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The Spire

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This Month at PCW:

- Rally Day, September 11
- Session Retreat
September 16, 17
- Sunday School 2yr- 12th
grade begins
September 18
- All Youth Kick-off
Olympics, September 18
- Pastors' Bible Study & MS
Girls Pajama Party
September 23
- Confirmation Class Info
Meeting, 4th Grade Bible
Presentation, Youth
Fellowships Begin,
September 25

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Rally Day 2011– Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Rally Day is Sunday, September 11. This is the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States and a solemn date for many of us.

Our 2011 Rally Day theme is "Great is Thy Faithfulness." This verse is one to ponder as we remember the events of September 11, 2001, and how we look for God's help in times of destruction and pain. Ray's sermon on this day will discuss how Jesus prayed the Psalms and the strength that he derived from those prayers.

We will be observing a moment of silence on the church lawn at 9:00 a.m. in remembrance of the attacks. Please come be with your church family at that time. The Men's

Group will be serving a hot breakfast from 9-10 and there will be ice cream sundaes from the Mission Commission from 11-11:30. We will have tables for the various Church commissions and Sunday school registrations will be taken.

Rally Day is a time to get back to our regular routines after the summer break and commit to the activities of Church life for the year ahead. This year it will be a day tinged with sadness but also with hope. Activities will run from 9:00-11:30 on the front lawn. Events will be in Assembly Hall in case of rain.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Rally Day September 11!

A Word about Rally Day on September 11

We hope every one makes it a special point to attend Rally Day on September 11. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with church friends, invite your neighbors, learn about your church and recommit to the church's worship, educational and service programs.

After much consideration, we decided that a program showing proper respect for the events that unfolded and prayerfully remem-

bering those we were lost remind us of why we need to rally to our programs— to help people develop a theology which can frame horrible events such as the attacks and develop a spirit that can faithfully respond.

Through worship, a moment of silence, the sermon, etc. we will explore our Rally Day theme, "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

—Ray Roberts

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Our Plans, God's Answers

"The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer is from the tongue of the Lord."

— Proverbs 16:1

Human beings make plans in a very predictable way. Best-selling author, business consultant and professional coach, David Allen, gets paid good money to help professionals and businesses recognize how all of us naturally plan our endeavors and to then help his clients maximize efficiency and effectiveness in fulfilling their plans. Essentially, our natural planning process goes something like this. First, we have an outcome in mind. We then measure that against our current reality, taking note of the dissonance between that outcome and our current reality. After that, we brainstorm steps to relieve the dissonance and bridge the gap between our current reality and desired outcome. Once organized, these steps become our plan.

All of us have plans in mind on multiple levels, all the time. Very often they stem from the fact that our current reality is different than our desired reality. We make plans to bridge that gap all the time, even on a subconscious level, without even knowing it. We do it in our personal lives, we do it as a church, and we do it as a country.

The truth that the Proverb above points to is that not all of our plans come to fruition. Sometimes, God has other plans. This can leave us disappointed, frustrated, angry, or confused. We may have a very good outcome

in mind. We may have done a lot of praying about it and worked really hard to bring it about. However, we may inevitably come up against a reality that is different than what we'd like to see, and may then be forced to come to terms with the fact that, while "the human mind may devise many plans...it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established" (Prov. 19:21).

When our plans come to naught, when the outcome we desire is out of reach, we have several choices. We can give up in despair. We can push forward in the same direction, stubbornly ignoring resistance. We can *adapt*, and follow the wisdom of the Proverbs:

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight."*

— Proverbs 3:5, 6

With that in mind, I invite you to participate in the work and mission of PCW. This month's Spire, our website, Rally Day, and many other modes of communication will apprise you of some wonderful ways to participate in the life and mission of Christ's body here at PCW. Join us in our communal efforts to become disciples of Jesus Christ, all the while listening to and adapting to God's answers to our plans.

— Mike Samson

Everyone is Welcome!

**Bible Study with the Pastor, Friday mornings.
Coffee/fellowship at 9:30, study at 10,
beginning September 23, in the George Plenty Room**

Hospital Visitation Team— Is it Right for You?

Do you feel a calling to provide hope and encouragement for those who are spending time in the hospital or rehabilitation?

Whether it is a long stay or a short stay, for a serious illness or a simple procedure, it can be very scary and lonely to be in the hospital. We are seeking volunteers who would like to serve on the Hospital Visitation Team. Time commitment is very flexible.

If you feel this rewarding ministry may be something you would like to be a part of please contact Faye Sobala at 908-654-9050, fayeb1482@aol.com or Barbara Nelson, 908-232-2679 barbnels@aol.com.



Learning to Cope and Heal Following Grief and Loss

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, will hold their 23rd-eight week seminar, "Journey to Wholeness-Healing the Grieving Heart" on Sunday evenings from September 18 through November 6, 2011.

Patti Williams, R.N. and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Virginia Waters, PhD. Psychologist, will lead the sessions from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Mettam Lounge. Patti and Virginia have offered this seminar for 11 years now and have helped hundreds of people experience healing and find a new purpose for their lives.

The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process, coping strategies, how to take care of yourself and why this is so important, the changes, challenges and choices that occur, creating new memories to cherish, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually. A

special candle light ceremony is held to remember those we have lost which includes walking the labyrinth and a time of fellowship.

Both leaders and facilitators have experienced loss within their lives and share from "the inside out". It does not matter if your loss is divorce, or death or job loss; loss is loss- it must be grieved. Bring family members and friends. All faiths are welcome.

To register for this life changing event, please call 908-709-1341. No fee is charged. The First Presbyterian Church in Cranford is located at 11 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

The seminar is dedicated to Patti's late husband, The Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Williams who had a vision for the seminar 11 years ago wanting to help others deal with their pain and suffering during their time of loss.



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.

Our first scheduled meeting of the new season will be September 17th. Please look for the Men's Group table at Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th.

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 Fifth Annual Men's Retreat was held in January and Dr. Martin Cook was a wonderfully engaging, knowledgeable retreat speaker. The group enjoyed the relaxation, engaging speaker program and fellowship. The men's retreat will occur once again in January 2012 in Long Beach Island, NJ.

Men's
Fellowship
Group



Praying in the Company of Jesus

Our Fall Sermon Series is titled, "Praying in the Company of Jesus." In this series we will look at various prayers of Jesus, paying special attention to the Lord's Prayer. We have chosen this theme to explore Jesus and the spiritual life as we move forward with the *Unbinding the Gospel* project.

— Ray Roberts



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September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 8 & 10am Worship 9:15am Summer Choir 10am Summer Sunday School	5 Labor Day Holiday Church Office Closed	6 7pm Outreach/Welcome 7:30pm Communications Youth Stewardship Worship 8pm Mission Commission	7 10am Program Staff 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape 8pm Rally Day Mtg	8 9:30am PW Board	9	10
11 RALLY DAY 8 & 10am Worship 9am Breakfast & Prayer 10am 2-4yr Sunday School 10am K-5th Gr Rally Day Activities 11am Rally Sundaes	12 1:30pm Parkinsons Group	13 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30pm Program Staff Session 7:30pm	14 1pm Agape Prep 1:30pm Senior Network 3:15pm Agape	15 9:30am PW Circles 1, 2, 10 3:30pm PW Circle 8 5:30pm Zambia Team	16	17 7:30am Men's Fellowship Group 4pm Firenzuali/Berges Rehearsal
18 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth (6-12gr) Sunday School 10am Sunday School 5pm Youth Kick Off Olympics (6-12gr)	19	20 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30pm Program Staff	21 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape	22	23 9:30am Pastor's Bible Study	24 10am Ruth Gordon Memorial Service
25 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult Education 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Sunday School 10am 4th Grade Bible Presentation 11:00am Confirmation Mtg Parent/ Student 4:30pm MS Advisors 5pm MS Fellowship 7pm HS Advisors 7:30pm HS Fellowship	26	27 9am Craftsmen 9am Searching 4 Work 1:30pm Program Staff	28 1pm Agape Prep 3:15 Agape 7:30pm Life Long Learning	29	30 9:30am Pastor's Bible Study	

Session Retreat

**M.S. Girls
Pajama Party**

Children & Families Ministry

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 11! All families are invited to participate. We have games and craft activities planned for your children during and after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. You and your family are sure to enjoy the ice cream sundaes after the worship service.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18! Sunday School workshops and worship sessions for children age 2 years through 5th grade will be offered during the 10:00 a.m. service. During September, the younger children will explore the good shepherd story in a small group worship format. Children in 2nd-5th grades will explore the creation story through art, games, drama, and audiovisual workshops as they are challenged to think through what this story means for their own lives and the world around them.

FOURTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS SEPTEMBER 25! All fourth graders receive Bibles during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All parents of fourth graders have been sent more detailed information. This day is an important mile-

stone in their faith journey, and the whole church joins in recognizing this step.

NEW CHURCH ON WEDNESDAYS (COW) FORMAT THIS YEAR! This program enters its third year as we expand the after-dinner option. Children's choirs gather at 5:00 p.m. followed by an informal supper. Educational activities will be offered for three different age groups after the supper. COW is scheduled from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES! The Children and Families Ministries Commission continues to reach out to all parents to be involved in the children's Sunday School program and COW as teachers and assistants. All families were mailed registration forms in the beginning of August for both Sunday School and COW. Registration forms will also be emailed to all parents by September 1st. Our goal is to have all registration forms turned in by Rally Day.

—Mary Bielen



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 11
Rally Day

September 18
Sunday School Begins

September 25
4th Grade Bible
Presentation

Life Long Learning

LIFE LONG LEARNING ON WEEKDAYS. Our church offers a wide variety of adult education opportunities that are offered throughout the week—book studies, bible studies, discussion groups—and more! Find out more about all these opportunities at Rally Day.

LIFE LONG LEARNING ON SUNDAYS:

Eleventh Hour and Inside Out. We will be offering several **Eleventh Hour** programs after the 10:00 a.m. worship service throughout the year where we invite guest speakers to help us tackle various life and faith issues. New this year is **Inside Out**, a format where church members share their insights on growing faith and living the Christian life. This will also be offered after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

QUESTERS. Questers enjoy studying the Bible as they journey together into exploring God's word. The group meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the George Plenty Room. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Nancy Smith for more information.

TRIANGLE. Triangle will also meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Christian Lounge. This group studies each week's sermon text. Sessions are led by The Rev. Hibbert Moss. All are welcome to attend. Contact Hibbert Moss for more information.

Find out more about all the Life Long Learning opportunities at Rally Day, September 11.

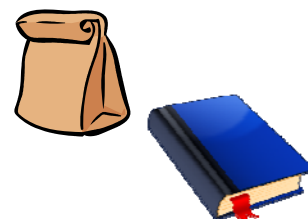
— Mary Bielen



Lunch and A Book!

If you are looking for a good book, please pick up "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. Set in the Pacific Northwest, it is an entertaining book that will keep your interest.

Please join us on September 9, from 12-1:00 p.m. in the church library as we discuss this book and get the book list for the new year. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Lisa Black, lb.blacklaw@gmail.com or 908-654-9262.



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Youth



IMPORTANT DATES

ALL YOUTH

KICK-OFF OLYMPICS

September 18, 2011

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Bring \$5 for dinner!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINS

September 18, 2011

FELLOWSHIP BEGINS

September 25, 2011

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!

If you are interested in experiencing the many gifts this class has to offer, bring your parents and come to the Confirmation Parents/Student Information meeting on Sunday, September 25, at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS PAJAMA PARTY

(Grades 6-8)- Calling all middle school girls! We want YOU to come for a night of girls-only fun in the Jim Cole Room. You guessed it - dinner, nail polish (if you want), silly games, and a chick flick are in the plans. Spend the night at the church and get picked up on Saturday morning. **7:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, - 8:00 a.m. Saturday, September 24.** No registrations are necessary, just show up! Bring \$5 for dinner. Call Emily at extension 46 with questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RAFTING TRIP (Grades 6-8)- Come for dinner & games on Friday night, spend the night in the Jim Cole Room, and head to the Lehigh River on Saturday morning for a day of *white water adventure!* We'll be back by Saturday evening. **(7:00 p.m. Friday, October 7th - early evening Saturday, October 8th.)** Space is limited! The trip is open to PCW members. Friends of

PCW should contact Emily Wilmarth. Cost of this trip is \$55. Cost includes rafting with an experienced guide, food, transportation and lodging. Students will need to bring cash for wet suit rentals and a snack. Please register with Linnette prior to the deadline date of September 20th. After this date, spaces are not guaranteed. More information on where we will be rafting can be found at www.whitewaterchallengers.com.

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 18, - 11:00 a.m. Sunday, November 20.** 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 the fall trips, please complete a 2011/2012 Youth Permission Slip with a copy of your most up-to-date insurance card, a Youth Registration Form & any waiver (if needed). All forms can be found in packets, online at the church website at www.westfieldpc.org, and in the Parish House mailroom or the Jim Cole Room. You can also pick them up on RALLY DAY! Visit the YOUTH MINISTRY table!

-Linnette Mercado
Youth Assistant

Many Thanks

Dear All,

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to those who visited, brought meals and snacks, and provided rides, phone calls and prayers during my convalescence from recent foot surgery. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were very much appreciated.

Sincerely, Christine Brown



Look for more information in the coming weeks!

SAVE THE DATE: JOY Lunch October 2!

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Interested in Joining our PCW Family?

After taking a break during the summer months, we are ready to gear up for the next New Members' Class to be held on October 9th beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Assembly Hall. Our mandatory new member class has been an excellent time for potential members to meet with some members of the congregation, to get to know others who are considering joining the church and to learn together what it means to be Presbyterian.

The seminar will include a break for lunch as the class explores the history of the church, the differences in our Protestant denominations and the exciting offerings of our specific church home here in Westfield. Anyone interested in joining the church is invited to attend. The class is the first step in the decision process as you discern God's path for your faith. If you know you will be attending, please contact the church office, email Dawn Adam (dadam@westfieldpc.org) or contact me at my home email (gailandalhein@verizon.net.) Calling the

church in advance is not a requirement. We are open to anyone attending, but appreciate some idea of the numbers in order to prepare the proper materials for the class.

The class, which is conducted by The Rev. Roberts, is scheduled to run until about 3:30 with appropriate breaks in the program. Childcare is included, but we ask that you notify us in advance if you plan to bring your children.

If you are visiting with us or have questions about the class, we invite you to stop at the front desk across from the Christian Lounge following the 8:00 service or at the visitors' table in the narthex following the 10:00 worship service. You may also speak with a member of the Outreach and Welcome Commission at our table during Rally Day. We look forward to getting to know you!

—Gail Hein, Moderator,
Outreach & Welcome Commission



Join us for the next
NEW MEMBERS' Class,
Sunday, October 9, at
11:30 a.m.

Meet PCW's Newest Member!



Tomoko Imazu (right center) is pictured with her two sons, Kia and Arash Fatahi. Kia (left) is in the 7th grade, and Arash is in the 4th grade. Both boys are already involved in activities at PCW.

Tomoko has an interest in cooking and has already indicated her desire to become involved in the Agape program. She was introduced to PCW by another new member, Debbie Osment. The many programs for Kia and Arash attracted her to our church. Tomoko works as a hostess and food consultant at a local Japanese restaurant.



Are You Looking for a New Way to Serve PCW?

If you have a half an hour after the 10:00 service, then we hope you will consider becoming a part of the Flower Ministry Team!

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 for September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to this important ministry in our church, please contact Faye Sobala, fayeb1482@aol.com or Lynn Siegel, westsiegel@aol.com.



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Home-Based Care, A Mission of CCAP, Livingstone

* Statistics found on PC (USA) Website, www.pcusa.org/aids-international/matter-of-faith.htm.

Information about Zambia's and Livingstone's HBC programs found in the document provided during their visit "Church of Central Africa Presbyterian-Synod of Zambia, David Livingstone Presbyterian, Livingstone Congregation". For more information, contact Kristin Pirich at mission@westfieldpc.org.

In the same way PCW commits to helping people in need in our local communities, our sister church, the Livingstone congregation, is committed to helping the residents of their communities. Perhaps the most apparent example of this is the Home Based Care program, which serves people and their families who are affected by HIV/AIDS. In Africa, HIV/AIDS infections are widespread. 60 percent of the world's HIV infections are concentrated in sub-Saharan Africa, where more than 25 million people are infected. In some areas over 20% of the population is HIV+. Before AIDS the average life expectancy of a resident of Zambia was 68.6 years. By 2010 life expectancy was 34.4 years. *

The effects of this epidemic are far reaching. Children living in poverty become even more vulnerable as they lose parents to AIDS. Impoverished extended families and villages struggle to care for these orphans. As a result, many children must take on the role of caretaker for younger siblings. Others end up homeless, living on the streets, making them easy targets for abuse and exploitation.*

Around 1988, Zambia took action to meet these immense challenges by creating "Home Based Care", a comprehensive program designed to meet the needs of HIV/AIDS clients as well as their families and communities. Through the Ministry of Health, the government attempts to regulate the standards of HBC groups. There is training available through the health office and Kit Bags provide all the items needed for a home visit, including first aid supplies. The program has been adopted mostly by Faith Based Organizations to serve their local communities.

The Livingstone congregation's HBC program

was started in 2007 to serve those with HIV/AIDS, the elderly, orphans and vulnerable children in the community. They are so far unable to meet the standards of the HBC program put forth by the government due to a lack of resources. However, 10 volunteer caregivers visit 20 HBC clients, providing comfort and encouragement, the Word of God, and when funds permit, food and nutritional supplements. PCW, through Mission Commission and Presbyterian Women, has provided some funds to support their HBC program, which has enabled caregivers to more regularly provide food to their clients.

Livingstone hopes to expand on their HBC program someday by obtaining Kit Bags that would enable caregivers to serve their clients better. Many of these clients live miles away and the volunteers must walk to their homes for visits, so bicycles would be invaluable. Receiving training from Ministry of Health personnel would result in recognition of their program by the government. This would allow the Church to work with the Health Ministry and receive food supplements from the government for their clients.

The work of Livingstone's HBC program is so important to the health of their community and their congregation. Many parallels can be drawn between their mission work and the missions run or supported by PCW, but by far the most important is serving Christ by serving our fellow man. Please pray for our Sister Congregation in all of their endeavors as they face these challenges for the betterment of their community.

— Kristin Pirich, Mission Coordinator,
On behalf of the Zambia Team



The distribution of food for HBC clients



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PCW to Take Part in Lilly Foundation Study

At their July meeting the session unanimously voted for our church to take part in the second phase of the *Unbinding the Gospel* study sponsored by the Lilly Foundation. The first phase of this study identified characteristics of growing mainline churches. They learned that growing congregations did not fit a political or theological profile; some were unabashedly conservative and others unabashedly liberal. Surprisingly, they discovered that growing churches were not the congregations that talked the most about evangelism.

The study found that growing congregations had three things in common: 1) *The members had a vivid, life-giving spiritual life.* 2) *The members felt comfortable talking about their spiritual life with one another.* 3) *The congregation was not focused inward, but outward toward their community.*

In the second phase of the study, the Lilly Foundation would like to learn whether other congregations can replicate these characteristics. Towards this end, the *Unbinding the Gospel* project has developed a plan for developing the spiritual life of members that they are asking congregations to test.

Before and after the Session voted to take part in this study, I was on the phone with the research consultant who heads this study, Martha Grace Reese. She told me that we are the first large church in the Northeast to take part in this study. She said she was thrilled because we fit a tough profile for mainline congregations.

What does this mean?

This fall we will be seeking to engage 20% of our worshipping congregation in small groups and praying daily using a 40 days of prayer devotional guide. We are especially interested in getting church leaders involved. (On this front, I would add that leadership in this church is not a closed circle, we invite anyone who feels led to experience a deeper relationship with God to speak to any pastor about participating in this.) Assuming things go well, next Lent we aim to involve everyone in our congregation in 40 days of prayer and small group experience. So start clearing your calendar!

A group of members from the congregation have already gone through the 40 days of prayer to see whether it was right for our church. I can say that they are universally excited for other members to experience what they experienced: to be more focused on God, to see God working in some wonderful ways, to hear what other people are learning, and to be encouraged in developing the habit of prayer. There may be side-benefits for our congregation to going through this experience. And I hope that we learn some things that will help renew mainline Christianity.

But the most important reason for you to take part in this is that it may help your relationship with God grow deeper and more meaningful. We've got a lot of work to do before we get started, so PRAY!!!!

— Ray Roberts



AMERICA THE BRAVE— Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

On Saturday, September 10, 8:00 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents central New Jersey's premier cultural 9/11 tribute and gesture of solidarity celebrating all that is brave and good in our uniquely American life. A musical salute to our nation and its heroes through masterworks inspired by sacrifice, remembrance, honor, and the promise of our future, culminating in an unprecedented gathering of Westfield school children joining with WSO in a masterful rendition of Irving Berlin's *God Bless America*. Musical movements during this special concert of remembrance will be interspersed with meditational texts read by distinguished political and civic dignitaries. "We invite the entire congregation of the Presbyterian Church to join us on this evening of

community remembrance and celebration", said WSO music Director David Wroe. "The tragedy of September 11th has special relevance here as so many members of our local community were personally affected. It is our collective hope that this moving musical tribute will celebrate the fortitude, bravery and resilience of the American people and inspire all who gather to sow the seeds of peace in our town and in the world."

This concert is made possible in part by support from The Thomas Glasser Foundation, a charitable foundation set up in memory of Thomas Glasser who perished in the 9/11 attack. A portion of monies from ticket sales will benefit the Westfield United Fund 9/11 scholarship fund.

Dvorak:
New World Symphony
in E minor
Copland:
Fanfare for the
Common Man
Barber:
Adagio for Strings
Berlin:
God Bless America

Tickets \$25-\$75

For tickets/ information
call 908 232 9400
or go to
www.westfieldsymphony.org

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Treasurer's Report



<u>ANNUAL OPERATING FUND Results</u>	<u>ACTUAL for</u> <u>7 mos 2011</u>	<u>ACTUAL for</u> <u>7 mos 2010</u>	<u>ACTUAL for</u> <u>7 mos 2009</u>
Total Annual Operating Fund Receipts	\$741,855	\$673,640	\$722,652
Total Annual Operating Fund Expenses	\$813,076	\$815,844	\$840,668
YTD NET for the Ann Oper Fund	\$(71,221)	\$(142,204)	\$(118,016)

	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Budgeted Full Year results	\$(122,440)	\$(169,794)	\$(88,684)

Net loss through July 2011 amounted to **(\$71,221)** vs July 2010 of **(\$142,204)**, as shown above. This year's receipts include more than \$41,000 of investment income that was not included in the budget in prior years. The good news is that offerings are \$20,000 higher than last year at this time.

Activity in the Annual Operating Fund represents the bulk of church financial operations. All Annual Pledge Campaign receipts, plate collections and fees from facility rentals make up the revenues. Costs for many of the church's ministries and programs, plus all costs for regular church facility maintenance are recorded in the Annual Operating Fund.

Additionally, there are nearly 70 additional active funds with specific designations. Including these funds (which have varying level of activity), the consolidated financial summary information is shown below:

July 2011 Financial Results across all funds

	<u>7 mos 2011</u>	<u>7 mos 2010</u>	<u>7 mos 2009</u>
Total Cash Receipts (including investment gains & losses)	\$994,111	\$918,473	\$967,173
Total Cash Expenditures	\$1,103,347	\$1,531,035	\$1,095,485

Good capital markets performance through July contributed nearly \$125,000 to the total cash "receipts" though the market turmoil in August has erased much (if not all) of that positive impact. Investment gains for the first 7 months of both 2010 and 2009 were insignificant so that the "regular" cash receipts across all funds are actually down quite dramatically year-to-date.

"Regular" expenses are actually about \$34,000 lower through July 2011 as compared to the same period last year, and only \$21,000 higher than the same period during 2009. Through July 2010, the purchase and closing costs for the church manse amounted to \$462,000, so that "normalized" expenses last year were \$1,069,000.

Major Roofing Improvements Pending!

As we enter September, desperately needed roofing repairs to both the Christian Education Building and the Parish House will begin. There is significant planning and logistical coordination required given the active weekday use of these buildings by the Nursery School and the Westfield Day Care Center and things are moving forward quickly. The Unrestricted Endowment will be tapped to fund the expenses related to this major capital repair.

—Marybeth Lapham, Treasurer

Save the Date!

The Mission Commission will be holding a blood drive, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, on Sunday, October 23rd, 2011.

Please watch for more information about this event in upcoming bulletins and email blasts!



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Happy Birthday

September 1
Zanfagna, Gary
Milford, Charlotte
Pastro, Brianna

September 2
Dougherty, James
Mannino, Lawrence
Engel, Greg
Sobala, JJ

Trimble, Jack
Ince, Meghan
Barber, Preston

September 3
Dickison, David
Reed, Jennifer
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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.
