

The First
Presbyterian Church
16 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston, WV
25301-2487

EMAIL: [firstpresby@
firstpresby.com](mailto:firstpresby@firstpresby.com)
www.firstpresby.com

Bill McCoy
Pastor

Jim Roberts
Associate Pastor for
Congregational Care

Claire Butler
Associate Pastor for Youth

A. D. Ellison

Richard Lamb
Parish Associates

Jim Buckalew
Fellowship, Recreation
and Property

Robin Harlow
Visitors/New Members

Barbara Hopta
Children's Ministry

Jackie Lilly
Business Administrator

Frankie McCain
Community Ministry

Mary Odin
Music Director

Sarah Lynch
Youth Choir

Debbie Eads
Children's Choir

Rob Peterson
College Campus Ministry

Ginna Taylor
Preschool Director

Amber Panetta
Assistant Preschool Director

Kathy Bruner
Child Care Coordinator

Tom Daugherty
Librarian

Fred Gaul
Organist

FACILITY STAFF
Lee Richardson, Supervisor
Sherry Ball
Claude Churchwell
Kim Moles

SUPPORT STAFF
Ina Armstrong
June Mills
Jenny Pitchford
Marilyn Walbe

MISSION WORKERS
Bill Soldwisch-Mexico
Art & Sue Kinsler-Korea
Jolana & Stefan Nather
Slovak Republic
Matthew & Simone McKinnon
Brazil

**MINISTERIAL
CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS**
Leslie Clay
Kate Hopta

PASTORS EMERITI
Thornton W. Tucker
P. Douglas Heidt
A. D. Ellison

JANUARY 2009

First Presby News

Volume XLII, Issue 1

First Presbyterian Church will strive to be a welcoming home, a beacon of Christ's light arising from inspiring worship and loving discipleship.

Sunday Worship 8:45 and 11:00

11:00 Radio Broadcast: 580 AM WCHS

Phone: (304) 343-8961 Fax: (304) 343-8970



Photo credit: Bob Schacht

From the Pastor:

As I was pondering the beginning of the new year recently, I was reminded that January derives its name from Roman mythology, specifically the god Janus, depicted as a man with two faces, one facing forward, one backward. One face is ostensibly facing the past, the other the future...

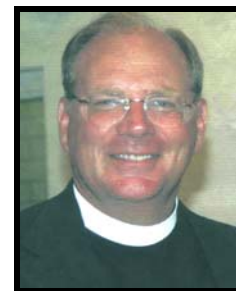
As we begin a new year it is appropriate to reflect on the past year as we begin to turn our attention to the year to come. As such I am very aware of the many blessings of the year past. We have faced challenges with the ongoing weight and pressures of war and economic uncertainty, the turmoil of an election year in a culture that is perhaps more sharply divided along partisan lines than ever before, and the ongoing challenges we all face in our individual lives and families. Yet the year has been rich with the grace of God in so many ways. We are aware of individuals and families blessed by the healing and strengthening presence of Christ and His people, the comfort of His presence and the support of His people in the midst of grief and loss, the instruction and inspiration of young and old and the amplification of joy through the group celebration of life and blessing in the midst of our congregation in worship, study, fellowship and mission.

I look forward to the opportunities to be Christ's church in the coming year, that is to be the shared presence and power of Christ in a world in desperate need of His love and grace, power and perspective. You have a role to play in all of that as 2009 unfolds... Together we will write the next chapter of our congregation's history of service to the Lord through serving those He loves. Come and be a part of it

“... Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired. Amen.”
(The Book of Common Worship)

See you in Church!

Bill



Bill McCoy
Pastor

ORIENTATION CLASS FOR NEWCOMERS

Visitors and New Members are warmly invited to an orientation class for newcomers on January 11 at 10:00 a.m. Bill McCoy will teach the first class of the three-week series, and Jim Roberts and Robin Harlow, respectively, will lead the next two. The third class of the series is a tour of the church buildings, and a peek into some of the Sunday School classes.

We will meet in the Cablish Room that is located straight through the right-hand double wooden doors at the front of the sanctuary and then on the left past the water fountain. If you have questions, call Robin at 343-8961, ext. 138.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Watch for our Winter/Spring Adult Christian Education brochure coming soon. We have at least one class for you. Please attend some of our classes. You'll find them interesting, informative, encouraging, challenging, ...and a great place to make new friends!

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a nurse, Sunday, Jan. 11, in the LIBRARY off the main church hallway.

ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7:00 p.m., in Room E-310. For more information call 744-7634.

ORDINATION OF THOMAS JOSEPH MARCHIO II

Thomas Joseph Marchio II will be ordained here at First Presby on Sunday, February 1st at 4:00 p.m. Joe has been called as a temporary associate pastor of the First Congregational Church in Chatham, Massachusetts, where he also serves as Director of Music.

LUNCH AND LEARN



Lunch and Learn are free workshops for caregivers. Bring a brown bag lunch. Contact April Lewis for more information: 1-800-491-2717, or april.lewis@alz.org

Jan 21:
Communications, Behaviors and
Alzheimer's

Feb 18:
Caring for the Caregiver

March 18:
Legal and Financial Issues and
Alzheimer's

SHEPHERD'S CENTER AT FIRST PRESBY



Mark January 22 on your calendars!

10:30-11:30 a.m.
"Brain Health & Wellness"
Presentation by the WV Alzheimer's
Association
Activities Building, Room 204

11:45-12:30 Luncheon: \$7

12:30-1:00
Musical Presentation by
Rev. Dr. Bill McCoy

Reservations: Call Diane Clements,
343-0590, by Jan. 19.

FINANCIAL REPORT

If you are wondering why the financial report always is two months behind, it is due to printing deadlines. Each issue is printed and mailed prior to the end of the month in order for you to receive it before the start of the next month. Consequently, this report was prepared on December 17, long before final numbers for December are available.

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2008

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 85,000	\$ 112,582	\$ 27,582
Trustee Funds:	4,479	4,479	-
Other Revenue:	8,635	12,488	3,853
Total Income:	98,114	129,549	31,435
Expenses:	111,670	105,018	(6,652)
<i>Net Income:</i>	<i>\$ (13,556)</i>	<i>\$ 24,531</i>	<i>\$ 38,087</i>

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCE REPORT THROUGH NOVEMBER

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 917,998	\$ (122,002)
Trustee Funds:	237,009	240,361	3,352
Other Revenue:	112,395	162,715	50,320
Total Income:	1,389,404	1,321,074	(68,330)
Expenses:	1,457,698	1,410,047	(47,651)
<i>Net Income:</i>	<i>\$ (68,294)</i>	<i>\$ (88,973)</i>	<i>\$ (20,679)</i>

GAINING WEIGHT?

You would be most welcome at the Weight Watchers meeting held in the Ruffner Room on Mondays at noon. We'll start another 12 weeks of meetings on Jan. 26. This is an all new program. It is private and personal. Call the church office if you are interested.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

MM2 David A. Kaylor, aboard the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower (grandson of George and Thema Frisch)

2nd Lt. Matthew M. Bruner, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

Aaron Lloyd, Kuwait/Iraq (step-grandson of Betty Lloyd)

Edwin Anderson, Afghanistan (cousin of Mary Odin)

Airman First Class Caitlin Workman, Omaha, NE (granddaughter of Pat Workman)

Tory Walbe, Iraq (stepson of Marilyn Walbe)

Airman 1st Class Franz S. Workman IV, Moody AFB, GA (grandson of Pat Workman)

Warrant Officer David McDarmont, OH (son of Liz O'Finan)

Owen Brown, Pensacola, FL (son of Earle Brown) in the Navy

David Rucker, Germany (Barbara Brown's nephew)

Donald Boylen, VA (grandson of Dick and Becky Smith)

Please call the church office to keep this information current. Thank you.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL NEWS

As we begin the New Year, I would like the opportunity to thank all who helped support the weekday preschool's recent mission projects: the November food pantry drive and the Mitten Tree.

In total collections for the month of November, the food pantry reports that the Preschool donated a total of 1,411 pounds of food (or \$2,300.00 equivalent). In addition, in the month of December, we've collected more mittens, hats, scarves and coats than could cover the Christmas tree twice over.

We are very appreciative to all who helped to support these vital outreach mission projects with us. The young children in our program show so much enthusiasm and happiness in helping others. However, it is the community in which we live that benefits the most from the gifts we have given; the lessons that the children in the program learn is only a bonus!

Thank you all...and may God bless us through the coming year so that we may continue our caring and commitment to our community.

Ginna Taylor – Preschool Director

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2009

The Division would like to extend deep appreciation to all the families and Session members who participated in the Church Family Album stewardship campaign. We have received a greater number of commitment cards to date this year than we have in the past several years. We received much positive feedback from families, some who discovered church families in their neighborhoods that they had not had an opportunity to meet or get to know. We also learned some lessons in logistics that we will remember should we decide to do another "pony express" campaign in future years.

As of this writing we have received 385 commitments to give a total of \$931,809. To balance our ministry budget for 2009 we are still in need of \$267,000 additional commitments.

If you have not yet returned a Commitment Card, we urge you to prayerfully consider how you are able to further Christ's mission through your church and return a commitment this week. The Session will meet on January 21 to allocate your committed offerings among our many ministries. How glorious it would be to be able to increase what First Presby accomplishes in 2009 by being the hands and feet of Christ among us.

BAD WEATHER POLICY Regarding Church Activities

If Kanawha County Schools are closed due to weather, all meetings and activities in the church are cancelled. If public schools close early due to weather, all meetings and activities in the church are cancelled for that evening. If school opening is delayed, activities will not be delayed.

Please do not come out if it puts you at risk for injury.

Worship Services will always be held!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON Thursday, January 15, 2008

COMBINED BIBLE STUDY AND SING-ALONG LESSON FIVE: "THE DEAD ARE RAISED"

Darlene Kerr will lead the Prayer Group at 11:30 a.m. in Room A-203

Luncheon begins at 12:00.

Dr. Jim Roberts will teach based on **Luke 8: 40-56**
Betti Volkers & Mary Odin will lead everyone in song.

(Please note: Circles will NOT be meeting in January)

Be sure to make your luncheon reservation by January 12 – call 343-8961
Childcare is available if reserved by calling Ina at 343-8961, ext. 122.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Dear God, You have promised to be our shelter, our protection. Please be with people who have left their homes to find safety. Please keep them safe and give them rest. Help us to do all we can to work for peace in our world. Amen.

BLESSING FOR MEALS

Lord, thank you for this food. Help us to not waste our food by taking more than we can eat. Help us this year to eat what our bodies need to be healthy and strong. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BIBLE VERSE

When they call to me,
I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
(Psalm 91:15)

WORD OF THE MONTH

Internally Displaced Persons, or IDPs: Internally displaced persons are people who have been forced from their homes, usually because of war or a natural disaster like a flood or earthquake. Internally means "inside," so internally displaced persons are people who can't live safely at home anymore but are living inside their home country. People who have to leave their home country to find safety are called refugees.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Be thankful for your home! Do you complain about having to clean your room? This week when it's time to clean up, remind yourself how wonderful it is that you have a room to clean! It will make the job much easier.

DID YOU KNOW?

January 6 is Epiphany, when we celebrate the Wise Men visiting the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Did you know that soon after the Wise Men visited Jesus, he and his parents became refugees and fled to Egypt to find safety? Read about it in Matthew 2:1-15.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

We asked for mugs to use with the Covenant Kids, and you responded with more mugs than we imagined. **Thank you, congregation, for your generous response!** We now have more than enough mugs for each of our children to use on Sunday mornings. Using mugs instead of paper products will cut down on our non-recyclable trash.

Our unit on Caring for God's Creation introduced the first through fifth grade to the problems caused by plastic bags. **Thanks to Hattie Alford**, 50 cloth bags were made for the Covenant Kids to personalize and take home to use in place of plastic bags.

Styrofoam cups, which are not recyclable, are another concern. If a Sunday school class would like to replace styrofoam cups with mugs, let us know! We'll share from our bounty as we continue to care for creation.

Covenant Kids are first through fifth grade students who begin in the chapel on Sunday morning at 9:45. From there, they are dismissed to the third floor where they explore the month's Bible theme and story through a variety of workshops which include art, music, drama, temple studies, cooking, and computers – to be added in 2009.

GIVING WHAT YOU HAVE

Deborah, who lives in a camp in Sudan, Africa, gave a wonderful gift to a visitor from the United States: a chance to get out of the hot sun and a welcome to her home. This week, welcome someone into your home for a visit. Perhaps you can have a new friend from school come to play. Be sure to get permission from your parents.

Portions from **2009 Children's Mission Yearbook**. Copies are available in the CE Office.

DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 1/1: 2 Corinthians 1:19-20
- 1/2: Genesis 1:1-5
- 1/3: Genesis 1:26-27
- 1/4: Genesis 3:2-5
- 1/5: Genesis 4:4b-5, 8-9
- 1/6: Matthew 2:1-2
- 1/7: Genesis 6:17-19, 21
- 1/8: Genesis 17:3-7
- 1/9: Genesis 18:10-14
- 1/10: Genesis 21:8-13
- 1/11: Genesis 21:14-19
- 1/12: John 1:1-5
- 1/13: John 1:6-12
- 1/14: John 1:45-49
- 1/15: Isaiah 66:12-13
- 1/16: John 2:7-11
- 1/17: John 3:1-5
- 1/18: John 3:16-17
- 1/19: John 3:19-21
- 1/20: John 4:27-30
- 1/21: John 4:39-42
- 1/22: Genesis 22:1-3
- 1/23: Genesis 25:25-34a
- 1/24: Genesis 32:24-29
- 1/25: Genesis 37:4-5
- 1/26: 1 Timothy 2:4-5
- 1/27: 1 Timothy 4:7-8
- 1/28: 1 Timothy 4:12
- 1/29: 1 Timothy 6:9-10
- 1/30: 2 Timothy 1:5
- 1/31: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Note: These readings follow those listed in **Making Time for God**, a book of daily devotions available from the church library, the C.E. Office or Cokesbury. Scripture, explanation, and daily prayer are included in this resource. It is an excellent devotional book for the whole family, written by Susan R. Garrett & Amy Plantinga Pauw, professors at our seminary in Louisville, KY.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jan 4 4:30 p.m.
New Years Resolutions

Saturday, Jan 10 8:00 a.m.
Leave for WINTERPLACE!
Registration forms due by Jan 7

Jan 11 NO YOUTH meeting
Jan 18 NO YOUTH meeting—
MLK WEEKEND

HIGH SCHOOL

Jan 4 7:00 p.m.
Richmond Elementary School Kits

Jan 11 6:30 p.m.
Laser Tag

Jan 18
NO YOUTH meeting MLK HOLIDAY

SOUPER BOWL—FEB. 1

Super Bowl Sunday has come to represent football, entertainment and advertising excess. SOUPER BOWL, however, creates a whole new meaning, a simple, but significant way that individuals can unite in caring.

Bring a can of soup, chili, or a box of crackers to church on Sunday, Feb 1, and deposit them in the Food Pantry behind the chancel or in the grocery carts that will be available at the entrances to the sanctuary to be given directly to clients of Covenant House who are in need. The Food Pantry served over 4,300 clients last year, an increase of over 30 percent in one year.

Or, you may prefer to deposit dollars in the soup pots the youth will be holding at the exits to the sanctuary. The money will be given to Manna Meal to help them prepare a hot breakfast or lunch for hungry people. Manna Meal, in St. John's Episcopal Church, serves over 300 individuals a day, 365 days a year.

All the gifts will be counted and reported. Watch for the national totals to be announced during the game. Please realize that 100 percent of the money and food stays in the locality where it is donated and goes directly to those most in need.



Saturday night
Coffee House
in the Recreation Room,
January 24th!

SUNDAY MORNINGS!

NINTH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Sixth and Seventh Grade youth meet in Room E-406 with leader Mary McCoy. After studying the Gospels, they will look at the work of Paul and the beginnings of the early church.

Eighth Grade Confirmation youth meet in Room E-407. January will include a look at the Psalms, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

High School youth meet in the Youth Lounge, ground floor of the Activities Building. During January they will consider the effects of the economic crisis on their lives, look at consumerism, and stewardship.

Friends and visitors are always welcome. Call Associate Pastor, Claire Butler, with any questions or to become involved in youth ministry at First Presby.

The next segment for ninth grade confirmation will be January 30-31, "Our Faith and the World."

During this retreat the Confirmands will consider how we respond to the issues of the world as Christians in the rest of the world and also in our own back yard.

Call Claire Butler, Associate Pastor for Youth, with any questions: 343-8961 ext. 119.

THE BIG BEAN DINNER

The Religious Coalition for Community Renewal reports that 150 folk attended the highly successful dinner. It earned \$22,000 to support "turning hope into homes". Thank you for donating and attending.

PALS BOOK CLUB



The PALS Book Club, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center and the Kanawha Public Library, will meet January 16. The book is Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind by Ann B. Ross.

The February book is The Professor and the Madman by Simon Winchester.

All who have read the books are welcome to join the group for discussion from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on the third Friday of the month.

Book Club Members may pick up books from the Credenza in the Main Office following the first Friday of the month. Please sign your book out.



MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

FROM MARY ODIN

When we near the end of a calendar year, we inevitably consider New Year's resolutions. Exercising regularly and eating more healthily usually top the list. Unfortunately, our failures in late January are almost as inevitable as our resolutions in late December. And yet, twelve months later, we're likely make the same resolutions we made last year, and the year before, and the year before that.

A wise music professor once told me, "When you run into a wall, you should try to figure out a way to get around it. Don't just back up and run faster." Making the same resolutions over and over, resolving just to "try harder this time" is nothing more than backing up and running faster at the same wall.

You've heard the expression, "Practice makes perfect." Musicians know this isn't true. First, there is no "perfect" in music. Second, practicing only makes you better at whatever you practiced, and that includes wrong notes and ugly sounds. What musicians know to be true is that "Better practice makes better." We must first get rid of the wrong notes and ugly sounds and *then* start practicing.

Getting rid of the wrong notes and ugly sounds of sin in our lives is difficult, but we won't get anywhere until we learn that we can't back up far enough or run fast enough to get through that wall. This approach is worse than a waste of our time, for when we back up and run faster, we practice and reinforce the worldly habit of depending on our own strength before turning to God. Repeated failures will not teach us to rely on Christ. We must depend on Christ *first*, before trying to conquer sin on our own, and then *practice* this new approach until it becomes our first line of defense every time.

In John 15:4-5, Jesus tells us, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am

the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." In Philippians 4:13, Paul declares, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

On our own, we can do nothing, but with Christ, we can do all things. This is a bold claim, to be sure, but it's one that belongs not just to Paul but to all Christians. The only resolution we need to make in the New Year is to rely *first* on Christ. Christians never need to back up and run faster. We need only to walk forward in humility, complete dependence on Christ, and the confidence that He has already broken down every wall ahead of us.

Mary

CHERUB AND CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

Cherub and Cathedral Choirs offered anthems during Lessons and Carols worship on December 14 and again at the Tableau worship service on Christmas Eve. As I write this, our children are taking a much-deserved break. This month, both groups will resume rehearsing on January 14. Cherub Choir (grades K-2) meets in the Susie Early Room; Cathedral Choir (grades 3-6) meets in Room E-305. Invite a friend to come sing with you this month!

FPC LYRES CLUB

The Lyres Club had a busy fall and Christmas season. We normally rehearse on Tuesday evenings in the Ruffner Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. After our Christmas/New Year's break, we will resume rehearsing together on Tuesday, January 13. If you are interested in learning to play the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church at 343-8961 ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com. No previous musical experience is necessary; instruments and music are available through the church.

YOUTH CHOIR

Blair Wessels and Jarrett Walker each sang beautiful solos as a part of the prelude for 11:00 p.m. worship on Christmas Eve. For details about musical activities for youth, contact Sarah Lynch at sjlynch13@gmail.com.

GENEVA CHOIR

Geneva Choir was busy in December. As I write this, choir members taking a well-earned break from rehearsals. Choir Room renovations are completed, so we will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room beginning on January 8. Geneva Choir leads congregational singing and provides special music for Sunday worship services, primarily at 11:00 a.m. and occasionally at 8:45 a.m. To join the Geneva Choir, just come to rehearsal on Thursday. You do not have to be a church member or an experienced musician to sing with us, but it helps to have a sense of humor. We have openings in all sections, so bring a friend!

BELL CHOIR

In December, the Capella Bell Choir played prelude music for the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. Bells normally rehearse on Thursday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Bells will resume rehearsing in the Choir Room on January 8. If you'd like to ring with Capella Bells, contact director Sarah Lynch or talk to any member of the group. Experience is helpful but not required.

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team provides musical leadership at early and late worship services each week. This ensemble of vocalists and instrumentalists uses guitar, bass, piano, mandolin, banjo, and other instruments to accompany congregational song. We rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m., depending on the Division meeting schedule. If you'd like to play or sing with us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com or speak to any member of the group.

JANUARY 2009

First Presbyterian Church 304-343-8961
 16 Leon Sullivan Way
 Charleston, WV 25301-2487
 EMAIL: firstpresby@firstpresby.com www.firstpresby.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>PARTNERS IN PRAYER: We pray for churches in our presbytery, and in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa.</p> <p>Jan. 4: Alderson; Bethel Presbyterian Church, Waverly; Church of Our Savior, Clarksburg; Gaaki Parish, Kenya.</p> <p>Jan. 11: DuPont City, Belle; Frankford; Hughes River Presbyterian Church, Cairo; Gichira, Kenya.</p> <p>Jan. 18: Marsh Fork, Dry Creek; Village Chapel, Charleston; Valley Bend, Beverly; Kabiru, Kenya.</p> <p>Jan. 25: Pineville; Rock Forge, Morgantown; Kangaita Church and Youth Polytech, Kenya.</p>				<p>1 Buildings Closed</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>	<p>2 Buildings Closed</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 <i>Epiphany</i></p> <p>8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>4:30 Middle School Youth 7:00 High School Youth</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:30 Disciple Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 Bible study 5:30 Lyres Club 6:00 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise No Wednesday Connections 6:45 Elder Exams 7:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:30 Seneca Basketball</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible Study 5:30 Bell Choir 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Dad's Group 2:00 Senior Exercise</p>	<p>10 8:00 Middle School Youth leave for Winterplace</p>
<p>11 <i>Get your blood pressure checked by a Parish Nurse</i></p> <p>8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Inquirer's Class 11:00 Worship</p> <p>6:30 High School Youth</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:30 Disciple Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 Bible study 5:30 Lyres Club 6:00 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Volunteer Ministry 5:00 Property Division 5:15 CE Division 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Board of Deacons 6:45 Worship Division 6:45 Personnel Division 6:45 Mission Division 7:30 Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible Study 11:30 Prayer Group 12:00 Presbyterian Women's Luncheon 5:15 Coordinating Council 5:30 Bell Choir 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Dad's Group 1:00 PALS Book Club 2:00 Senior Exercise</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Inquirer's Class 11:00 Worship</p> <p>(No youth group tonight.)</p>	<p>19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>Buildings Closed</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 Bible study 5:30 Lyres Club 6:00 Karate 7:00 Alzheimer Support Group 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Finance Division 5:15 Child & Family Comm. 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Session Meeting 7:30 Contemplative Prayer 6:30 Seneca Basketball</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible Study 10:30 Shepherd's Center Program and Luncheon 5:30 Bell Choir 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Dad's Group 2:00 Senior Exercise</p>	<p>24 COFFEE HOUSE night</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Inquirer's Class 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting</p> <p>(No youth group tonight.)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:30 Disciple Class</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 Bible study 4:30 Knitting Into the Mystery 5:30 Lyres Club 6:00 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Visitors/New Members Div. 5:00 Fellowship/Recreation Div. 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wednesday Connections 7:30 Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible Study 5:30 Bell Choir 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Dad's Group 2:00 Senior Exercise</p>	<p>31</p>



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

16 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston, WV 25301-2487

www.firstpresby.com

AUTHORIZED
NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit No. 918
Charleston, WV

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please minister through prayer, cards, calls and visits.

OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

Bill McCoy on the death of his father.

IN THE HOSPITAL . . .

MEMORIAL: George Hamrick;
John Elliot; Burr Williams

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Valerie Melton, Patti Alexander's sister; Bunk Barber, Sue and Jim Chase's brother-in-law; Linda Morris; Nancy Burkhammer; Katie Uglan, friend of Jenny Pitchford; Mark McGhee, friend of Blair Sprouse; Meadow Schoen, Ruth Pitchford's infant relative; Hester Covert; Grey Yetter; Mary McJunkin Gray; Lester King, friend of Jean and Bob Orders.

EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Liz O'Finan; Don Best, friend of Pat and Art Doumaux; Michael Kane, Doumaux; s son's father-in-law; Gracie Black; Sarah Burton and Barbara Tewkesbury, friends of Jim Buckalew; Rick Flynn,

friend of Bill McCoy; Linda Morris; Paula Bailey, friend of Steve Morris; Vicki and Barry Blizzard, friends of Jim Buckalew; Becky Ceperley; A. D. Ellison; Nancy Struthers; Jackie Taylor.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Barbara Brown; Ed Vazquez, Ruth Shepherd's son-in-law; Jack Gastineau; Candy Galyean; David Caruthers, Nancy Brallier's brother-in-law; Ruth Shepherd; Alex Earl, cousin of Chick Maddox; Dr. James Maddox, uncle of Chick Maddox; Joseph Sprouse; Charles Hendricks; Louise Rosenbaum; Charlie Young (father of Harriett Hoy).

EXPECTANT MOTHERS. . .

Carrie DeFade, Sonia Doeringer (Mary Odin's sister-in-law); Honor McCain; Amber Panetta.

Call Jim Roberts, 343-8961 ext. 118, to keep him informed, to be remove from the list, or to add yourself or a family member to the list.

SICK, HOSPITALIZED, OR IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Let your church family know of any needs you have. The church has a telephone/e-mail prayer chain, a "pray for" list in the newsletter, and prayers during worship. Tell us your concerns or ask a friend to inform us.

If you want to tell us about someone else, a friend or family member, be sure to respectfully ask their permission first.

You can also confide in one of the pastors and request it be kept confidential.

In Memoriam

Raymond (Max) Blizzard
December 10, 2008