



# THE CARILLON

Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church

April, 2011

*A Congregation of The Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### **God Is Doing It Again!**

I just came from visiting our preschool classes, and thought to myself that the message I gave them is great for you to hear too. Spring is coming! God is doing it again, awakening the earth by His marvelous creative and re-creative power. The crocus is blooming and the forsythia is just about to pop! Tulips and daffodils are showing the green! It's a most glorious thing!

I took each class a short twig off of a forsythia bush and told them I had brought them flowers. A few of the students gave me that "you're crazy" look, and denied my gift was flowers, which of course led right in to an explanation that wrapped up in all of the swelling buds, was a beautiful yellow flower that every spring is among the first signs that "spring is sprung!" That brought some cheers even from the little ones.

Every year about this time, God awakens the earth, the trees, the forsythia, to life again! As the buds swell and the flowers and leaves break forth, we see God doing it again—speaking forth from all the He has made that He is God, ruling over all that He has made.

Sadly, we often miss this glorious display of God's sovereign power. Or, it is explained to be the outcome of "mother nature's" work. Let's not let the secular pundit and weather folk have the last word on this. Rather, God is doing it again—God is speaking forth His majesty and His rule! Every season and every day the order of creation speaks to we creatures of the Creator!

The Bible reminds us of this truth: *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.* (Psalm 19:1-4)

The Apostle Paul also wrote powerful words regarding the testimony of what God has made: *For what can be known about God is plain to them. For his invisible attributes, names, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.* (Romans 1:19-20)

So if God seems distant and removed from where you live, look around. 'Tis the season when God shouts through what He has made to say to us that He is still present. He is still in charge, still ruling and governing over our lives. Don't let the beauty of this season pass you by. Don't let it go on without your notice. Be sure to show it to the children and tell them what God is doing so that they might begin to learn the truth about Who is involved, watching over and directing human life, not only when the flowers bloom, but also when the earth shakes.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR (CONT'D)

*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though  
the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be  
moved into the heart of the sea,  
though the waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.  
God is in the midst of her;  
God will help her when morning dawns.* Psalm 46:1-3,5

Thanking God for the testimony of Spring!  
--Pastor Jim



## WORLD OUTREACH

### **From Chris Whiting - CHAT (Church Hill Activities and Tutoring) in Richmond, VA**

CHAT celebrated its 9th birthday on February 21st by renting out the roller skating rink at the Roller Dome, a favorite destination for their youth. Altogether, they had about 75 youth and 25 adults out to roller skate.

CHAT also held their 4th annual "I Have A Dream" Event. This event is held every February for the purpose of giving their students an opportunity to share their dreams and gifts in front of a crowd of volunteers, staff, and supporters.

Please pray for the CHAT staff as they endeavor to open homes, transform lives and rebuild communities through academic and life skills tutoring and activities in the Richmond area. To learn more about CHAT, go to their website at <http://www.chatrichmond.org/>.

### **Meet Ashley Bommarito, our newest Missionary serving with DiscipleMakers**

God demonstrated His great love for us by choosing us before we knew Him and gifting us with His Holy Spirit despite our inability to ever deserve it! Because God first loved us, we can image Him by pouring ourselves into others' lives, pursuing them and building relationships with them in the name of Christ so that they, too, may come to know Him personally. This is exactly what DiscipleMakers missionaries have been getting to do on our campuses throughout the year, and as a result we know of at least 16 students who have made the decision to follow Christ during the fall semester, praise God!

Praise God for all the opportunities He's given me to share the gospel with people and for the support He's bringing in! In Janu-ary alone, He brought in 15% of new support for my ministry with DiscipleMakers! Would you pray that I continue to work diligently unto God?

Praise God for the students who continue to sign up for our Men's and Women's Conferences held in March & April, respectively. Would you continue praying for this time, which is set aside from regular coursework to study God's Word, so that we may discover more of who He has created us to be?

# OEPC YOUTH

## Highlights from the Report from Timothy Ricci to the Session of Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church March 2011

**Senior High:** The Winter retreat at Camp Men-O-Lan with New Life Glenside and New Life Dresher was last month (Feb 25-27). It was a great weekend with a total of 100 people! Our speaker, Ken Buck, spoke on the topic of "Taking Hold of the Life that is Truly Life", a theme based on 1 Timothy 6:10. He spent the weekend taking about four questions: 1.) Who are you? 2.) Why are you? 3.) Whose are you? 4.) How are you to live? Ken really brought the gospel to bear upon the hearts and lives of our students. Many of our students were encouraged in the faith and some were challenged. The weekend was filled with worship, games, small group discussions, laughter and a couple of tasteful pranks. Our students really enjoyed the weekend and we were disappointed that the weekend had to end. Next year Ken Buck would like to have Ashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Sr. High retreat with us.

Sr High will end on June 15 and Summer Youth Group will begin July 6. Next month, I should be able to give you details on what most of our Summer will look like.

**Pepper:** We have been seeing some new students coming to Pepper! I had a few hundred postcards made that I have been giving to our students to pass out to their friends and new people have been coming! Two weeks ago we had 22 students at Pepper. Last week, we had 14 and that's with quite a few missing because of a play at the middle school. Please keep Pepper in prayer; specifically pray that many of the new students who come out will keep on coming back and that the Lord brings many more. We are not about numbers, however, it is my desire to see all the Jr. and Sr. High students in Oreland come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Pepper will end on June 3.

**Sr. High Sunday School:** We have been running the SH Sunday School as a Seekers class. It has been a blessing going through the scriptures with our students and discussing the great doctrines of the Reformed faith. Ultimately our students will have a chance to pursue membership at the conclusion of the class. John Hines and I have a few more details to iron out so next month I can give you a calendar for when we would like to see Elder interviews held and when we would like to see our SH students received into membership.

## Junior High Happenings:

(Pepper - every Friday night - 5:30PM to 7PM)

- ◆ **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011:** "OEPC Youth Ministry-A Safe Haven" with Rachel Jungkind
- ◆ **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** "Jesus' Death" with Tim Ricci
- ◆ **April 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** The Revolve Tour in Reading, PA (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
(Sorry guys, this is a girls only trip)
- ◆ **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** "The Resurrection" with Lee Ann Dahme
- ◆ **April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011:** No Pepper (Good Friday)
- ◆ **April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** "Saying No to Drugs and Yes to Christ" with Andy Coleman

## Senior High Stuff:

(Senior High - every Wednesday - 6:30PM to 9PM)

- ◆ **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** Senior High Hang-Out Night!
- ◆ **April 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** The Revolve Tour in Reading, PA (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)-Sorry guys, this is a girls only trip.
- ◆ **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** Special Speaker: Elbert Saddler
- ◆ **April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** "It's Impossible for God to Lie to You" with Tim Ricci
- ◆ **April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** No Senior High

**Please Note:** From March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> the Senior High will be eating in the fellowship hall @ 6:30PM to take part in the dinner portion of OEPC's annual Lenten "Soup for the Soul".

## Attention All Youth

Mark your calendars: **Junior and Senior High** Summer Camp is August 1st-5th, 2011. We'll be attending Student Life Camp at the Tuscarora Conference Center in Mt. Bethel, PA.

The theme is **DEVOTED**

# CHURCH FAMILY



## THANK YOU FROM KATHY MISNER:

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers from the Deacons but especially for your prayers and words of comfort at my father's recent passing. Your prayers are certainly felt as my mother and my family begin a new time in life without our loved one.

## THANK YOU TO ANN BRAY:

If you have not yet seen the Shepherd painting that Ann Bray painted and donated to OEPC, please stop by the Fellowship Hall by the door to the kitchen, where it is displayed. Thank you, Ann!



We extend Christian sympathy to:

- ♦ Mary Ellen Wolford and family on the death of her son-in-law, Gary Smith.
- ♦ Ruth Weber and family on the death of her husband, Jack Weber. Jack and Ruth have been members since 1961.
- ♦ Janine Hall and family on the death of Janine's sister-in-law.
- ♦ George and Donna Hemphill and family on the death of George's sister.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Edith Bessey, Ed & Katrina Borzelleca and families, Bob Cox, Grace Engler, Dot Everett, Charlie Halsted, Harriet Harner, Glenn Maurer, Alice McNally, Andy McAuley, Sr., Hal Miller, Mary Millinghausen, Nat Rogers, Jane Schaller, Rick & Maureen Small, Betty Thompson, Ruth Weber



## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

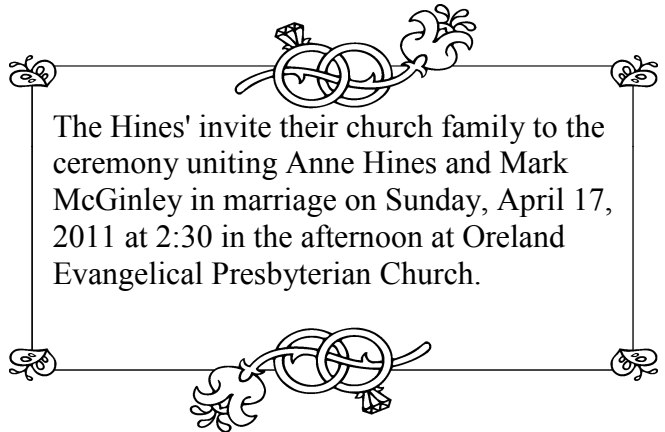
Matt Seydel graduated from the Montgomery County Police Academy on March 2. This qualifies him to take the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission Test which is required to become a police officer. Matt is currently employed by the Abington Police Department as a Community Service Officer. Matt will be attending the New Jersey Police Academy in Cape May Court House prior to his seasonal employment as a police officer in North Wildwood

Welcome to the New Baby!



## Congratulations to:

- ♦ Dan and Elaine Miller on the birth of their grandson, Jackson David Elseroad, who was born on February 22, and weighed in at 6 lbs 8 oz.
- ♦ Tedd and Emily Lodes and family on the birth of Ian Walsh Lodes who was born on March 12 and weighed in at 8 lbs 15 oz. Gregg and Anne Marie Lodes are the blessed grandparents.
- ♦ Les, Connie and Eleanor Brown on the birth of their granddaughter and great granddaughter, Julia Grace Goodlett, who was born on March 12 and weighed in at 6 lbs 9 oz.



The Hines' invite their church family to the ceremony uniting Anne Hines and Mark McGinley in marriage on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 2:30 in the afternoon at Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

# OEPC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## **AMBASSADORS**

*"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God"*

2 Corinthians 5:20

The faithful Ambassadors at OEPC invite you to join them when they call on a first time visitor to our church. Please pray about serving God in this way and contact Donna Major at 610.306.0816, if you feel God is calling you to this ministry.

## **NURSERY CARE**

Praise the Lord that our nursery is growing in regular attendance. Please contact Carol Esterhai at 215.646.0671 to serve in the nursery during Worship Service times.

## **CHURCH OPENERS AND CLOSERS**

Church openers and closers open the church doors before services and lock up after the services each Sunday. Servants are on a rotating schedule and are usually only required to serve 6 to 7 times a year. Contact Kathy James at 215.233.4532 regarding this service opportunity.

## **GREETERS**

Whether you have just joined OEPC or have been a member for years, this is a great way to get to know more people. Please call Ann Bray at 215.393.5424 to serve in this ministry.

## **SHEPHERING MINISTRY**

Previously or presently serving elders and deacons: Please prayerfully consider joining the shepherding ministry. We are in need of one elder and two deacons to serve our congregation in this prayer/service ministry. The Shepherding Ministry Team is also looking for a few congregational members that would like to assist in the oversight of our congregation. Please contact Fran Raggi at 215.884.7180.

## **OEPC HANDY HELPER**

Are you handy with tools? Do you "fix" things around your house? OEPC needs volunteers who can help with small repairs around the church on an as-needed basis. If you are available to serve, please contact Rich Maienshein or call the church office.

## **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...Join one or more of OEPC's worship music groups.

### **Practice Schedule**

Handbell - Thursdays at 6:00PM

Worship Choir - Thursdays at 7:30PM

Handchime - Fridays at 4:30PM (Children, 3rd Grade and up)

### **Youth Choir for girls in grades 7-12**

Ruth Hart, mother of Laura Raggi, directs this choir that rehearses at Glenside Bible Church twice a month. The choir sings contemporary Christian music. If interested, please contact Laura Raggi at 215.885.4623. Transportation from OEPC to rehearsals is available.

### **Worship Band**

Do you play an instrument and want to use it to praise God and enhance the worship services at OEPC? Please contact Beth Jenkins. All ages and instruments are welcome!

## **GENUARDI'S ESCRIP PROGRAM**

If you shop at Genuardi's and own a Genuardi's Club Card, Genuardi's will contribute up to 3% of your monthly purchases to the organization of your choice. Instructions for signing up for the eScrip program can be found in the information racks at each sanctuary entrance.

## **SHARE A RIDE TO CHURCH**

The Deacons are working out the details of a "Share a Ride To Church" program. If you are in need of transportation or would be willing to provide transportation to church events on an as-needed basis, please contact the church office at 215.887.7002.

## **CHRISTIAN CARE AND SERVICE**

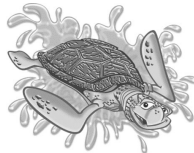
### **"CARD CARING MINISTRY"**

There is a basket at each sanctuary entrance containing cards and updated lists with suggested card recipients. Birthday cards and a Birthday list have been added to the baskets. You will bless someone's heart with your thoughtfulness.

# LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



VBS 2011  
July 18 – 22  
8:30AM-12:00N



**Want to...hear the waves? See the seagulls? Touch the sand? Feel the warmth from the light of the Son?** Then you need to mark your calendars for July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, and head to ***SonSurf Beach Bash!***

VBS 2011 is based on John 14:6 – “*Jesus answered, ‘I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’*” We will teach the children who Jesus is, why they can trust Jesus, why they need Jesus, how Jesus can help when they ‘mess up,’ and what Jesus wants them to do.

Help us to lead the children to Jesus by offering to serve. Please make VBS a part of your life this year.

**Offer to serve** in a classroom, crafts, Rec, nursery, or the kitchen. **As of March 20, we still need 2 Third Grade teachers, 2 Fifth Grade teachers and 1 or 2 Recreation directors.** I promise that it will be a rewarding experience for you, and will change your life. Even if you have never served at VBS before, you are welcome. Even if you cannot commit to the entire week, VBS needs you. Child care will be provided for servants. Offer to serve by registering on-line as a servant at [www.orelandpres.org/vbs](http://www.orelandpres.org/vbs) and clicking on “sign up to serve here,” or by contacting Denise McAuley at [denisemcauley@verizon.net](mailto:denisemcauley@verizon.net) or at 215.233.4521.

**Decorating Supplies Needed:** Surfboards, small sea kayak, beach umbrellas, artificial palm trees, beach chairs/chaises, inflatable beach items (floats, rings, etc.), seashells, starfish, etc., Woody station wagon (yes, I am serious). If you have any items to lend/donate, please contact Denise. Thank you!

## **GLENSIDE NEW LIFE FOOD CUPBOARD ONGOING COLLECTION**

The Discipleship Ministry Team collects food items on the first Sunday of each month for the Glenside New Life Presbyterian Church food cupboard. Please put your donations in the bins at each church entrance. Canned meats, baby food/formula, peanut butter, canned fruit and boxed goods are especially appreciated. Also appreciated are paper grocery bags.

## **WHOSOEVER GOSPEL MISSION COLLECTION TRAILER**

Cleaning house...reorganizing closets/storage spaces? Bring your gently used household items and clothing to the trailer in the parking lot by the CE building. Donations deposited into this trailer go to the Whosoever Gospel Mission’s thrift shops. You may also call the thrift shop at 215.438.2094 between 12:30-3PM, Monday-Friday to schedule a pick up of larger furniture items. They do not accept donations of computers or computer parts or accessories and please no books except for children’s books.

## **Whosoever Gospel Mission - Tutoring**

OEPC will be providing tutoring opportunities at Whosoever Gospel Mission, working with men in the program. Needs include helping with reading, writing, grammar and/or math. Contact Sandra Allen at 215.542.5989 for more information.

## **Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission**

Supplies listed below, new or in good condition, are collected for an ongoing effort to help the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission carry on their work with men in need. A bin is available in the Paper Mill church entrance for needed supplies, which include: Men's underwear, white socks, t-shirts (M-2X), linens (twin sheets, pillowcases, towels), soap, tooth brushes, razors, shaving cream, non-perishable food items, used eye glasses.

## **ALPHA PREGNANCY - ONGOING COLLECTION**

Alpha Pregnancy Services is a unique organization that offers help and hope to women and families facing pregnancy or related concerns. Their professional staff, made up of Registered Nurses and Social Workers, provide services that empower women with knowledge about their bodies and all the choices that are available to them. *All services are provided free*, without discrimination against anyone because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, handicap, or familial or marital status. Bins are available in the Paper Mill and CE building church entrances for needed baby supplies (0-3 month sized sleepers and onesies, receiving blankets, baby bottles and baby shampoo).

# OEPC NEWS AND EVENTS

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 18-22**

**Register your children today!** VBS is being offered to children entering Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade (in September 2011). Classroom sizes will be limited, so make sure that you register your children, grandchildren, and/or other family members today so they will not miss this fabulous week. Tell your friends and neighbors to register their children today, as well. Register children at [www.orelandpres.org/vbs](http://www.orelandpres.org/vbs) and click on "register your kids here."



**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOMED ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17.**

## **SR. FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY, April 19, 12 NOON**

Gather in the church Fellowship Hall for good food and Christian fellowship. Entertainment is provided by the Lukens German Band playing Sousa-style music. Come tap your toes with us!

## **SR. FELLOWSHIP SPRING TRIP**

**TUESDAY, May 17**

There are a few seats open for the trip to Hunterdon Hills Dinner Theater. Call today!

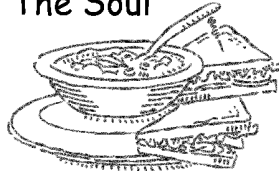
For reservations, call Mary A. Hershey at 215.793.4019 or Stan Tippet at 215.643.2871.

## **SOUP FOR THE SOUL**

**MARCH 9 - APRIL 13**

"Soup for the Soul" is a weekly gathering of the congregation at the Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church for a time of study, reflection, and fellowship during the season leading up to Easter. It is held on Wednesday evenings, begins with a soup supper at 6:30 PM, and includes a study time at 7:15 PM, ends by 8:00PM. Children are welcome. Families eat together. Child care is provided during the study time.

Lenten  
Soup For  
The Soul



**"Repentance Leading to Life"** is the title of this year's Lenten "Soup for the Soul" study, which also happens to be the title of Chapter 15 of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

## **FREE FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE**

**AMISH GRACE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 7:00PM**

Gather in Fellowship Hall for Pizza and refreshments at 7PM followed by the movie at 7:15PM. Childcare provided.

## **VESPERS @ ORELAND DINNER**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 5:30PM**

**WITH WHOSOEVER GOSPEL MISSION**

Once again we are celebrating our ongoing relationship with Whosoever Gospel Mission on May 1st when men from the mission will be joining us at the vesper service and for dinner before. The dinner before the service will begin with pizza and salads starting at 5:30 and followed by desserts. Then an inspirational vesper service at 6:30PM filled with music and sharing the Gospel.

The OEPC members attending can help out by bringing either salad or dessert to serve 10-12:

- ◆ Last names beginning A-M can bring salads
- ◆ Last names beginning N-Z can bring desserts

The fall celebration was quite memorable and, if you missed that service, you **MUST** try to attend this one.

## **MEN'S RETREAT**

**APRIL 29-MAY 1**

**RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY APRIL 15**

Join your fellow brothers at Spruce Lake Retreat & Conference Center for an uplifting weekend of encouragement, Christian fellowship and spiritual growth. Jeff Stark, a Christian Counselor and teacher, will share his experience in leading men to Christ through his ministry.

For reservations and information:

Larry Godley

215.233.2079, [larrygodley@verizon.net](mailto:larrygodley@verizon.net)

Bruce Clydesdale

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## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### SPRING CLASSES (CYCLE 5)

**March 27 - May 1 at 8:45AM**

#### New Members Class

**Led by Pastor Jim**

If you are looking for a new church home and have been visiting with the Oreland congregation, please join the Spring new members class, which meets in the **Library** on **Sunday, March 27, April 3 & April 10** during the Christian Education hour.

#### Who Goes There?

##### A Cultural History of Heaven and Hell

**Led by Rebecca Price Janney in Fellowship Hall**

While it is comforting to suppose that everyone who's "good" goes to Heaven when they die, which our culture promotes, and only those who are among the worst of us don't, on what is that hope based? Rebecca Price Janney will use her book, *Who Goes There?* as the basis for this class.

The Adult Education Committee will be making copies of the book available to purchase. Although reading it would be helpful, it is not required.

#### Micah

**Led by Bob Eppley in Room 107**

The Old Testament book of Micah contains some verses that are frequently quoted and familiar to many (Micah 5:2 and Micah 6:8 ). It also contains verses that have been difficult for Christians throughout the life of the Church to understand and apply. With reliance upon several Bible Scholars, some living and some who lived many years ago, we will study this prophetic book together. Our commitment in this class is to allow the message of the book of Micah to speak with power and strengthen our understanding and commitment, to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

#### The Gospel Centered Life

**Led by Beth Burgess In Room 104**

This new small group style course is intended to help Christians understand how the gospel shapes every aspect of life and conduct. Colossians 1:6 says that the gospel is "continually bearing fruit and increasing" in and among us, even after we first believe it.

#### Bible Fellowship Group

**Led by Nick and Marilyn Furcola in Room 105**

This is an open forum type discussion group covering a wide variety of topics from the Bible. The only material which will be used will be God's Word, the Bible, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN ED. CONT'D

**Easter Sunday, April 24**

**A Program of Testimony and Singing**

**Led by Alan Griffith in Fellowship Hall**

This traditional gathering has always been a favorite at OEPC. We will be uplifted as persons share their testimonies of what the Lord has done in their lives.

## STEWARDSHIP

### **Stewardship of Time – Mission Opportunities**

- ◆ Glenside New Life Food Cupboard
- ◆ Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission
- ◆ Vacation Bible School 2011
- ◆ Whosoever Gospel Mission
- ◆ Alpha Pregnancy

For more information on these service opportunities, see Service Opportunities on page 4 and Local Mission opportunities on page 5 of this Carillon or pick up the **OEPC Service Opportunities/Local Mission Opportunities** tri-fold in the wall-mounted church information racks at each sanctuary entrance.

### **Financial Stewardship – Faith Based Giving**

For over forty-five years we have depended on God to supply our needs through faith based giving. We know that God is forever faithful to be our rock and refuge in the time of need. We continue to be blessed as a church with faithful and generous members who have given sacrificially to glorify God and further his work here and in the world.

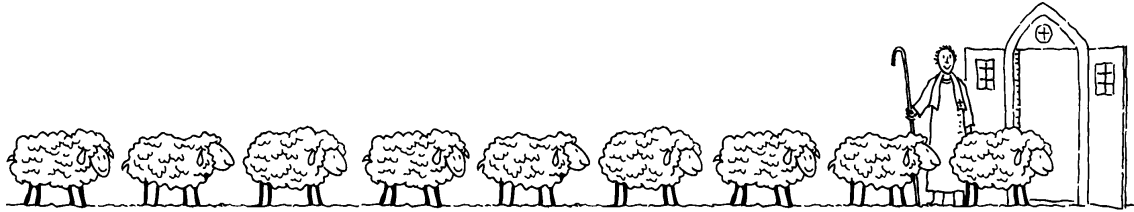
#### Money is a Trust (from the October 2010 Layman)

James 1:17 reminds us that "every good and perfect gift comes from above" and Ephesians 1: 3 declares "Praise be to the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Matthew 7: 11 declares that God gives good gifts to His children.

Our role is then to be a trustee, a manager, a steward of all that God entrusts to us. The parable of the talents in Matthew 25: 14-30 deals with the question of faithful and unfaithful stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to His people.

Ultimately the question is whether we live unto ourselves or unto God. Paul declares in Romans 14: 7-8 that "none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Are you genuinely living to God in the area of your finances and accumulated wealth or are you living as if when you die your legacy will be primarily material and not primarily spiritual?

## SHEPHERDING UPDATE



It has been seven months since our Shepherding Teams began to reach out to each member of our Congregation. As Shepherds it has been a wonderful experience to get to know our "sheep". We are beginning to see our prayers bear fruit. Folks have been returning to worship, sometimes on Sunday mornings and sometimes attending Vespers @ OEPC. Members of the Nominating Committee smile when asked how their work is proceeding! On a more personal level, it has been a pleasure to begin to get to know people that either we didn't know, or, only knew to say hello to! Have we been able to speak to or contact everyone? No, but we are trying! If you are reading this and have not spoken with your Shepherd, please let one of us know. We will be glad to help you connect.

All of our Shepherds occasionally meet together for instruction, discussion, encouragement and prayer. The last gathering took place at the end of January and we were pleased to spend the morning with Dr. Tim Witmer. You may recall he has written the book,

The Shepherd Leader. Tim continued to encourage us and provide meaningful guidance. Each Shepherd has also been given the book, Helping Those Who Hurt, by Barbara Roberts. Our thanks to the Board of Deacons for their recommendation.

The Deacons Discipleship Team has presented an idea for Shepherds and their Flocks to meet together and become better acquainted. Several Saturday evening dinners are being planned so that three or four flocks can meet together in Fellowship Hall. The Deacons will provide a pasta dinner and salad and the flocks will provide dessert. After the meal there will be a time of discussion for the Sheep. Care will be provided for our littlest Lambs and planned activities for our older lambs! Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you for your patience with all of us as we learn to be better Shepherds. We know God will continue to strengthen us as we care for you!

Fran Raggi, Doug Lieberman, Nancy Chestek, Janet Seydel and Janet Anderson

## FROM JANIE BREY, OEP PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



April is always a refreshing month at school. Signs of spring are truly beginning to appear and with them, symbols of the joys of Easter time. Each year I send home a paper about how parents can make their own resurrection eggs. It is a well known fact that children learn especially quickly when they have a concrete item to help them visualize. Even though the children are young, the eggs are concrete and have a similar affect that an advent calendar does. The eggs pique the children's interest, and it provides food for thought. I also send out a jelly bean poem that begins, "Red is for the blood He gave, Green is for the Grass He made..." These are opportunities to direct the families to eternal things. Pray with me that God will use them in the lives of the children as well as their families. Thank you!

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011**  
WORSHIP 8:30 & 11:00AM  
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM  
VESPERS @ ORELAND 6:30PM  
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011**  
WORSHIP 8:30 & 11:00AM  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011**  
WORSHIP 8:30 & 11:00AM  
PALM SUNDAY  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM  
VESPERS @ ORELAND CANCELLED

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011**  
WORSHIP 7:30PM  
LENTEN SKETCHES (CANTATA) PART 1

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011**  
WORSHIP 1:00PM & 7:30PM  
LENTEN SKETCHES (CANTATA) PART 2

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2011**  
WORSHIP 8:30 & 11:00AM  
EASTER SUNDAY  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM

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