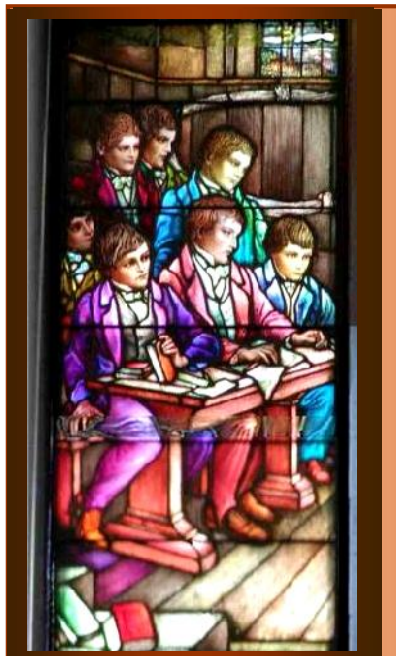




# The First Presbyterian Newsletter

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“Keep these words that I am commanding you. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.”  
Deut. 6:7

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## Consecration Sunday to be celebrated October 30!

Consecration Sunday is our opportunity to thank God for all God has done for us personally, for others we love and for all of us collectively as a worshipping congregation. The pledges we will be making on this Sunday need to be done with careful thought and prayer. A pledge is tangible evidence of our spiritual support of our church’s mission and ministry. Our capacity to give differs but we hope each of you will consider support at a significant percentage of your income.

Our Consecration Sunday program this fall is based on the biblical philosophy of the need for all givers to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. The Stewardship Committee hopes to encourage all of us toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”

On Consecration Sunday morning we will have one service at 9:30. We are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church’s missional, benevolent and educational ministries in this community and around the world. Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. During morning worship, members will make their commitment as a confidential and solemn act of worship. Then, back by very popular demand, a celebration brunch will be held in the Assembly Hall. The Stewardship Committee will make every effort to inform, inspire and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kite and Harry P. “Skip” Meislahn  
Stewardship Committee co-chairs

**Please see the related article, *A View From the Pew*, on page 3**

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**First Presbyterian Church**  
Albany, NY  
Founded in 1763

**Miriam Lawrence Leupold**  
**Glenn D. Leupold**  
Co-Pastors

**Michael Lister**  
Director of Music

**Nancy J. Frank**  
Organist

**Christy D'Ambrosio**  
Youth Director

**Robert C. Lamar**  
Pastor Emeritus

#### Elders

**Gladys Crowder**  
Clerk of Session

Joyce Bascom  
Debra Fagans  
Freda Gardner  
David Hannay  
Ray Henrikson  
Charles Kite  
Carolyn Lemmon  
Harry (Skip) Meislahn  
Donald Mark  
Stephanie Kite  
Peggy Schalit

#### Deacons

**David Nichols**  
Moderator

Keith Barber  
Paul Bascom  
Marian Eaton  
Jacquelyn Ellsworth  
Fay Fairfax  
Richard Gascoyne  
L. Lee Helsby  
David Hinchin  
Annette Johnson  
Margaret Leupold  
Judith Mark  
Jessica Mathias  
Dwight Smith  
Barbara Speck  
David Takor  
Cynthia Winter  
Margaret Zettle

## More Light Executive Director coming to First Pres!

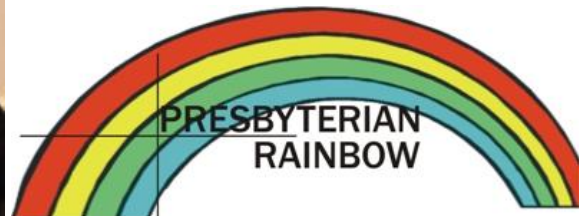
Keith Barber, More Light Committee



All members and friends of our church are invited to a special opportunity to spend a day with Michael Adee, Executive Director and Field Organizer of the national More Light Presbyterians organization. Adee will lead a workshop on helping churches such as ours broaden our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people now that the big hurdle of ordination has been resolved in the Presbyterian Church (USA.) He is a long-established leader in the quest for full inclusion of LGBT people in the life of the church. The event will be at our church on Saturday, October 22, beginning at 9:00 am with registration and refreshments, and will continue through a closing worship at 3:00.



Michael Adee, left, will be at First Pres on October 22



Presbyterian Rainbow, the group working within Albany Presbytery to advance LGBT issues is bringing him to the area for a weekend which includes the day at our church, preaching and leading adult education the following day at First United Presbyterian in Troy, and meetings with collegiate faith leaders and with clergy in our presbytery.

There is no charge for attending, although a donation is suggested to help cover the cost of lunch. Registration is requested so organizers will know how much food to get and how many chairs to set up. To register, please phone First Pres member Lee Helsby at 438-0810. If you get his voice mail, just leave a message saying you'll be there.

- When: Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 am until 3 pm
- What: A day with Michael Adee, Executive Director, More Light Presbyterians
- Where: First Pres
- Cost: a donation toward the cost of lunch

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Sunday, October 2, 2011

## Peacemaking Offering

“A harvest of justice is sown in peace” (James 3:18) is the bible verse for this year’s peacemaking offering, received on October 2. There will be special envelopes available that day. If you miss that date, it’s not too late to make a gift to this year’s Peacemaking Offering. First Pres will use a portion of this offering in its own peace related mission activities. The remainder will be used for regional, national and international projects. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with “Peacemaking” noted in the corner. Please be generous, as the need for peace has never been greater!

## The Upper Rooms

A new rotation in The Upper Rooms (our Christian education program for children in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) begins October 9 and runs through October 23. This rotation is about *Ruth*, and the children will be exploring Ruth 1-4. Workshops will include Sinai Stage, Tower of Scrabble and Galilee Gallery. If you’re interested in teaching a three-week rotation, please contact Miriam—training, curriculum and supplies provided!

## A View from the Pew

By Deb Fagans

How Much is Enough?

Recently we were watching the video series “Questions of Faith” in adult Sunday School class. The day’s topic was money. Have you ever noticed how hard it is to talk about money in church? Well, it was that hard when it came time for the discussion. No one wanted to talk about how much they gave – either because it would sound like bragging or because we felt guilt about how little we gave. One person became defensive about how hard it would be to tithe. They just couldn’t do it.

## An Email to Garrett DeGraff From Esther Yomoah

*Editor’s Note: First Pres member Esther Yomoah, originally from Ghana, was forced to leave the United States essentially due to the arcane immigration rules and regulations. She went to Japan and was not far from the earthquake/tsunami destruction, which led several First Pres members to raise funds so Esther could go home to Ghana. Here is her response:*

"Arigato gozaimasu" (thank you very much)!

Hello Garrett,

Greetings!

I'm very humbled and touched for all the contributions that were made to help me with my trip to Ghana. I wish to thank all of the members of First Pres. I'm really honored to be a member of such a caring and generous community.

As to my plans for the trip, I have a tentative date set for September 30, and I plan to be in Ghana for one month. I'm very much looking forward to this trip, to see all the changes that have taken place. I can't wait to see my siblings whom I have not seen for the past 20 years, and, most importantly, to see [my daughter] Doreen, whom I have not seen in 4 years.

Thank you all very much for making this possible for me. May God bless you all.

Sincerely, Esther

Two thoughts came to mind. The first is the amount we start with doesn't matter nearly as much as how we give it. Does it come off first from our pay and get set aside for God or do we see what's left over at the end of the pay period and give that?

When Eric and I were first married we thought that giving a tithe sounded great. When we sat down to look at what was coming in – I was a first year teacher and he was a seminary student – and the bills that needed to be paid each month – rent, utilities, gas to get back and forth to work and school, food, - there was no way we could take 10% of my pay and give it away.

We looked at how much we could give and found that it was about 5%. So we started there and faithfully took  
*(continued on page 8)*

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## Mr. Roland B. Lloyd, 1866 Sexton and Hero

By David Wood, Church Historian

*Editor's note: This is part of a continuing series in anticipation of the 250th Anniversary Celebration in 2013 of First Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY*

In section E, shelf 4 of the church vault is a cardboard box containing many manila folders, some labeled, some not. Probably no one has gone through them in the last 20 years (or more). As I was working my way through them I found this note, submitted by Mrs. Adelaide E. Nelson and marked "received October 18, 1910." Some stories documented in the church vault can only be described as poignant.

*"To honor the memory of Roland B. Lloyd, who served in the capacity of sexton of this church many years, and who was faithful unto death.*

*"When we were located at the corner of Hudson Ave. and Philip St., and no Fire Alarm Telegraph System in our city, the inhabitants depended upon the ringing of the church bells, nearest the fire, to locate it: the sextons of the different churches acting as bell ringers. The volunteer fire department also was guided to the fires, simply by the sounding of the church bells.*

*"During the '60s, when White's large Malt House on Hudson Ave. opposite our church was discovered on fire, Mr. Lloyd hastened in his night clothes—his back yard adjoined the church yard—to the church belfry, hoping his promptness would hurry the Fire Department to the scene, and thus protect the church.*

*"To ring the bell, the sexton had to run up quite a flight of steps, in order to catch hold of the bell rope, at a certain place; and while holding tightly to the place attained, the weight of his body as it swung away from the steps and descended, until his feet touched the floor—rang the bell. Doing this repeatedly, in a state of anxiety while less than half clad, on a winter's night, prostrated Mr. Lloyd, so that he never rallied from the shock.*

*"Those who remember this event know how the heat from the flames, together with the water from the hose, ruined the stucco work with which our church was coated—irreparably: but the church was saved.*

*"Whether Mr. Lloyd's service of that exciting night was properly appreciated or acknowledged before he died, I do not know: but I do know that he was "faithful unto death" in serving our church, and I have thought this a fitting occasion to remember Roland B. Lloyd, whose heroic efforts at that trying hour, are worthy of our tribute of praise and honor.*

*[signed] Adelaide E. Nelson*

*"We lived within a few doors of Mr. Lloyd, and altho' I was a child, I remember this incident, and its accompanying grief, well."*

I have not established the date of the fire. The Session rough notes for June 21, 1865 show that Rowland B. Lloyd was admitted to membership on that date. The church register indicates that he was the Sexton, and his death date is shown as 1866. However, the records of Albany Rural Cemetery show that he died in March 4, 1868. There is no mention of the fire in the Session notes.

Adelaide E. Nelson is listed in census records as being a widowed Agent and Operator of a railroad station, born in 1850. The note she wrote is on letterhead paper of New York Central & Hudson River R. R. Co.

## 2012 Youth Musical!



Back by popular demand! Directed again by Christy D'Ambrosio, Godspell is back, and this time it's not "Jr." And yes, the **REHEARSALS ARE BEGINNING!**

**YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO BRING A FRIEND TO JOIN THE MUSICAL CAST TOO! PLEASE JOIN US MONDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM!!!**

Contact Christy for more information at 438-8807 or [christy@firstpresalbany.org](mailto:christy@firstpresalbany.org).

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## Youth Group Has an Escape and Splashes

On a late summer's day nine members of the youth group, led by Christy D'Ambrosio, Youth Director, spent the day at the Great Escape and Splash Water Kingdom: Jason and Jenna Scarlett, Eleanor Haase, Ofu and Ekong Takor, Morgan Trotta, Margaret and Elizabeth Leupold, and Katie Myers, What a beautiful day! It was hard to believe that Irene had blasted through less than 48 hours before. After lots of rides, food, drinks, and very little swimming, we came home, tired. Spending time with good friends from church was a fine way to say farewell to Summer 2011.



The youth group stopped to have their picture taken while the Adirondack wildlife frolicked around them. Front row: Ofu Takor, Morgan Trotta, Jenna Scarlett, Katie Myers, Margaret Leupold, Christy D'Ambrosio (youth director). Back row: Jason Scarlett, Elizabeth Leupold, Eleanor Haase, Ekong Takor.



The Youth Work Camp Crew: Front row: Emma Eisenbraun, Christy D'Ambrosio, Mia and Mackenzie Robinson, Margaret Leupold, Eleanor Haase, Elizabeth Leupold. Back row: Jamie Kim, Annabel Lewis, David Haase, Mary Ryther, Sam Rogers, Ekong Takor, and Jason Scarlett. Join them on Sunday, October 2, to hear their story!

## Sunday, October 2 A Special Coffee Hour Happening

By Christy D'Ambrosio

Please plan to stay and enjoy the Happening during Coffee Hour after the 10:45 Worship Service on October 2. The Youth Work Camp Participants will be presenting a multimedia event highlighting their experience this past July in Lyons, New York. It won't be long, but it should be entertaining! **PLEASE JOIN US!!!!**

## FOCUS notes!

It has been a long time desire and plan of the FOCUS community to provide a community meal year-round. That dream is turning into a reality as we prepare to expand the breakfast program and make it into a 12-months-a-year soup kitchen open to anyone in the city who is in need of a breakfast meal (and a take-away lunch). The program will have 2 sections: (1) the winter breakfast program will run November – April, 3 mornings a week (T,W,TH) 7-9am serving a hot breakfast; (2) Breakfast Express program will run May – October, 2 mornings a week (T and W) 7:30-8:30am serving a cold buffet breakfast. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested, and have the gift of rising early in the morning, we want to talk with you. Please call Paula Hennessy at the FOCUS office (443-0460) or email: [info@focuschurches.net](mailto:info@focuschurches.net). Also, if you are a state employee, remember FOCUS in your SEFA giving! FOCUS is number **50-00147**.

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## Hurricane Irene and Albany Presbytery

There were several church properties affected by the flooding that followed hurricane Irene in August. These include the North Blenheim Church and adjacent Bliss House, the lower level in the Salem church which had a lot of food and freezers destroyed. However, the Sanctuary, manse, and education building in Schoharie suffered the most damage. The entire village of Schoharie had flooding from the river and Fox Creek. Main Street had water “neck-high” which meant the Presbyterian Church, the pastor’s home and their education building were underwater. Clean-up is proceeding, and there have been volunteers from the Presbytery there to help every day, including people from First Pres. There is still more to do, but it is important to call before going down to determine what their current needs are. Volunteers willing to assist in the clean-up efforts at Schoharie should contact Eileen Tavenner at [etavenner@gmail.com](mailto:etavenner@gmail.com) or (518) 231-2715. Help with sorting donated clothes is also needed. Access is best via I-88, exit 23, then take route 30a south into the town which becomes Main Street. The church will be on the left.



Left, ruined debris from Hurricane Irene flooding is set by the curb in Schoharie, NY. First Pres member Alan Northrup grew up in Schoharie and helped clean up the mess. Behind him can be seen some of the stripped walls.



In the picture on the far left the darker brick marks the high water mark. Several First Pres members have been on hand to help “muck-out” the buildings. Near left, elder Deb Fagans helps clean several items from the manse, the home of the pastor.

The Schoharie congregation wishes to say a huge thank you to all those who have offered their time and help during this traumatic time. To see more photos of our efforts in Schoharie, go to our website ([firstpresalbany.org](http://firstpresalbany.org)) and click on the link that says Hurricane Irene. Take the initiative to gather a few First Pres members and organize a work day at the Schoharie church! Or simply go and offer the hours you are able to give. The Youth of Albany Presbytery decided to work at the Schoharie church instead of continuing with their scheduled canoe trip. Can you take some time from your busy schedule? Please keep the Schoharie congregation, their pastor and all those who lost so much throughout our state, in your prayers.

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## Hunger hits new highs in New York State

Alice Schrade, Member of Outreach and Mission Committee.

**T**here are children going to bed hungry every night in the USA. Hungry children have trouble paying attention in school, and are more likely to get sick, and they must work hard to just keep up with their peers. More than one in five children in the USA is at risk of hunger.

There is a name for hunger, it is Food Insecurity. 15% of Americans need food stamps. 50,000,000 people in America are food insecure. The number of New York State residents in homes labeled by the Department of Agriculture as "very low food security," increased by 56% from the 2005-2007 time period to the 2008-2010 time period. "This is the highest level of state hunger since the government started counting it," said Joel Berg, executive director of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger. The percentage of Albany city residents living at or below the poverty level has increased from last year, and is now near 30%. In the capital district we have the Regional Food bank serving 23 counties and contributing 23,600,197 pounds of food to various community service agencies such as soup kitchens, senior services, shelters, youth and day care programs. One of the recipients is our Focus Food Pantry to which many of us contribute on a monthly basis. In response to the great increase in demand for food help, the Focus breakfast program is expanding the number of months it is available. Now breakfast will be offered a few days a week almost all year round.

Each month the Outreach and Mission Committee will be offering a short column about an issue that we feel is important to us as Christians in this community and world. If we are informed, we can be better advocates for those of us who perhaps don't have a voice. Let your representatives in the New York State and national legislatures know how you feel about hunger in New York by sending them a postcard, available in Assembly Hall on the second Sunday of the month.

## SERRV Catalog Sale!

In 1949 a few returning Church of the Brethren relief workers brought back to New Windsor some artisan items that refugees had crafted. The money made would go to the artisans. This was the humble beginnings of SERRV and the notion of fair trade. By 1960, the revenues had grown to \$47,000 and there was ecumenical support with International Gift shops opening around the country. Today the income is over \$10,000,000 and their mission has grown to eradicate poverty wherever it exists and not just in post-WWII, war-torn Europe.

SERRV was a founding member of the World Trade Organization and Fair Trade Federation. Its aim is to improve the quality of life of low-paid artisans and farmers around the world. SERRV provides fair wages, grants, education, and opportunity for a better life. It encourages sustainable development of products. "We purchase our products at prices which are set by our artisan and farmer partners. We assist younger groups to learn costing that takes into account all the time and materials used in the process. We strive to ensure all of our partners are making a living wage."

We here at First Pres believe that Fair Trade is important and one of the ideals that we actively support with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fair Trade Market, our SERRV catalog sale and our Mayan Hands sale. This year's SERRV sale will be held during the month of October. The catalogs will be available in Assembly Hall each Sunday during October. Feel free to take one home for a week and return it with your order the following Sunday. Any money earned will be put into the Outreach & Mission budget and will be given away. We hope that you will think about using this worthwhile endeavor to purchase items for yourself or others. The items should arrive before Thanksgiving, so you might want to "Think Christmas".

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## Summer ends with Worship in the park and picnic

First Pres worship was held in Washington Park once again, and the weather cooperated! Perhaps drawn by the nice weather, perhaps drawn by the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, perhaps by a strong sense of church family, a large congregation gathered for worship that featured special music with the choir backed up by Nancy Frank on keyboard, and Jimmy Rocco, Bob and Peg Schalit and Tim O'Toole. Glenn Leupold's sermon imagined a person looking on-line for a great church, and somehow the description of the church for which she was searching fit First Pres perfectly!



Worship in Washington Park



*(View from the Pew continued from page 3 )*

that much from each paycheck. It really surprised us that we always seemed to have enough money for all our needs – maybe not for all we would like to have, but definitely enough for all we needed. Somehow, taking God's money off first changed how we viewed life.

The second thought that came was when Eric graduated, our roles were reversed. He was bringing in a salary and I was substitute teaching. He was earning less per month than I had, but we did not have rent to pay as we lived in a manse. We looked at our budget again and found we could give 6% of what he earned and we would give 15% of any money I earned. Each year that Eric got a raise, we would put 15-20% of that raise into our God money fund. Eventually – and it took a number of years – we were giving a tithe of our overall income.

Now I must add a disclaimer. While we do tithe, we do not pledge all of it to the church. We keep some aside for other things that we feel God is calling us to support, such as a camp that promotes peace between Palestinian and Israeli youth. Come December, we feel very rich when we sit down



A large crowd enjoyed the Indoor Picnic.

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to see how much extra money is in our God fund and decide how to distribute it among the many wonderful causes that there are.

I would invite you to try this method of putting God at the top of your budget instead of making God last on the list. I bet you will find, as we did, that you always have enough.

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## Our Newest Members

Kirsten Pruzek joins her mother, Kate, already a member here, and also brings her 6 year old daughter Sophie for a three generation windfall. Her background is in public relations, but she is currently working in support for the New York Independent Systems Operator. In her spare time she enjoys reading, travel and music. One fascinating thing about her is that she speaks Japanese!

Kendra Smith-Howard is an Assistant Professor of History at UAlbany. She and her husband are the proud parents of Sebastian who is not yet 1. Her hobbies are hiking, cooking, traveling, reading and yoga. She would like to eventually be involved in service that will work around having a toddler at home. Kendra shares Kirsten's talent for languages: she speaks Indonesian and "mid-westernese," having lived in Illinois and Wisconsin previously.



Left, Kirsten Pruzek  
Right, Kendra Smith-Howard

Get to know them,  
if you haven't already!  
Their contact info is in the  
new yellow directory. Did you  
pick one up?

Another new member class  
will be meeting this month.  
See below!

## Deacon's Doings

The Deacons of FPC encourage your participation in Westminster Presbyterian Church's 3rd Fall Festival for Seniors to be held Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 10 am – 2:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany.

This event is open to any senior in the congregation, free of charge, and includes food, fellowship, and what promises to be a wonderful afternoon. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact a deacon of your flock, or the Church Office. The deadline to RSVP is October 6<sup>th</sup>. It's the perfect outing for those who don't get out as much as they used to.

The Deacons will be calling to encourage all members to attend Consecration Sunday, October 30. Please join us for worship that day.

## Inquirer Class to meet

Have you been visiting First Presbyterian and are interesting in learning more about us? Have you been worshipping with us and are interested in learning about becoming a member? If so, please plan to attend the Inquirer Classes on Sundays, October 2 and 16, from 9:30-10:30 in the Library.

Come explore with Pastor Miriam church membership, the nature of the commitment that it entails and your hopes and dreams for what you most want your church to be. Those people who decide to join will be recognized in worship on Sunday, October 23. Register to attend by calling the church office (449-7332). If you have any questions contact Pastor Miriam at the church.

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## Bell Choir on tour!

Jack Holmes, Bell Choir Director

The Bell Choir of First Presbyterian Church has been invited to participate in this year's Ecumenical Musical Celebration presented by the Capital Area Council of Churches. The program will be Sunday, October 30, at 3 pm, at All Saints Catholic Church (formerly St. Margaret Mary), 1168 Western Avenue in Albany. We will be joined by vocal choirs from various churches throughout the area. This has been an annual event since 1978. Helen Henshaw, former music director at First Pres, was one of the founders of the event.

**The FPC Handbell Choir needs a few good ringers.** Previous experience with handbells is not necessary, but you must be able to read music and follow a score. Rehearsals are Thursday at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Regular attendance is very important as each ringer is responsible for specific bells/notes. We could especially use someone who could handle the larger (heavier) bells which read bass clef. If you are interested in playing handbells, please contact Jack Holmes, director at 732-5987 or Jack.W.Holmes@gmail.com.



## Choir Concert

### The Magic of Mozart

The Chancel Choir of First Pres is pleased to invite you to our Fall Concert on Sunday, November 13, at 3:00 pm. This is our second year partnering with the choir of First United Presbyterian Church in Troy, and we are thrilled to continue our collaboration. This year we focus on the sacred music of Mozart, including his majestic Coronation Mass in C Major. The concert will feature soloists from our church as well as our distinguished organist Nancy Frank. We hope you will join us on this concert of one of the greatest and beloved composers of Western music.

## Ushers and Greeters Schedule

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|--------|-------|---|
| Oct 2  | 8:30  | Bruce Brynolfson  |
|        | 10:45 | Team 6 - Lee Helsby, Fay Fairfax, Carolyn Garvin, Diane Cornell, Harriet Seeley, Cynthia Winter                               |
| Oct 9  | 8:30  | Peter Thomas  |
|        | 10:45 | Team 7 - Elly Rice, William Storrs, Sherry Hall, Irving Smith, Alice Schrade, Gerald Wergedal                                 |
| Oct 16 | 8:30  | John Myers  |
|        | 10:45 | Team 1 - Margaret Leupold, Jamie Kim, Araglin Kite, Liam Kite, Annabel Lewis, Mackenzie Robinson, Jason Scarlett, Ekong Takor |
| Oct 23 | 8:30  | Lynn and Jackie Ellsworth   |
|        | 10:45 | Team 2 - Richard Gascoyne, Joanne Gascoyne, Margaret Hannay, David Hannay, Katie Fletcher                                     |
| Oct 30 | 9:30  | Team 3 - Robert Stevens, Linda Stevens, Rick Ryther, Mary Ryther, Amy Scarlett  |

## Deacons' Flower Ministry

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|--------|---|
| Oct 2  | Downtown Albany & North – Judy Mark, Keith Barber, David Hinchin          |
| Oct 9  | Latham-Menands/Loudonville – David Takor, Richard Gascoyne, David Nichols |
| Oct 16 | Rensselaer – Paul Bascom, Jackie Ellsworth, Cynthia Winter                |
| Oct 23 | Guilderland-Schenectady – Lee Helsby, Dwight Smith, Marian Eaton          |
| Oct 30 | Albany South – Fay Fairfax, Barbara Speck, Annette Johnson                |

Coffee Hour for October is hosted by the Downtown Albany and North Neighborhood Flock.

October 9 is Fair Trade Market Sunday

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## October 2011

### AA meetings each month:

Mon 7:00 pm  
 Tues 5:30 pm  
 Wed 5:30 pm  
 Thurs 5:30 & 7:30 pm  
 Fri 7:00 pm

### 1 Saturday

4:00 pm Zhu/Smingler Wedding

### 2 Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Communion)  
 9:30 am Education for all ages  
 9:30 am Inquirer's Class  
 9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:45 am Worship (Communion)  
 11:45 am Fellowship – Youth Mission Presentation

### 3 Monday

1:00 pm PEO  
 5:30 - 7:30 pm Heldeberg Music  
 6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

### 4 Tuesday

7:45 am Men's Bible Study  
 Committee Night  
 5:30 pm Membership Committee  
 Mission Committee  
 Property Committee  
 Worship Committee  
 7:00 pm Dinner

### 5 Wednesday

9:30-11:30 am Heldeberg Music  
 4:30-6:30 pm Heldeberg Music  
 7:00 pm Epilepsy Group  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm JI, JO meeting  
 7:15 pm Small Group B<sup>3</sup>

### 6 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 9:30-11:30 am Heldeberg Music  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 9 Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Communion)  
 9:30 am Education for all ages  
 9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:45 am Worship  
 11:45 am Fellowship/Fair Trade

### 10 Monday

#### Office Closed for Columbus Day

5:30 - 7:30 pm Heldeberg Music  
 6:30 pm Youth Musical Rehearsal

### 11 Tuesday

7:45 am Men's Bible Study  
 12:45 pm Staff meeting  
 6:45 pm Deacons  
 7:30 pm Wash. Park Assoc.

### 12 Wednesday

9:30-11:30 am Heldeberg Music  
 4:30-6:30 pm Heldeberg Music  
 7:30 pm Dads' Small Group

### 13 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 9:30-11:30 am Heldeberg Music  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 14 Friday

Deadline for Newsletter

### 15 Saturday

1:00-7:00 pm Youth World Poverty Day

### 16 Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Communion)  
 9:30 am Education for all ages  
 9:30 am Inquirer's Class  
 9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:45 am Worship (Communion)  
 11:45 am Fellowship

### 17 Monday

5:30 - 7:30 pm Heldeberg Music  
 6:00 pm FOCUS Board Meeting  
 6:30 pm Youth Musical Rehearsal

### 18 Tuesday

7:45 am Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Session

### 19 Wednesday

9:30-11:30 am Heldeberg Music  
 4:30-6:30 pm Heldeberg Music  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm JI, JO meeting  
 7:15 pm Small Group B<sup>3</sup>

### 20 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 9:30-11:30 am Heldeberg Music  
 Noon Endowment Committee  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### 21 Friday

6:00 pm Potluck Supper

### 22 Saturday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm More Light Presbyterian Event

### 23 Sunday

8:30 am Worship (Communion)  
 9:30 am Education for all ages  
 9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:45 am Worship - New Members  
 11:45 am Fellowship

### 24 Monday

5:30 - 7:30 pm Heldeberg Music  
 6:30 pm Youth Musical Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Elder/Deacon gathering

### 25 Tuesday

7:45 am Men's Bible Study  
 Noon Finance Meeting

### 26 Wednesday

9:30-11:30 am Heldeberg Music  
 4:30-6:30 pm Heldeberg Music  
 7:30 pm Dads' Small Group

### 27 Thursday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 9:30-11:30 am Heldeberg Music  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### 30 Sunday

9:30 am Consecration Sunday followed by brunch in Assembly Hall  
 3:00 pm CACC Music Festival

### 31 Monday

6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

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- Oct 2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; *Ps. 19*  
Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46
- Oct 9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exod. 32:1-14; *Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23*  
Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14
- Oct 16 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exod. 33:12-23; *Ps. 99*  
1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22
- Oct 23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Deut. 34:1-12; *Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17*  
1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46
- Oct 30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Josh. 3:7-17; *Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37*  
1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12



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