

In the Life of the Church February 19, 2012



Welcome to The First Presbyterian Church of Sparta. Please be sure to sign the attendance pad located at either end of the pews. If you're visiting us for the first time, please complete the Visitor's Card and place in the collection plate.

Receivers for the hearing-impaired are available from the ushers.

Please silence your cell phones.

FAMILY ALTAR: Let us remember those who are hospitalized, ill, recuperating or otherwise in need of prayer support: Cathy Lloyd (Rath's daughter), Marilyn R. & her sister Carol, E.H., H.L., John R., Louise R., Kirk L., Laura D., Wendy D., Edward N., Ginny, Gene P., John P., Maria R., Jessica R., Dave M., Susan O., Joanne B., Walter, Peter, Michael, Andrew, Stephen, Chris, Mike, Ernie B., & Toni K.

Prayers of sympathy for Maria Rath and family; her sister, Lillian Genardi, passed away Tuesday February 14th.

If you have added someone on the Family Altar, please update the Church office so that we may keep our prayer list current. Unless we are notified otherwise, names will be placed on the Family Altar for three consecutive weeks.

Remember to pray Psalm 91 for our military men and women.

For immediate prayer concerns contact our Prayer Vine at www.fpcsparta.org or call Ginny @ 973-827-9459.

FEBRUARY 26TH 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastoral Candidate preaching. The service will be followed with a congregational meeting and a special coffee hour. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Programs that morning. Please join us!

You should have received information about Rev. Sileo. If not, additional brochures are available in the pew racks.

HANDBELLS

Handbells will be resuming rehearsals on Monday, March 5th in the Music room at 7:30 pm. We are eager to welcome new ringers, so if you have been thinking about joining, please come! If you have any questions, please call Nancy Claus at 973-729-3647.

Calendar of this Week

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 19, 2012</u>
8:30 am	Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 am	Coffee Time – Community Rooms
9:40 am	Sunday School & Adult Studies
10:50 am	Worship – Sanctuary
4:15 pm	JAM – Pehrson Hall
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 20, 2012 President's Day (Office closed)</u>
7:00 pm	Worship & Sacraments – Pastor Bob's Office
7:00 pm	God's Word Bible Study – Upper Room 1
7:00 pm	Youth Bible Study – Simmons Home
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 21, 2012</u>
10:30 am	Staff Meeting – Community Room
6:30 pm	Bad Girls of the Bible – Church Parlor
6:30 pm	Worship Team - Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Tuesday Night Men's Study - Library
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 22, 2012 Ash Wednesday</u>
7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 23, 2012</u>
6:30 pm	Media & Tech Council Meeting – Youth Office
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir – Music Room
7:30 pm	Small Group Study - Library

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 26, 2012
9:30 am	Worship – Sanctuary
10:30 am	Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
11:00 am	Coffee Time – Community Rooms
5:15 pm	Senior High Fellowship - Annex

**AA meets every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 pm
& Monday Morning at 8:00 am**

2012 CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be printing our new directory soon. If there are any changes in your address or household members, **please let the Church Office know as soon as possible.** If you wish not to be listed in our directory, please let us know. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Adult Program Options:

9:40-10:40 am

The Wisdom of the Lord

Led by Pastor Bob; Meeting in Pehrson Hall

Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. I Corinthians 1: 24b

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom Psalm 111:10

We are a culture that prides itself in our intellectual genius. Has there ever been a culture more advanced in knowledge? Yet the behavior of so many is in direct contradiction to that level of expertise that is exalted. Are we as wise as we are smart? What is the difference? Throughout scripture, the wisdom of God is something to be desired above all else. What is the wisdom of God? Through this study we will look at wisdom as seen in scripture. Four great books of wisdom, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs/Solomon, will be studied for the pearls of wisdom they contain. These books receive less attention than most of the rest of scripture. Maybe that is why there is a shortage of the profound wisdom they contain.

2/19 – *How to make love to your spouse?* **The Song of Songs/Solomon – wisdom for romantic love**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Meeting in the **Prayer Rooms**. Our topic: We know that God hears all prayers, but are some prayers more effective than others? Please join us. For more info contact Debby Ormsby, dbormsby@gmail.com, or 973-670-3302.

BANNER DESIGN

Meeting upstairs in the Annex

The Banner Design class is working on Lenten Banners.

BOOK OF HEBREW

The Hebrews class will continue with the study of the Book of Hebrew and sidestep at the same time to study the Early Christian Church leading up to the Council at Nicea and the adoption of the Nicene Creed, why it is important & what it means. We will follow the conflict of the relationship of God and Jesus that even rages today. Meets in the Library.

LIFE ISSUES CLASS

We will end our study of the book by Philip Gulley entitled If the Church were Christian. The discussion will center around topics such as: It Would Care More About Love and Less About Sex, and This Life Would Be More Important Than the Afterlife.

This is an open forum discussion class where all are welcome. We meet in the Church Parlor.

DURING THE WEEK ADULT STUDY CLASSES

Mon. Night Study: God’s Word Bible Study at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room 1. Contact Margaret (729-6197) for more info.



Tuesday Night Men’s Study: 7:30 pm in the Library. Contact Doug Ellsworth (dkells@ptd.net, 729-4472) or Bob Felten (bobfelten@gmail.com, 973-670-1985) for info.

Wednesday Night Women’s Bible Study: 7:30 pm in the Library. We are reading & discussing Andy Stanley’s “Enemies of the Heart: Breaking Free from Four Emotions That Control You”. Andy examines how *four enemies of the heart* (guilt, anger, greed & jealousy) can infiltrate our lives and damage our relationships. Contact Kathy Vincelette (973-222-0290) for more information.

Thurs. Evening Small Group: 7:30 pm in the Library. This is a small co-ed study that meets every other Thursday. Our next meeting is March 1st. Our focus is spiritual growth, sharing/prayer time and fellowship by discussing different Biblical topics. Contact Tony Bacchetta (tony@askcai.com).

RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage already? The semi-annual PW Rummage Sale will be held this year from April 15th through April 21st. Drop off days will be Sunday, April 15th from noon to 6 pm and Monday April 16th from 9 am to 6 pm. PW has decided to put the Rummage Sale on a bit of a diet. Due to the great cost of disposing of unsold, heavy items, we are **NO LONGER ACCEPTING** the following items: **FURNITURE, TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, ELECTRONICS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT & BABY CAR SEATS.**

We will continue to need clothing, shoes, bags, small appliances (coffee makers, crockpots, and the like), household items and Rummage Plus (decorative items, new or designer things.)

The Rummage Sale will continue to benefit the needy of Sussex County with its normal Wednesday Give-A-Way Day. All funds raised by the sale of items will be used for mission work in the county or where need is great around the world.

ANY SOLDIER

We are always in need of funds for postage. If you would like to donate for that cause make your checks payable to "FPC", use Special Offering Envelope in the pew rack and indicate "Any Soldier" on memo line. Thank you for your continued support. Check the Any Soldier Bulletin Board near the Community Room for new letters and pictures from our soldiers. Leo McLaughlin



YOUTH NEWS

JAM CLUB (K – 8TH GRADE)

Sunday 2/19 – JAM - 4:15 – 6:00 pm

For more information please contact Dave Barone (information below).

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday 2/26--Senior High Fellowship 5:15 – 7:00 pm

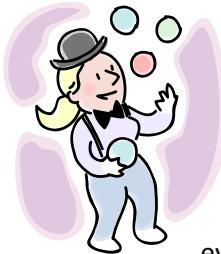
For more information about any of our Youth activities contact David Barone, 973-896-4104 or youth@fpcsparta.org or Bob Forrester, beforr@earthlink.net, or 973-809-0119. Please also visit www.fpcsparta.org or the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta Facebook Page.

SENIOR HIGH COFFEE HOUSE & TALENT SHOW

March 3, 2012; 7:00 – 10:00 pm

The Senior High Youth will be hosting a Coffee House and Church Wide Talent Show as a fund raiser for special future youth group events.

If you or a friend of yours has a talent to perform for us this night, please contact Dave Barone (973-896-4104 or youth@fpcsparta.org). We are looking for talent from people of all ages from our church and our community. The Youth will be serving a selection of hot beverages and yummy deserts throughout the evening. Last year was a huge success! Everyone is welcome!



CHRISTIAN SEDER DINNER SERVICE

April 5, 2012 at 6:00 pm in Pehrson Hall

LIMITED SEATING – RESERVATIONS ONLY!

Last date to register: MARCH 17, 2012

Please complete & return in collection plate.

Christian Seder Dinner Service:

Name and Number Attending: _____

(Couples only)

Please check if you would like to be a table 'momma & poppa'. _____

(one person per table)

Please check if you would like to be a table server. _____

Phone Number Please: _____

Nursery Needed? Yes____ No____

Number of Children & Ages: _____