

First Church Alert

November 2011



CELEBRATING ALL THE SAINTS

November 6 is All Saints' Sunday. We shall gather to offer God our thanks and praise for the faithful who have gone before us. We shall remember their gifts to us and their faithful witness to the Gospel. We shall recall saints, known and unknown, officially recognized and unrecognized, who have shaped our lives by their example.

The Sunday of All Saints is a day of solemn joy. Our Lord's promise of new life for those who rest in him is the focus of worship and proclamation. Our festive liturgies of **The Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 11:00 AM** are alive with the hope and triumph of eternal life in Christ to inspire songs of praise and thanksgiving.

In the Prayers, we will remember those of our own parish family who have died in the past year. As the faithful come to the Altar to receive Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, we will also remember the names of your loved ones and friends who rest in the Lord. If there are names you would like to have included in this "roll call of the saints," please call the parish office or add the names to the list available in the Parish House. Our liturgies will conclude with a Procession to the **Lamb of God Oratory** and prayers at the **Columbarium**.

At 4:00 PM on All Saints' Sunday we will offer a festive **Office of Evening Prayer** enriched with special choral

music by our **Parish Choir** along with music for strings and organ. Again, we will conclude the Office with prayers at the **Columbarium** for those who sleep in Christ.

Our celebration of All Saints provides an appropriate opportunity to remember those who have gone before us with memorial gifts to the permanent endowment of First Church. Gifts may be made to the **Bequest and Memorial Fund** or the **Growth in Ministry Fund**. Gifts may also be channeled to our **Building Preservation Fund**, helping us to meet the challenges of maintaining our historic facility. Such gifts provide ongoing support for the ministry of First Church well into the future.

Join your brothers and sisters in faith in giving thanks **for all the saints who from their labors rest.**

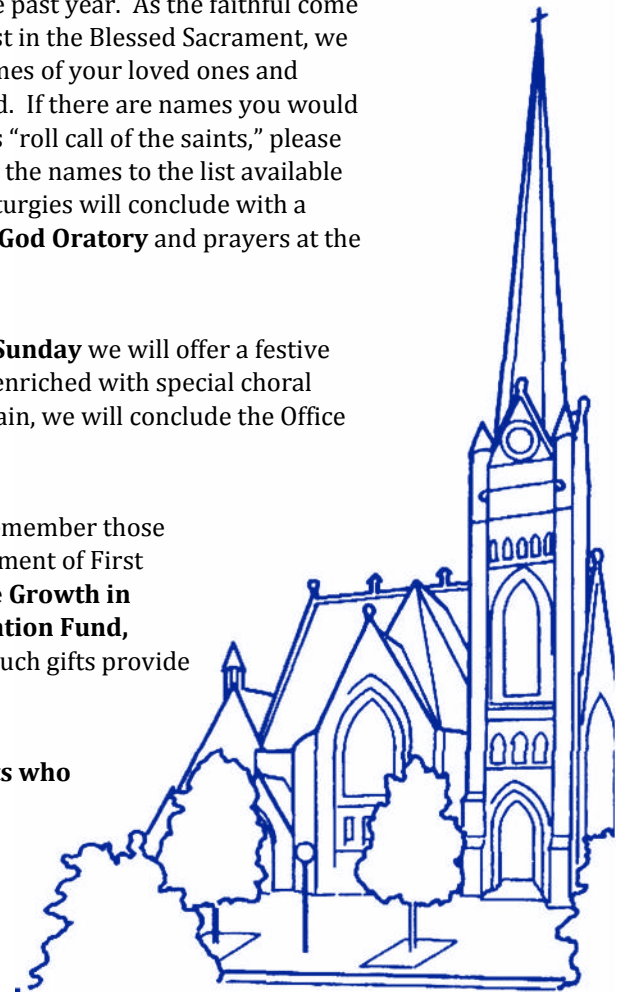
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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear People of God,

In his letter to the Church at Rome, St. Paul says, "...I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith,...." (Romans 1:16) **"I am not ashamed of the gospel."** The words almost ring in our ears. What a bold declaration! What a confident claim! What a resounding affirmation of the power of God at work through Christ. **"I am not ashamed of the gospel."**

We would, of course, like to believe that all Christians could and would make such a bold declaration and confident claim. Surely everyone in the Church understands the gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, to be the power of God at work for the salvation of all who believe. The Church's mission and ministry are faithfully to proclaim the gospel and allow it to work in cultivating faith and in bringing sinners to Christ, in bringing them to Christ that he might save them and restore them to fellowship with God. **"I am not ashamed of the Gospel,"** declares Paul and, hopefully, all of us.

Ours is a world, however, and even a church in which many people behave as if they are ashamed of the gospel. Many seem embarrassed to declare their trust in its truth. Many more are put off by the claims of Christian faith, by its fundamental teaching about the nature of the world and our lives within it, and by its encouragement of holiness that sets itself apart from the values of the world.

Signs of being ashamed or embarrassed by the gospel abound even in the Church. They abound whenever Christians focus on how the world should be changed politically or ideologically to address its injustices instead of on how each of us

must confront his or her own sin. Real progress in addressing the world's inequities and social ills will only be made when Christians address their need for God and for his renewing and merciful love in their lives. Real progress will be made only when we are driven to seek the Lord's forgiveness and respond to his word of grace in repentance and faith. Real progress will be made only when the gospel is proclaimed, heard, and believed "as the power of God at work for salvation to everyone who has faith."

Paul could say with courage and conviction, **"I am not ashamed of the gospel."** He took healthy pride in being able to declare a word of God's forgiveness for sinners and salvation to people of faith. We have confidence in that same gospel. By its power to bring sinners to faith and salvation to believers it will change the world and cure its ills. And it will start by changing us.

Blessings in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. David Paul Gleason

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PLEDGE YOUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST



AND TO THE MINISTRY OF HIS CHURCH

First Church will observe its annual **Loyalty Sunday** on **November 13**. On this day, we will gratefully receive pledges of financial support for the ministry of the parish in the coming year. Our Finance Committee, Stewardship Committee, and Congregation Council have been working in cooperation with all of our parish program committees to establish a **Proposal for Ministry, 2012** that reflects our priorities and is built on realistic expectations of support. It will be presented for adoption on **Sunday, December 11** at our **semi-annual Congregation Meeting**.

In determining your commitment for the coming year, we ask that you look beyond the uncertainties of our nation's financial fortunes to our good and gracious God and to your trust in his promise to care for his people. Pledges of financial support for 2012 may be made by mail or placed in the offering plate at worship. Your commitment to Christ and to his Church, demonstrated through your support for ministry, is vital to the work and witness of First Church. Please consider well the abundance of God's blessings.

THE FEAST OF



CHRIST THE KING

The Church Year draws to a close with the celebration of the **Feast of Christ the King** on **Sunday, November 20**. This day proclaims that all of our other feasts and celebrations throughout the year were signs that Jesus Christ rules over all. It announces that our Lord Jesus was born, killed, raised, and ascended to be king. It summarizes the Christian Year with the good news that our hope for the kingdom of God and for his final reign over all the earth is fulfilled in Jesus. It points us to all the promises of Christ for those who hearken to his Word. The day will be celebrated in festive liturgies of The Holy Eucharist at both 8:30 and 11:00 AM.



“PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY” HOLY ADVENT IS NOT FAR OFF

The season of **Advent**, with its focus on hope and expectation for the coming of the Lord, will begin on **Sunday, November 27**. Our observance of the holy Advent season will take us through four weeks of expectation, waiting, and preparation for the final coming of the Lord. They will also set us on the path of preparation for the celebration of his first coming as the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

Advent marks the beginning of a new year of grace, a new year in which our faith will be deepened and enriched as we follow Jesus from birth to suffering, death, and resurrection. It is a holy time, filled with godly longing and eager expectation.



TAKE NOTE

*All who love and serve our city, all who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless,*

*In your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife,
Honor, peace, and love retreating, seek the Lord who is your life.*

(LBW – hymn 436)

“Laudate Dominum” ... (praise and adore God) ... in the Beauty of Holiness... this is the title of First Church’s series of special concerts, recitals, and liturgies. The sole purpose of the series is indeed, to offer praise to God with music in a variety of ways. In the midst of a busy downtown environment, we are delighted to offer opportunities for prayer, contemplation, and celebration.

The Office of Evening Prayer for All Saints will be prayed on **Sunday, November 6** at 4:00 PM. This beautiful choral liturgy includes sung psalmody and anthems. The Parish Choir will offer the motet “Gloriosus Deus” (*Glorious is God in his Saints*) by Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806), accompanied by stings, brass, and organ. An extended instrumental prelude will precede the Office; a reception will follow in Holy Cross Hall.

Later in November, on **Friday November 18**, the city of Pittsburgh celebrates Light-Up Night. The city come alive with visitors anticipating the holiday season. We at First Church offer the **Office of Evening Prayer**, with Prayers for our City that evening at 6:00 PM. The Choristers of First Church – Bel Canto and Cantate – will sing at the liturgy; sung prayers and anthems by our youth will prepare us to go forth into the streets and enjoy downtown Pittsburgh festivities.

Come downtown, come to worship, come to hear, come to praise!

Cynthia Pock, obl. ECST, AAGO
Cantor



CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING DOWNTOWN

Our National Day of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 24**. On **Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 AM**, the faithful people of First Church will join brothers and sisters in Christ from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Smithfield United Church of Christ, and First Presbyterian Church in an ecumenical celebration of The Holy Eucharist. **The service will be held in Trinity Episcopal Cathedral at 328 Sixth Avenue.**

The Rev. Catherine Brall, Trinity’s Provost, will be the presiding minister. The Rev. Donald Green, Executive Director of Christian Associates and a Lutheran pastor, will be the preacher. Other clergy from each of the churches will also be involved.

We delight in this opportunity to gather at the Table of the Lord with fellow believers from our sister churches. The 10:00 AM service allows worshipers ample time to return home for dinner preparations and traditional family celebrations.



LIGHT UP NIGHT: EVENING PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN OF CANTATE & BEL CANTO

Cantate and **Bel Canto**, our congregation's fine choirs of children, will enrich our **Choral Office of Evening Prayer** on Pittsburgh's **Light Up Night, November 18 at 6:00 PM**. As we do each year, we will offer prayers for the City of Pittsburgh, for Mayor Ravenstahl, for City Council, and for other city leaders, servants, businesses, and institutions. The liturgy will be followed by a light reception. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Light Up Night annually marks the beginning of the holiday season in Downtown Pittsburgh. Office buildings, retail outlets, and restaurants are fully illuminated, giving our neighborhood a special brightness. Activities for children and families take place throughout the community. Our Downtown streets are alive with light and color and people. It all ends with a fantastic display of fireworks.

Downtown is truly **our** community. It is both the heart of our metropolitan region and the heart of our parish. Downtown is where God has placed us to do ministry. It is where Christ daily meets his people in Word and Sacrament, in care and compassion. It is where we are called to be as witnesses to his love.

We care about our community and are, therefore, moved to pray for it. Our support for Downtown also leads us to avail ourselves of what Downtown has to offer: affordable cultural venues, excellent shopping, fine restaurants, and the excitement of being in the heart of the city.

On **Light Up Night**, come downtown. **Parking rates drop after 5:00 PM**. Come to First Church to pray for our city in the rich beauty of Choral Evening Prayer. Then, go out to dine, shop, or take in a show. It is our neighborhood, and it deserves our prayers and support.

A RESTING PLACE FOR OUR SAINTS



In this month when we remember and give thanks for all the saints, we especially remember those closest to us: members of our own families, our dearest friends, and fellow believers in our parish family.

The **Columbarium** ministry of First Church has been developed to provide a dignified resting-place for the earthly remains of those we love. Our unique Columbarium is a powerful, visible proclamation of the Lord's promise of new life and of our hope to dwell eternally in his presence. It is located within **The Lamb of God Oratory**, a peaceful place in which to offer thanks to God for lives well lived and to pray for their eternal rest.

All members of the parish and their immediate families are eligible to apply for a license for interment in the Columbarium. The cost per space is \$1,000. For an application or for more information, contact the parish office at 412-471-8125 and ask to speak with Mary Diego, our Financial Secretary.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Beloved Children of
God,

I am sure most of us can think of mentors we have had. Maybe it was during high school or college; maybe it was when you first entered your profession or became a parent. Some may have been teachers or coaches; others may have been pastors or supervisors. Neighbors, church members, co-workers and family can all fill this vital role in our personal and professional development.

One of my greatest mentors is Dr. Mary Theresa Hall, Professor of English at Thiel College. In addition to having Dr. Hall for a variety of my major courses, she was the faculty advisor for the English honorary society in which I was an officer and active member and the supervisor for my work study position. During the first few years of my undergraduate studies, she was a daily part of my coursework, extracurricular activities and on-campus job, and she didn't make it easy! Dr. Hall has incredibly high expectations of her students. (Her syllabi are usually between 10 to 20 pages long.) She had similarly high hopes for the members of the English honorary society, which she started at Thiel. She led us in developing a peer tutoring program, took us to English conferences to present our papers, and helped us to produce a campus literary magazine. Whenever I saw Dr. Hall, I was getting more work to do. At first, I felt overwhelmed. However, by the time Dr. Hall was advising me for my honors project during junior and senior year, I loved it. I would look forward to opening my campus mailbox to find an article related to my research or a note suggesting a new idea to include for this project. I was enjoying the caliber of

research and writing she was helping me to accomplish.

Since graduation, Dr. Hall and I continue to be in contact. Anytime I am near campus, I stop by her office to say hello and am always greeted with a warm smile and a hug. We exchange Christmas cards and occasional emails, discussing what is happening at Thiel and the classes she is teaching or about something I have read and what Bob and I are up to. I also like to send her a note on the commemoration of George Herbert, one of the poets on which her dissertation focused. Dr. Hall and her husband even came to Bob's and my wedding, and danced the night away with us.

I remain eternally grateful for how hard Dr. Hall pushed me during college; if she hadn't, I would have never known the good work I was capable of doing. I can also still see her red ink when I split an infinitive, as I am apt to do, so I know her efforts and expectations continue to shape my writing. Moreover, Dr. Hall's generous investment of time and energy in my education and abilities has also shaped my sense of self. Good mentors do that.

The Church offers a number of opportunities for mentoring relationships: baptismal sponsor, Sunday Church School teacher, confirmation instructor, youth group leader, etc. And the possibilities are not limited to children and young people. At a recent Downtown Ministerium, the pastors and lay leaders from the downtown churches learned about a great need for mentors for the HOPE Mentoring Program at the Allegheny County Jail, which provides one-on-one mentoring services to men and women who are 18 or older who have been sentenced to serve time in jail.

The HOPE Mentoring Program aims to support a successful return to society for the formerly incarcerated and to reduce recidivism. The hope for this program is that through mentoring before and after release, returning citizens will take new and positive paths to productive lives after incarceration and will not re-offend. In Allegheny County, 65% of the men and women in the general jail population return to incarceration. However, thus far, 82% of the male HOPE pre-release graduates and 84% of the female HOPE pre-release graduates have not incarcerated again. Clearly, these relationships play a vital role in helping people move from incarceration into the challenges of returning to society and they also improve our community.

Mentors can be volunteers from faith-based organizations, other community-based organizations and the community at large. Interested mentors are asked to try to develop relationships of trust and respect with their assigned mentees and to provide consistent guidance and support as needed. Of course, mentors are also provided with appropriate training and complete a screening process.

If you are willing to serve as a mentor for HOPE, please visit www.foundationofhope.org, contact the Director of HOPE Aftercare at 412-350-2057, or ask Pastor Gleason or me for more information.

Yours in Christ,

Cora L. Weiland, M. Div.

ADULT EDUCATION

OUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH

*A Year-Long Class on
Other Religions & Christian Traditions*



This year-long class about the five primary world religions will consist of three-to-five-week units on Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and Hinduism that explore these religions through video, sacred texts and guest speakers. This class will also explore different traditions within Christianity with various guest speakers, representing Orthodox Christianity, Roman Catholicism, The Presbyterian Church (USA), The Episcopal Church, and our own denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In November, the class will begin to study Buddhism.

Note: This class is using the book *God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World* by Stephen Prothero for introductory reading about the world religions.

REMEMBERING YOUR STORY

*Creating Your Own
Spiritual
Autobiography
Sept. 25 - Nov. 20*

First Church member, Winnie Woodland, M.Div. will continue to lead this exploration of personal stories and the spiritual life on **Sundays at 9:45 AM** in the C.P. Krauth Room. Participants will relate their own stories to biblical stories, consider how God's call and care has been embodied through the individuals and communities that are a part of their lives and engage questions and exercises that allow for personal reflection and perhaps a new perspective on how God has been working in your life.



SPECIAL SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING

From now until November 13, First Church's Sunday Church School students are invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child by donating small gifts for children (ages 2-14) or a shoebox filled with such gifts. If you would like to participate in this special offering, please pick up the instructions and list of gift ideas in the Parish House. Donations will be collected in Holy Cross Hall, and all of the gifts and shoeboxes will be organized and wrapped by the Tween Group on November 13. Donations of shoeboxes and Christmas wrapping paper are also needed. Questions? Contact Michelle Cleary at mcdchome@verizon.net or 412-531-7822.

Tweens: Mark your calendar for the **Operation Christmas Child** wrapping party on **Sunday, November 13** during Sunday Church School!



On **Sunday, November 13**, First Church will welcome Frank &

Warrie Blackburn from Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships is a global charity that has operated hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Mercy Ships brings hope and healing to the forgotten poor by mobilizing people and resources worldwide, and serving all people without regard for race, gender or religion. The Blackburns will speak in Holy Cross Hall after the Loyalty Sunday Forum at 9:45 AM.

FAMILY CIRCUS BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MARTIN LUTHER

Saturday, November 12



The First Church Family Circus, a fellowship group for families with young children, is invited to a birthday party for Martin Luther on Saturday, November 12 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Holy Cross Hall. There will special entertainment, games and a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Sign up in the Parish House or Preschool Room. Or, if you have questions, contact Cora Weiland at clw@flcpittsburgh.org or 412-471-8125.

Volunteer at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank



*A service project
sponsored by the Youth
Group & Social Ministry
Committee*

The Youth Group invites the congregation to join them in volunteering at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's Produce to the People program at its South Side location at the Market House on **Saturday, November 19**, beginning at 9:00 AM and finishing around noon. Sign up in the Parish House.

Directions to the Market House:
From Carson Street, just turn toward the Monongahela River on 12th Street.



YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN

November 18: Light Up Night!

After Evening Prayer for Light Up Night, the Youth Group will enjoy the Light Up Night festivities around downtown and then be "locked in" First Church overnight. In the morning, the group will have breakfast and volunteer at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's Produce to the People program on the South Side. Sign up in the Parish House or contact Cora Weiland at clw@flcpittsburgh.org. Medical Release and Permission Forms are required; copies are also available in the Parish House.

Packing list: Sleeping bag, pillow, a favorite game, and a snack to share or your assigned breakfast item.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT
2:00 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

***Remember to turn your clocks BACK
one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.***

THANKSGIVING OFFERING DESIGNATED FOR SUPPORT OF BETHLEHEM HAVEN

Bethlehem Haven, the downtown shelter for homeless women, has been designated to receive our special **Thanksgiving** offerings. Located on lower Fifth Avenue, Bethlehem Haven was established by the Downtown Ministerium. Its program and the services it provides to women in crisis have expanded greatly over the years. The Haven is also an active participant in the work of The Downtown Ministerium. With a fine ministry of compassionate care, Bethlehem Haven is worthy of strong support.



Bethlehem Haven

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"A tithe is defined as a tenth of your income, Mr. Talmadge — not ten percent of whatever you happen to have in your pocket on Sunday morning!"

The **Christian Education Committee** invites the people of First Church to an intergenerational Advent activity on **Sunday, November 27** from 9:45 to 10:45 AM in Holy Cross Hall.

Please note: Regular Sunday Church School classes will not meet on November 27.



MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 11

In compliance with the provisions of our congregation's Bylaws, a brief, semi-annual Congregation Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 11** at **9:45 AM**. The meeting will be held in **Holy Cross Hall**. The sole purpose of the meeting is to take action on the Congregation Council's **Proposal for Ministry, 2012**.

All Voting Members of the congregation are encouraged to be present. Voting Members are defined as those confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record in the past year.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

THE DAYTIME BOOK CLUB will meet **Thursday, November 10** at 12:00 noon at the home of Nancy Pecora to discuss the book, Heaven Is For Real by Todd Burpo. All are welcome.

THE EVENING BOOK CLUB meets on the first Tuesday every other month. The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 1** at 7:00 PM. The group will be discussing Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. The hostess will be Tracey Saterfield. All are welcome.

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE WANTS TO HELP YOU!



AND NEEDS YOUR HELP

*Are you or a family member
sick or in the hospital?*

*Have you recently lost
a loved one?*

*Are you returning home from
the hospital with a new baby?*

The Evangelism Committee has created a "Caring Committee" that will provide meals to help members of our Parish Family through the "rough patches" until things get easier.

Susan Hauser is coordinating this project and she is looking for volunteers to help prepare and deliver meals. Sign up on the Sheet in the Parish House if you are interested in participating.

In the meantime, **please** contact the Parish Office if you are in need of assistance.



As the end of the year approaches, we take note of a recurring pattern in our congregation's life: a deficit has grown, little by little, into a sizable shortfall. We have a lot of financial ground to make up before the year ends. Please remember to fulfill your pledge of support or to make an extra effort to offer year end gifts.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

*Activities for the
coming year*

DECEMBER
Advent/Christmas Party

FEBRUARY
Beach Party
(Organizer: Susan Hauser)

APRIL
Wine & Cheese Party
(Organizer: Pam Heald)

*If you are **not** an Organizer,
but would like to get
involved, we always need
"helping hands." It is really
not too much work.*

GLOBAL LINKS



Global Links is looking for volunteers who sew to make our signature New Baby bags. These big, sturdy bags are filled with items for baby care that are appropriate in developing countries – and the bag itself has a long and useful life after the baby is out of infancy. Go to this link for more information and instructions -- http://www.globallinks.org/get_involved/community_collections.php

NEWS from the PEWS

IN MEMORIAM

RUTH E. HITCHCOCK

May 10, 1925 - September 15, 2011



Ruth Hitchcock, who served as Parish Secretary of First Lutheran Church for several years during the pastorate of The Rev. Dr. John T. Braughler, died September 15, 2011 in Provincetown, MA. Those of our parish who remember Ruth will recall not only her skill and dedication as a loyal staff member and faithful member of the parish, but also her quick wit and sense of humor. Condolences may be sent to Ruth's husband, Nelson, at:

Mr. Nelson Hitchcock & Family
351-A Commercial Street
P.O.B. 1462
Provincetown, MA 02657

*May God grant her rest and peace
and may light perpetual
shine upon her.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CASSLER'S

Carl and Betty Cassler are pleased to announce that their granddaughter, Jennifer Piernik recently gave birth to their 10th great grandchild and 2nd great granddaughter. **Marley Elizabeth Carter** was born on October 8, 2011.



CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR HORST BANDLE as he celebrates his 40th anniversary of ordination.



A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends at First Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank you for the campership we received to attend Camp Lutherlyn this summer. We had the time of our lives and look forward to attending next year.

Yours In Christ,

Jarod and Eve Cheslar

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KUDOS CORNER

WALK-IN MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

**JANET BANDLE
ALMA BUCHER
AMELIA GEHRON
JIM GRUESER
CARL HENDRICKSON
RICH PROCACINA
BEA WEIMER
JANET WOZAR**

CYNTHIA COULTER for organizing the Quiet Bags.

KATHY SLOSKY for preparing *The Alert* for mailing.

SUSAN HAUSER AND AMY HANSMANN for coordinating the AFG Pasta Dinner and **THE YOUTH GROUP AND PARENTS** who prepared and served the delicious dinner!

SAMANTHA HOLLACK, JANET KING, CORA WEILAND, KIM WILSON, JOYCE GLEASON, SUSAN HAUSER, BEA WEIMER, SUSAN ERSON, KATHY STEFANI, JEANNE LOUIS, and PAM HEALD for all of their efforts that made the Women's Prayer Breakfast a success.

Thanks also to the men who served breakfast **ERNIE HAUSER, JEFF HEALD, DAN HAUSER, PASTOR GLEASON, KURT HERBST and SCOTT HUDSON,**

We are grateful to **DR. LOWELL ALMEN** for serving as our Theologian-in-Residence October 29th and 30th.

FRANK PREUSS & PETER VAN SICKEL for repairing the Grant Street sidewalk.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE for hosting the Fair Trade Fair and Luncheon.



WHERE WE WORSHIPED

John & Anne Harmon
Emanuel Lutheran Church
Hartford, Connecticut
September 25, 2011

Marjorie Harmon
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Washington, DE
September 25, 2011

John, Anne, Emily Harmon
Lutheran Church of the Messiah
Princeton, New Jersey
October 2, 2011



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®

The Thrivent Choice program lets members recommend where some of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' charitable outreach funds go by directing Choice Dollars. If you are a Thrivent benefit member who is eligible to participate in this program, you can choose First Church as one of the recipients for your annual Choice Dollars.

All Thrivent Choice money that First Church receives is designated for Youth Ministry, usually for the Youth Group's participation in the triennial ELCA Youth Gathering.

Thanks to those who have already designated their annual Choice Dollars to First Church. We have received approximately \$4000 from the Thrivent Choice program over the last 15 months!



**THE OFFICE OF
EVENING PRAYER
FOR ALL SAINTS**

**Sunday
November 6**

4:00 PM

*“Gloriosus Deus”
by Johann Michael Haydn*

with strings and organ

sung by
The Parish Choir of First
Lutheran Church

Cynthia Pock, Obl. ECST,
A.A.G.O., *Cantor*

*A Reception will follow
in Holy Cross Hall*

**LIGHT UP
NIGHT**

**THE OFFICE OF EVENING
PRAYER
with
SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR
OUR CITY**

**Friday, November 18
6:00 PM**

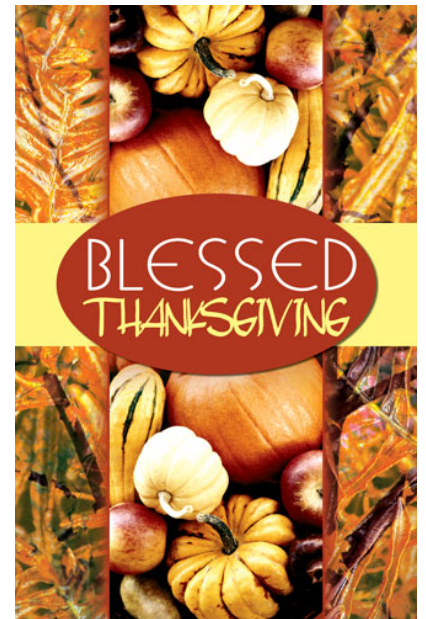
with Festive Choral offerings by

*First Church Youth Choirs:
Bel Canto and Cantate*

Cynthia Pock, Obl. ECST,
A.A.G.O., *Cantor*



*Worship downtown and enjoy
the festivities of Light Up Night
throughout the City!*



***Our National Day of
Thanksgiving***

**Thursday
November 24**

10:00 AM

**Ecumenical
Celebration of
The Holy Eucharist**

***The service will
be held in***

**Trinity Cathedral
328 Sixth Avenue**

FIRST CHURCH CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ALL SAINTS DAY 12:00 Weight Watchers 12:10 Holy Eucharist 7:00 Evening Book Club	2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 BNY/Mellon Bible Study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	3 Martin de Porres 12:00 Weight Watchers 12:10 Holy Eucharist 5:45 Gloria Dei Ringers 7:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal	4	5 9:15 Cantate Rehearsal 5:00 LUC Event TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
6 SUNDAY AFTER ALL SAINTS 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:45 Church School Classes 10:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Holy Eucharist 4:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bel Canto Rehearsal	7 J. F. C. Heyer 11:45 AA Meeting 12:10 Eucharist for Healing 6:30 Worship Committee	8 12:00 Weight Watchers 12:10 Holy Eucharist	9 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 BNY/Mellon Bible Study 12:10 Holy Eucharist	10 Leo the Great 12:00 Daytime Book Club 12:00 Weight Watchers 12:10 Holy Eucharist 5:45 Gloria Dei Ringers 7:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal	11 Martin of Tours 12:10 Holy Eucharist	12 Søren Aabye Kierkegaard 9:30 Cantate Rehearsal 10:30 Family Circus Birthday Party for Martin Luther
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SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 13	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 27
ASSISTANTS 8:30 a.m.	AM Steven Headrick CA Kathy Slosky	AM Carl Hendrickson CA Richard King	AM Pastor Gleason CA Janice Stever	AM Kathy Slosky CA Eric Strom
11:00 a.m.	AM Ernest Hauser CA Christine Hoffman CA TBA	AM Janet King CA Paul Meyer CA Kathy Stefani	AM Stephan Roth CA Joyce Gleason	AM Beth Caywood CA Terry Caywood CA Deanna Ulrich
ACOLYTES 8:30 a.m.	C Kevin Hudson A Roy Navid T Hannah Slenska T Tara Slenska B Walter Navid	C Annika Hudson A Maya Rice	C Michael Gentile A Jarod Cheslar	C Jarod Cheslar A Cullen Cleary T Madeline Hansmann T Grace hansmann B Eye Cheslar
11:00 a.m.	C Kanis Nealon A Andrew Fisher T Robert Nelson T Ben Hoffman B Jay Pflugh	C Abigail Hauser A Meredith Mehta	C Jay Pflugh A Katie Pflugh	C Ben Hoffman A Maura Ruprecht T Abigail Hauser T Katie Pflugh B Meredith Mehta
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11:00 a.m.	Ann Steele	Debra Todd	Charles torie	Kathy Reehl
ALTAR GUILD 8:30 AM	Lynn Fox Amy Hansmann	Margaret Lanyon Anita Erson	Janice Stever Melissa Strom	Karin Cheslar Michelle Cleary
11:00 AM	Pamela Heald Jeanne Louis	Mary Preuss Nancy Thomas	Janet Balas Lorraine Beers	Gail Carl Donna Graf
GREETERS 8:30 AM	Darryn & Michelle Cleary	Scott Hudson & Susan Erson	Amelia Gehron	Gerri Giles
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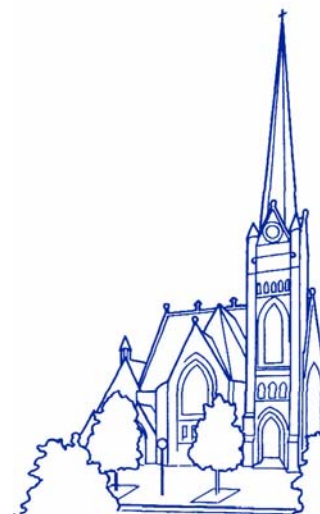
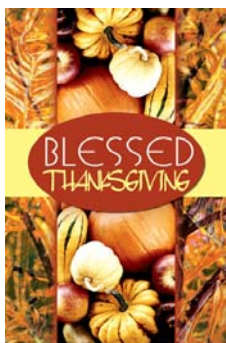
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