


## Things you NEVER hear in church,,,,,,,,,

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1. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.
  2. I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time.
  3. Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
  4. I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV Evangelists.
  5. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
  6. Forget the denominational minimum salary, let's pay our pastor so he/she can live like we do.
  7. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
  8. Since we're all here, let's start the service early!
  9. Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible Seminar in the Bahamas.
  10. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!



The First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, Pa.

# E m p h a s i s

The Old Fashioned Way



OCTOBER  
2011

I saw the big ad in the Yuma, Arizona, phonebook. It was for a Baptist Church. It said in clear, bold print: **Independent. Fundamental. Old Fashioned. "Church the way it used to be." Old fashioned Bible preaching from the King James Bible. Singing the gospel hymns of faith. A place for you.** In a sea of change and being contemporary the church is staking out its claim; old fashioned, and built to stay that way. The old joke we tell about Presbyterians in western Pennsylvania would fit for the Baptists there too: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb? Change????

Agree or disagree, one thing is for sure, that Baptist Church is clear about who they are, and they share that identity with the community. There are no modern translations of the Bible, no contemporary music, no digital projection (but they do have a website).....old fashioned Bible preaching . A few years ago I met a woman who attends another church in the Valley. She said she was glad she had heard I "preached the Bible." I wasn't sure what she meant. I wanted to say, "Well, of course. What else would I preach?" But instead I just said, "Thanks." Maybe it means I'm old fashioned. And that "old fashioned ad" got me to thinking; I wonder what we might put in a phone book? Where might we stake our claim in our community? How would we like the community to see First Presbyterian Church?

On the cover of our bulletin we have "following Jesus on the corner of faith and life." I like that. I think it means living and sharing the good news of God's love. I think it means following Jesus out in the world. I think it means inviting friends and welcoming visitors. I think it means a confidence in God's grace, and a place for questions and doubts. I think it means some discomfort, and some surprising joy. The first Christians were called "the Way" (Acts 9:2). To my ears that sounds a little like "following Jesus on the corner of faith and life." Maybe that's old fashioned. And when we live it we're old fashioned too. Maybe following Jesus is always in fashion.

Glenn

## October Preaching and Worship Schedule

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** World Communion Sunday  
Communion 8:30/10:30  
Minute for Mission  
Romans 5:1-11  
(\*Rally Day/Oktoberfest luncheon following worship)
- 9<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Maloney preaching  
Minute for Fellowship  
Deacon Offering  
(\*Grand opening of the "The Library" Coffee House)
- 16<sup>th</sup>** Romans 6:1-7:25 (selected verses)
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** Romans 8:1-15  
(\*Special luncheon and celebration following worship honoring Rev. Maloney and her 40th year of ordination)
- 30<sup>th</sup>** Romans 9-11 (selected verses)  
Recognition of 50-year members.

### Worship Notes

\*We have three special fellowship events following worship in October; the Oktoberfest luncheon, the grand opening of our new coffee house called "The Library," and Rev. Maloney's 40th year of ordination luncheon/party.

\*A look ahead in worship: St. Andrew's Service , November 20; 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th; special Taize Advent service with the Notre Dame Folk Group on an evening during Advent yet to be finalized.

### Taize at Villa Maria

Many folks at FPC are familiar with Taize; a simple worship service of prayer, silence, scripture candles and song. Villa Maria will once again be hosting a community Taize service on Tuesday evening, October 11, 7PM, featuring the Notre Dame Folk Group. If there is enough interest in attending, Dr. Hink will drive the church bus. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 6:15PM, and stop for dessert on the way home. Contact the church office (724-981-2211, or office@1stpcs.org) to reserve a seat on the bus.



## NOTES FROM SESSION

from the September 25, 2011 meeting:

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Approved the following for kids@First:

1. "Treats and Treasures" trip to Whispering Oaks on October 30, 2011, using Barnabus
2. Trip to Science Center in Youngstown on May 6, 2011, using Barnabus

Approved for Youth activities:

1. Lock-In Night at FPC on October 14, 2011
2. Trip to Coolspring Corn Maze for picnic and fun on October 30, 2011

Approved Families@First swim party at Park Inn at Radisson on February 26, 2012

Approved for Older Adult Ministries:

1. Youngstown Trip to tour Melnick Museum with lunch at a local restaurant on October 24, 2011, using Barnabus
2. Trip to Westminster College for the Celebrity Series on December 14, 2011 with dinner before at The Tavern, using Barnabus

Approved Pairs and Spares meeting for dinner at Donna's Diner on October 7, 2011

Approved the use of Barnabus for the Celebrate Sudan event in Grove City on October 2, 2011 and for the Taize service at Villa Maria on October 11, 2011

Elected Rich Arnold and Barney Scholl as commissioners to the Presbytery meeting at Bessemer Presbyterian Church on September 27, 2011

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## **CHURCH RETREAT Fundraiser Luncheon**

**Sunday, November 6, 2011, 11:45 a.m.**

The fundraiser will go for  
scholarships for the retreat.

**Save the date:**

**September 21-23, 2012**

A \$20 deposit per person is due by: January 30, 2012.

**To see a video of Crestfield Camp in Slippery  
Rock, PA go to:**

<http://www.crestfield.net/UnitingCommunities.htm>

Our Church Retreat Planning Team has already been planning for the Fall Retreat 2012 at Crestfield Camp. Some of the things we have planned are: Canoeing on Slippery Rock Creek, Hayride, Campfire storytelling & sing-a-long, native field games with Dr. Hink & zip line (only for the very brave.)

Please RSVP by November 2nd

By calling the office or email Debbie Derrenbacher at  
dcm@1stpcs.org.

Monetary donations for scholarships can be made payable to:  
"First Presbyterian Church/Adventure Fund"

## **"The Library" Grand Opening**

Our library has been remodeled to also serve as a coffee house, and better help our ministry of fellowship and hospitality. It will be officially called "The Library," and have its **grand opening following worship on October 9th**. The Library will host our after worship fellowship, serve small group meetings, host coffee house concerts, and perhaps be open for "drop-by" coffee and meetings/reading with WiFi service. Next summer we will finish the remodel with new flooring, lighting and decorating. Special thanks to Tim Jones (Head of Maintenance) and Rich Arnold (Property Team Chair) for their many hours of work on The Library.

## **Bible Study Classes**

Dr. Hink will again be teaching his "overview of the Bible" seminars this fall. The topics this series will be Acts and the Pauline Letters. As before, the classes will be in lecture format, similar to college level introductory Bible classes. The classes will be from 7:00PM to 8:30PM, on Tuesday evenings, October 18, 25, and November 1, 8, 22 and 29 (no class on November 15). All FPC members and friends are welcome. Come, bring a friend, and in 6 classes receive an overview of Acts and Paul's letters. Contact Dr. Hink with questions.



On Saturday, October 8, 8:30AM-12Noon, all FPC members are invited to come and help with fall clean-up in our church yard. Many hands make the work easier, and the church yard is a gift of beauty to our community. And we have fun. Bring shovels, rakes, brooms and wheelbarrows if you have them.



The second annual "Celebrate Sudan" event will be held on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at East Main Presbyterian Church in Grove City. This is a time to meet with other churches in the Shenango Presbytery to celebrate our partnership with the Sudan Presbyterian Church Evangelical Church. There will be three guests from the Sudan to talk about their work and the impact of our support. This year the Presbytery is supporting a new campus of the Nile

Theological College in the new Republic of South Sudan. Dr. Hink has volunteered to drive Barnabus to the event. Please contact the church office if you are interested. It will be a great time of music, fellowship, and authentic Sudanese food!

## DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER



I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now. But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow!

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough, but I've got loving ones around me, and that makes me rich enough!

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

O, Remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin. But all at once the dark clouds broke, and sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough. I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed!



## KFC Treats & Treasures Day Sunday, October 30th

1. Children dress up in costumes for church (Please no witches, devils, blood & gore or swords).
2. Children are Coffee House greeters.
3. Adults can bring treat bags to share with kids.
4. KFC group go out of church to Whispering Oaks for lunch, costume parade and crafts with residents.



## Parenting Class Leader: Dr. Missa Eaton

**Coming this November 11 & 12**  
**Friday Eve: 6-9 p.m.**  
**Saturday morning: 9-12 noon**

For parents of young children & elementary ages.  
Children's activities available at same time.

RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 9  
Call: 724/981-2211 x 3 Debbie Derrenbacher

Tweens & Teens Class coming in Spring, 2012

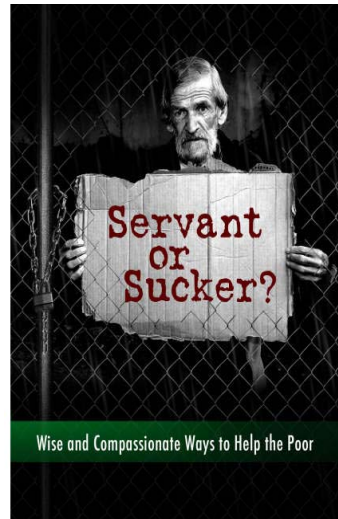


"Gravity. One of God's wonders."

**Free**

Adult Sunday Mornings  
 Combined Classes Oct. 9 thru 23  
 Guest Host: Lyle Derrenbacher  
 Hot Metal Bridge Visitors on 10/23

We've all been there. Someone, obviously poor or homeless, approaches you and asks for money. What do you do? Do you give money, knowing it may be used on drugs or alcohol or do you say "no" or even ignore the person as you walk by? No one wants to be a sucker in these situations but at the same time Jesus' call to help the poor echoes in our hearts and minds. Servant or Sucker? Wise and Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor helps viewers discern appropriate, Christ-centered actions when it comes to addressing poverty on a personal or organizational level. Included are realities of poverty such as the concepts of time, relationships, money and values; a "poverty tour"; interviews with those who are homeless or poor; interviews with those who have helped and/or have been suckered; and steps viewers can take to be an effective servant without getting suckered.



A little about our guests for October . . .

Lyle Derrenbacher has worked with homeless and the poor for several years. He is currently a Case Worker for the PA Dept. of Welfare and manages a caseload of over 850 families. He also worked as a Housing Director for an 8 unit apartment complex that provided housing to people who were homeless because of mental health and/or drug/alcohol related issues and AIDS.

Our two visitors from Hot Metal Bridge are LuAnn Mudrak and Al Ferguson. LuAnn is the chair of their deacons board (or as they call them 'compassion ministers'). Before coming to Hot Metal, she had a lot of experience serving the homeless at her previous church as well. And Al Ferguson came to Hot Metal through their homeless ministry. He was living under a bridge near the church when he got to know the folks at Hot Metal because they were bringing him sandwiches every week. He got sober, got a job, and got his own apartment. Now he goes out with the homeless ministry to serve people who are still homeless. He was also baptized at the church recently. There is a documentary film about his story that you can watch online: <http://youtube/6nOoLoh9xhQ>.

## Older Adult Ministry



### October

We will be traveling on October 14<sup>th</sup> to YSU for a guided tour of the Melnick Medical Museum with Cassie Nespor, Curator. The museum houses thousands of medical artifacts consisting of instruments, equipment, and research materials documenting the history of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and nursing with a local focus. It also includes the 'iron lung' and the wooden X-ray machine.

A dutch treat at a local restaurant will follow the tour. If there is interest, we will stop at the Butler or the Family History Museum after lunch.

We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00am and return to the church mid-afternoon. Please call the church office to register for this event.

### November

Plans are being made for an "On the Road with Mitzi" church tour with lunch at a local restaurant. Details will be in the November Emphasis and in the church bulletins.

### December

We have 15 tickets for the Westminster College's "John Tesh \*Big Band Christmas Show" at 7:30pm on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:00pm to get to The Tavern for dinner prior to the show. You will be given a menu to pre-order. Cost for the show is \$31.50. Make your reservation and payment at the church office by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Extra News

Ron has accepted a call to be the Interim Pastor at Mt Jackson Church, which means we will be absent from worship services for awhile. We will, however, continue to be involved with the Older Adult Ministry here at 1<sup>st</sup> Church and look forward to sharing these events with you.



### Church Attendance for August

| 2010      |            | 2011 |            |
|-----------|------------|------|------------|
| 1st       | 150        | 7th  | 150        |
| 8th       | 125        | 14th | 105        |
| 15th      | 145        | 21st | 93         |
| 22nd      | 106        | 28th | <u>113</u> |
| 29th      | <u>120</u> |      | 461 (24%)  |
| 646 (25%) |            |      |            |

### Financial Giving News August 2011

#### Operations Budget

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1st Sunday                    | 4,496.94         |
| 2nd Sunday                    | 3,022.94         |
| 3rd Sunday                    | 1,740.94         |
| 4th Sunday                    | 3,681.03         |
| <b>Total for August</b>       | <b>12,941.85</b> |
| Budget for August             | 16,720.84        |
| Balance for August            | (3,778.99)       |
| <b>Total for Year to Date</b> | <b>26,411.06</b> |
| Budget for Year to Date       | 33,766.66        |
| Balance for Year to Date      | (7,355.60)       |

#### Mission Budget

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1st Sunday                    | 384.75           |
| 2nd Sunday                    | 840.25           |
| 3rd Sunday                    | 130.25           |
| 4th Sunday                    | 595.25           |
| <b>Total for August</b>       | <b>1,950.50</b>  |
| Budget for August             |                  |
| Balance for August            | 1,950.50         |
| <b>Total for Year to Date</b> | <b>19,456.90</b> |
| Budget for Year to Date       |                  |
| Balance for Year to Date      | 19,456.90        |



A Basket full of JOY @ First!  
Small groups fresh picked this fall just for you!

**Mary/Martha Circle**  
2nd Monday; 12-2 p.m.  
Bring a sack lunch.  
Enjoy fellowship while studying the Beatitudes.  
Desert included!



**PICK ONE:**  
**Adult Sunday Mornings**  
at 9:30 a.m.  
Bill's Bunch OR Discuss-In  
Classes combined Oct. 9-23  
Guest Host: L Derrenbacher  
& Hot Metal Bridge Visitors  
DVD Study:  
"SERVANT OR SUCKER?"



**Men's Fellowship Group**  
**Panera Bread**  
Bi-weekly on Wed.  
@ 7 a.m.

Hot Coffee & Hot Topics



**55 & Alive Seniors**  
Adult Fellowship  
Rally Day Picnic—Oct 2: 12-2  
Trip to Melnick Museum—Oct. 14; 10:30 a.m.  
Youngstown, OH

**Mom's On The Town**  
Date, Time & Place  
TBA  
Hostess: Cassie Nesper



**YoYo Sisterhood**  
Bible & YoYos  
Host: Deb Derrenbacher  
Meet at Deb's every other Thursday 7 p.m.  
Beg. Oct. 6



**Seraps**

Friday, 10/7 6PM  
Dinner @ Donna's Diner  
Order off menu



**Lonely Hearts Card making Class**  
Monthly Saturday a.m.  
at the church!  
Teacher: Linda Goodridge  
Learn how to make cards!  
Lift people up with your homemade love!



**Overview of the Bible: "Paul's letters"**  
Leader: Dr. Hink; Room 206  
Tuesdays @ 7 pm:  
10/18&25; 11/1,8,22 & 29  
Free Coffee, Tea & Heavenly Desserts

