as some Bible Study and Mission discussion.

We hope you will join us, however, for more information, please contact Kim Ciemniecki, 908-322-2213, email: kimrobinsonusa@hotmail.com or Carolyn Fleder, 908-232-3043, email crfelder@gmail.com.

Mission Update

Join an Agape Cooking Team! You can help support our youth and their mission efforts by joining one of our cooking teams. We are currently in need of volunteers to make cakes, meatloaf, taco beef and spaghetti. Please contact Kristin Pirich at 973-601-3371 or kpirich@westfieldpc.org if you are interested in joining one of these teams.

Blood Drive, October 23rd, 2011! The Mission Commission of PCW is holding a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Sunday, October 23rd, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can

schedule an appointment to donate online by going to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation>. Enter Westfield, NJ in the city and state search boxes to reach PCW's sign-up page or use our sponsor code: 14682.

If you prefer, you may also contact Kristin Pirich at 973-601-3371 and she can help schedule your appointment for you. Blood donations save lives and supplies are critically low after the recent hurricane. Please help by making a donation on Sunday, October 23rd.

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Unbinding the Gospel

How are lives changed? Do we run across an insight, a nugget of wisdom, that helps us see the whole world differently and changes our life? Sometimes.

But usually profound and lasting change only takes place when we form new habits. You see: The key to a changed life is more about formation than information.

This program year (2011-2012) YOUR church is looking very closely at helping our members develop new habits of the heart through a regular prayer and devotional life. To help us develop these practices this fall we will look at the spiritual life in a sermon series titled, "Praying in the Company of Jesus." We are also looking to get 12 to 15% of our worshipping congregation to engage in 40 Days of Prayer and a small group experience. Our larger goal is to engage our whole worshipping congregation in a similar devotional and small group experience next Lent. (By the way, this means YOU!)

Developing new habits is very hard to do on

your own. It is so easy to fall back into old patterns. You get busy. Other things seem like a priority. Next thing you know, you are back in the old groove.

A group of church members went through the Unbinding the Gospel devotional and small group experience this past spring. One of the things they talked about was how meeting with other church members to talk about their devotional life helped them become regular in prayer. In fact, when we reached the end of our time together, they all commented about how much they missed the time together and the way they were growing in their relationship with God. They found they had made progress toward developing good spiritual habits.

What are your prayer habits like?

I should share that your pastors have covenanted to pray 30 minutes a day. I'll be praying for you and our church and what God is doing here. I hope you'll join me.

— Ray Roberts



WESTFIELD PARKINSONS' SUPPORT GROUP

Normally, the Westfield Parkinson's Support Group doesn't meet in October because the PCW office is closed for Columbus Day, October 10. This year however, we are going to meet in the Wallace Auditorium at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Dr. Marcie Rabin, MD, a movement disorder specialist, who just joined the staff at the Atlantic Neuroscience Institute at Overlook this month, will be our speaker.

If you or someone you know has Parkinson's disease or is a caregiver, please join us to learn more about PD and to share fellowship with others who are coping with this disease. For more information, contact Barbara Ringk at 908-322-9214, bringk@verizon.net or Lynn Kolterjahn at 908-232-1416.



The Presbytery of Elizabeth
and
the Congregation of
The Presbyterian Church in Westfield
invite you to attend
the Service of Ordination of
ADAM DAVIS GORMAN
on Sunday the 9th of October
Two Thousand and Eleven
at Three O'Clock
in the Sanctuary of
The Presbyterian Church in Westfield
140 Mountain Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090

*Clergy are invited to robe. Red stoles are appropriate.
Reception immediately following. RSVP to adamdgorman@gmail.com*

Save the Date

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Financial Report

Annual Operating Fund Results through August 2011:

<u>ANNUAL OPERATING FUND Results</u>	<u>ACTUAL for 8 mos 2011</u>	<u>ACTUAL for 8 mos 2010</u>	<u>ACTUAL for 8 mos 2009</u>
Total Annual Operating Fund Receipts	\$780,509	\$733,884	\$784,184
Total Annual Operating Fund Expenses	\$916,960	\$923,063	\$926,491
YTD NET for the Ann Oper Fund	\$(136,451)	\$(189,179)	\$(142,307)
	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Budgeted Full Year results	\$(137,310)	\$(169,794)	\$(88,684)

For the first eight months of the year, the church budget deficit totaled more than **\$(136,000)**. This is basically in line with expectations given the Session-approved deficit in excess of **\$(137,300)** for the year.

Consolidated Cash Flow Results through August 2011:

The Annual Operating Fund is where the majority of church financial activity is recorded, but there are nearly 70 additional funds for the many designated gifts that the church receives.



AOF receipts	\$780,509
All other fund receipts	<u>\$147,971</u>
Total receipts	\$928,480
AOF Expenses	\$916,960
All other cash spent	\$295,850
Market losses	<u>\$96,787</u>
	\$1,309,597
Net cash outflow	\$(381,117)

How can the church spend like this and for how long?

The quick answer is that our church is fortunate to have an endowment that can support our regular operations. During periods of stress -- when the church can't pay its regular bills with current gifts -- the endowment can help. However if the current membership doesn't support current operations, it's pretty easy to see that using the endowment principal won't be sustainable forever!

—Marybeth Lapham

Usher for Worship Services!



Everyone is invited to participate in Ushering for worship services. Our hope is to maintain and improve the service of ushering by recruiting many volunteers to usher occasionally.

Electronic invitations to usher will go out only one week before each Sunday. Answering yes, no or maybe is ok. There is no long-term commitment. If you are interested in ushering for any service, please send an email to: pcw.deacons.ushers@gmail.com.

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Happy Birthday

October 1
Hoogsteen, Karst
Tortorello, Jessica
Dilzell, Jennifer
Pink, Andrew

October 2
Sharma, Shyam
Dickey, Sydney
Woods, Timothy
DelPaoli, Jonathan
John, Lisa
Gibbs, Evan
Compton, Elizabeth
Haggerty, Maile

October 3
Corbet, Joanne
Richards, Judith
Asselin, Peter
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Miller, Ryan
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Pate, Jill

October 16
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Howland, Logan
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Stock, Jackson

October 17
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October 18
Husch, Bradley
Elfstrum, Tammie
Matthews, Gloria
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Husch, Stephen
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Gerckens, Karl
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Johnson, Gladys
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Mann, Ryan
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Fine, Stephanie
Spurlock, Cotter
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Diddell, James
Sullivan, Lauren
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Aliche, Tracy
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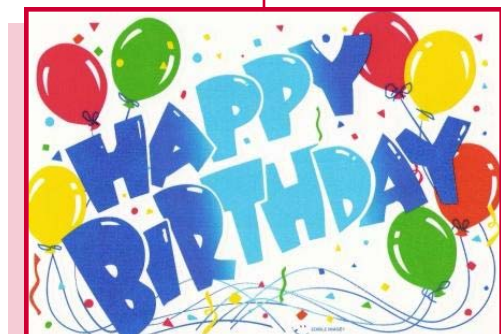
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- Worship Service in the Chapel at 8:00 a.m.
- Christian Education for Youth (grades 6-12) & Adults at 9:00 a.m.
- Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School (2yrs-5th grade) at 10:00 a.m.

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.