

FPC SCROLL

the monthly newsletter of

First Presbyterian Church
4227 Broadway
Grove City, OH 43123

Rev. Robert R. Tolar, Jr., Pastor

Our Mission Statement:

“to know Christ and make Him known.”

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY - April 17TH
WORSHIP SERVICES
at 8:30 and 11:00am

On April 21, the church will host a Maundy Thursday meal and service. The meal will start promptly at 6:00pm followed by worship in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. If you would like to make a donation for the meal, the money will go to Stephen and Rachel Katterhenrich.



MAUNDY
Thursday

April 22 - **COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
Noon at St. John's Lutheran



On Easter morning (April 24) we will celebrate Jesus' Resurrection by "flowering the cross." A rough and barren cross will be placed in the sanctuary on April 21 (Maundy Thursday). As a sign of Jesus' power over death, on Easter Sunday we will cover the cross with flowers as a sign of new life! Each person is invited to bring spring flowers or greenery blooming in the yard. For those who have no flowers, some will be provided.

As you enter the sanctuary place your flower(s) on the cross. It will be a beautiful and powerful symbol of Christ's victory over death



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**May SCROLL
DEADLINE:
April 17, 2011**



*Join us for
EASTER BREAKFAST
at 9:45am, April 24
in the Fellowship Center.
Sponsored by the Deacons.*

Did You Know...

Lent is a 40 day period, excluding Sundays, during which Christians prepare themselves spiritually for the commemoration of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

Beginning in the second century, Christians would undergo a brief period of fasting and prayer in preparation for Good Friday and Easter. By the fourth century, the period had been extended to 40 days to coincide with the 40 days that Jesus fasted and prayed in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry (which coincided with the 40 days Moses and Elijah fasted in the Old Testament).

The season was originally called "the forty days" but later came to be called Lent - from the Old English, lengthen - a reference to the lengthening of the days that happens in the springtime.

It was common to fast from meat and dairy products during Lent, so on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday communities would cook all of their meat and dairy products, making pancakes and other elaborate meals. These parties became known as "carnivals" from the Latin carni vale - which means "farewell to meat." This also became known as mardi gras which comes from the French for "fat Tuesday" - an appropriate name because on that day everyone "pigged out!"

Lent was the season when Christian converts made their final preparation for receiving their baptism and first communion at the Easter vigil. It was also a time of repentance for those who had abandoned the faith during the persecutions.

The season is a time for more intense and intentional spiritual growth during which we remember the message, the life, the suffering and death of Christ.



***Bring a friend,
it promises to be an enjoyable
evening of hearing
God's Word and praising the
Lord (in a more relaxed
manner).***

You're invited to attend

a "Worship Celebration" being held on Sunday, May 1st at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Center. Many members have been anxiously awaiting this celebration as our "first" Contemporary Worship Service. This is the first opportunity for the entire congregation to envision (and discuss) this worship service in the life of FPC. Our thanks to the House Committee for installing the necessary video/audio equipment. Please bring a snack to share (just as we do on game night). Sponsored by the Worship Committee and Contemporary Service Sub-committee.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



**9:50-10:50am
Every Sunday
All ages**

April Sunday School Lessons:

B.I.G. Theme: The Tomb is Empty

B.I.G. Idea: We believe that the Resurrection lets us know that Jesus is always with us.

April's Bible Verse: "***It is true! The Lord has risen.***"

Luke 24:34, NIV

April 3 – Cleansing the Temple

April 10 – Washing Feet

April 17 – Palm Sunday and Holy Week

April 24 - Easter

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

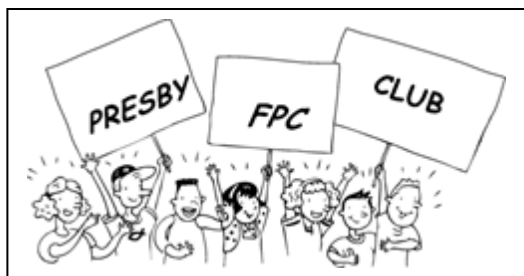


God's Kids

All Kids - K - 4th grade

Join us from 5-6:30pm on Sunday nights in room C3 for a Bible lesson, crafts, snacks, games and more. In April we will meet on April 10th and 17th.

Questions? Contact Raena at 226-4422, rwalstra@hotmail.com; or Diane at 871-1504, dcordle@wwilliams.com.



PRESBY CLUB

All kids, grades 5-8, are invited to join us from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Center on Sundays.

On April 10th, we'll meet at 3:00pm to clean up our "Adopt a Street." On April 17th we'll meet from 5-6:30pm in the FC at the church. If you have questions about Presby Club, please contact Joel Ellen or Mark Stewart at 871-7463; or by email at joelellen@columbus.rr.com.

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Thanks to Daniel Goodman (See Exodus 14)

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MOSES PARTS HIS HAIR



**The First Presbyterian Women of Grove City
Welcome all Ladies to our Annual Spring Tea.**

**This year's theme is
"Shades of Spring Tea"**

**April 30, 2011
10:30am to 1:30pm**



PRESBYTERIAN MENS' FELLOWSHIP

Men of First Presbyterian, come and join the PMF. The April breakfast and Bible study will be Saturday, April 9th, with the breakfast/meeting at 7:30am and study at 8:00. We hope you'll join us, **and invite a friend (member or non-member of FPC).**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Howard Turner (877-0863), Jack Smith (875-0526) or Randy Ross (875-0374).

Around Town from the Membership Committee

Nations Youth Baseball - Friday, April 15th at Windsor Park
Encampment - Friday to Sunday, April 29th to May 1st at Century Village at Fryer Park, 4185 Orders Road.

Rotary Golf Outing at the Pinnacle - Tuesday, May 3rd

For more information on these events go to

www.visitgrovecityoh.com

2011 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN SUMMARY AND PLEDGE ANALYSIS

The **2011 stewardship campaign** is summarized below. The summary is based on the pledge cards received and comparisons to results from previous years.

- Seventy-eight (78) pledges were received for 2011 compared to eighty-eight (88) for 2010.
- The average 2011 pledge is \$2,711 compared to \$2,665 in 2010. However, there were a number of pledges not fulfilled in 2010 that totaled \$22,798. Based on the actual amount received in 2010, the actual average pledge received was \$2,406.
- Total pledges equal \$211,458 for 2011 compared to \$234,544 in 2010
- When all is taken into consideration, we expect the church to receive \$10,329 less in 2011 compared to 2010.

The chart below summarizes the data above.

PLEDGES	2011	2010	Difference
Operating	\$166,631	\$188,362	(\$21,731)
Debt Retirement	\$44,827	\$46,182	(\$1,355)
Non-Pledged Income*	\$41,119	\$51,160	(\$10,041)
Subtotal	\$252,577	\$285,704	(\$33,127)
Unfulfilled Pledges**	N/A	(\$22,798)	\$22,798
Total	\$252,577	\$262,906	(\$10,329)

* 21.8% of our total income for 2010 came from non-pledging givers. This same % was used to calculate our expected non-pledged income for 2011.

** Unfulfilled pledges are pledges made for 2010 that were never received.

2011 BUDGET ESTMATE

The budget estimate for 2011 is \$340,302. For 2010 our total estimated budget was \$352,847. This results in an expected budget reduction of 3.5% for 2011.

A copy of the full budget is posted outside the church office. If you would like a copy or have any questions, please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee (Rick McKinney- 539-9454, Jeff Ledbetter- 871-0502 or Pam Schirner- 871-2387).

FROM THE DEACONS

NEED A RIDE...

To church or to a doctor's appointment? If so, the Deacons can help. Contact Karl Knight (740-852-0796, kathykarlk@msn.com) or Judy Linder (875-0824) to request a ride. If you are able to provide transportation for those in our congregation, please let Karl or Judy know.

ARE YOU ILL OR HOMEBOUND?

The Deacons request you contact them for any news of illnesses, injuries, or hospitalizations. Please call the church office (875-4322), Phil Holdren (614-875-2109) one of the Deacons.

HAVE A NEED?

If you have a need and the Deacons can help, call the church office (875-4322) or let one of the Deacons know.



Rachel and Stephen
Katterhenrich

Tonight I was reading Isaiah 49 and was really struck by verse 6. In it, the Lord says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." Wow! I knew that God's salvation was for everyone, but He says it so clearly here, and I love how He says it was just not enough to save one nation, but He intends to bring salvation to the ENDS of the earth. And I especially love that He allows people like us to be a part of it.

If saving a nation is a small thing for God, what else seems a small thing to Him? Lately the process of developing

partnerships that will help get us to Tanzania has seemed like a very big thing to me. In fact, it seems overwhelming and sometimes almost impossible. Churches have already set their budgets, the economy isn't so great, people are busy. But when I read Isaiah 49:6, I hear God saying, "It is too small to barely meet your needs, I will exceedingly meet them. It is too small to meet your financial needs, I will also meet your spiritual and emotional needs. It is too small..." What else is a small thing in God's eyes? When I read this, I am reassured that God will provide what we need to do this ministry.

It is not because we are such great people that I know God will provide, or that we're doing a good thing, or that it's a good cause. It is because it is what HE has called us to, and no matter how many times I do the wrong thing or how discouraged I may feel, He will carry out His plan. In the previous chapter of Isaiah, in verse 11, God says: "For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another." I can't wait to see how God displays His grace and His glory as He works in our lives and through this ministry!

-Rachel Katterhenrich

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world. ~Virgil A. Kraft



Hire a Venture Crew Scout

Need Help? Hire A Scout !!!!

Looking for help this spring? Cleaning up the yard, mulching the flower beds, planting that garden, spring cleanup, odd jobs?
We are the BSA Venture Crew 136 of Grove City. Our scouts are young men and women, age 14-17 looking for jobs to help pay for our upcoming trips. If you have a job that we can assist with, please call Crew Advisor Brian Peters (614-875-8459) or email (bptringvo@sbcglobal.net)

Quote of the Month:

"None is so empty of grace as he who thinks he is full." ~ Thomas Watson

Session Meeting Highlights for March 2011

(not available at time of Scroll printing)

SESSION

Session members represent the church body that they've been elected to serve. That's why the *Scroll* will list the name, telephone number, and specific committee of Session members in every issue. Church members are encouraged to contact church elders to share questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Clerk of Session	Howard Turner	877-0963	House	Kirk Bohanan	871-4635
Christian Ed	Sherry Kuehnle	877-9501	House	Mark Stewart	871-7463
Christian Ed	Phyllis Gibbs	871-2300	House	Bill Seaton	761-1713
Christian Ed	Diane Cordle	871-1504	Stewardship/Nominating		
Membership	Julia Scholl	539-1492		Rick McKinney	539-9454
Membership	Chris Stein	878-2782	Stewardship/Nominating		
Membership	Denise Stuckert	563-5405		Jeff Ledbetter	871-0502
Worship	Grace Marcum	877-2427	Stewardship/Nominating		
Worship	Todd Miller	871-2789		Pam Schirner	871-2387
Worship	Betty Lawless	875-2238			

DEACON'S OUTREACH

The following persons are serving as Deacons:

Bob Schirner*	871-2387
Roxanne Bullock	875-7011
Karl Knight	740-852-0796
Bill Niles	539-9954
Barbara Holbrook	871-9179
Ruth Rossi	875-7488
Susan Sellars	539-0867
Wendy Shear	875-3549
Phil Holdren	875-2109
Judy Linder	875-0823
Debbie Wilson	875-7325
Keith Larsen	875-6225

* Deacon Moderator

PW BOARD

JUNE 2010-2011

Moderator

Debra Niles 539-9954

Vice-Moderator

Helen Huntington 539-9853

Secretary – to be determined

Treasurer

Gwen Miller 875-2477

Missions

Katharine Knight 740/852-0796

Moderator - Faith Circle

Susan Renick 871-1824

Moderator - Peace Circle

Debbie Wilson 875-7325

Active Christian Transforming Society

The second annual ACTS in Grove City will be held on Saturday June 11th.

This year we will only be working one day.

Later in the summer, tentative date is August 13th,

ACTS will hold a Single Parent Fun Day.

Please put the dates on your calendar and be looking for more upcoming information.

If you have questions that just can't wait, please contact Randy Ross (875-0374).



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| 04/01 Hannah Stewart | 04/10 Betty Faris |
| 04/02 Billy Bell | Mindy Stout |
| Lee Warner | 04/12 Mike Brode |
| 04/03 Dave Sprow | Erica Gibbs |
| 04/04 Seth Gerkin | Michelle Gibbs |
| Murray Watkins | 04/18 Erin Chaffin |
| 04/05 Jim Habermehl | 04/20 Katharine Knight |
| Pat Laderer | 04/21 Bonnie Sauls |
| Kelley Reisling | 04/23 Elise Bovard |
| Brian Stuckert | Amy Russell |
| 04/06 Betty Edwards | 04/24 Kris Camp |
| Frank Patrick | 04/25 Jonathon Wobbrock |
| 04/07 Stephanie Fair | 04/26 Sue Watkins |
| Doris Leibrock | 04/27 Jenna Lawless |
| Bob Lewis | Bill Moore |
| 04/09 David Egger | Lucia Murray |
| Kate Ferguson | 04/28 Eric Smith |
| Bill Niles | 04/29 Carrie Bishop |
| Sue Smith | 04/30 Noah Mills |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- April 2nd
Helen & Franz Huntington
- April 6th
Carolyn & Lou Weiczorek
- April 7th
Wanda & Lowell Shope
- April 14th
Teresa & Harry Long
- April 17th
Annie & Joe Gans
- April 24th
Julia & Mark Scholl
- April 19th
Laura & Joe Lawless



... to Debbie and Paul Alexeeff on the death of Debbie's father, George Serafini.



Friday, April 15th
Time : 7:00 pm - you drop
Place : Fellowship Center

Come join us for the **Second Craft Night...** Bring whatever craft or project you would like to work on and just don't seem to have uninterrupted time to do: Scrapbooking, a card Stamper, make blankets for the Vet's Center Project or do other crafty projects. Just **bring your own supplies**, tables will be provided. If interested **bring a finger food type of snack to share.**

Come **enjoy good company**, see what others are working on, get ideas, **have fun**, and **make progress** on your own project!

This event is **open to all**, but there will be no childcare. Should you have any questions, talk to either Sarah Mulvany (871-9234) or Susan Renick (871-1824). RSVP to reserve a table so we know how many to have the set up.

Hope to see you there!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday - 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:50 a.m.

As | see it... (By Pastor Robert)

On that frosty morning the sound echoed off the mountain across the valley. Just moments earlier, the six of us did not want to place our warm lips on those cold brass instruments! When we did, the valley was filled with sounds of four-part harmony playing the music to the hymn of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." It was Easter Sunday morning. The church brass ensemble agreed to lead the music for the Easter Sunrise worship service beginning at 6:45 am. As usual, most of the people attending arrived around 6:44 am! As the sounds of brass and voice filled the valley, it made me wonder what Mary must have heard when she went to Jesus' empty grave. Did she hear neighborhood musicians playing in the distance, birds singing or did she experience silence? As you continue your journey to Easter Sunday, ask God to open your ears to the sounds of Easter. What is God trying to have you hear? Open your ears. You might be surprised what you hear!

In Christ, *Pastor Robert*

Sharing resources, changing lives



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

When is the offering received?

The offering for One Great Hour of Sharing will be received on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with One Great Hour of Sharing on the memo line.

EASTER FLOWERS



It's time to order flowers for Easter. Ordering flowers for the sanctuary is a nice way to remember or honor loved ones as well as enhance the beauty of our sanctuary.

The cost of each plant is listed on the form below which you should use to place your order. Please attach payment to the order form. Checks should be made payable to: First Presbyterian Church of Grove City. Return the completed form to any Deacon or place it in the offering plate. If you have

questions, please contact Bill Niles (539-9954).



LAST DAY TO ORDER is April 10, 2011



(Please Print)

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Number of Easter Lilies @ \$4.90 per plant _____

Number of Double Tulips @ \$4.10 per plant _____

Number of Hyacinths @ \$4.10 per plant _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

() I wish to keep the plant(s).

() I would like the Deacons to distribute the plant(s) to shut-ins.

