

# VISIONS



# March 2011

Once again, spring is here. I don't know about you, but I had my doubts about if I would ever see spring again after the winter we just had! So much snow, so many dark and dreary days, and so much cold! I know, I know—March can be bad too! But, there is no doubting that spring is on her way. Trees are budding, plants are beginning to emerge from the ground, and our clocks are about to spring forward. There is no stopping it now, winter is over, spring is on her way.

Just this past Sunday, when we got home from church I quickly changed into my gardening clothes and got outside. It was late in the afternoon and I knew that I only had a few hours of daylight left. I had been wanting to get out in the garden all week—to rake out the flower beds and create more space and room around the bulbs that were just beginning to come up. I spent the next few hours digging in the dirt, clearing away dead branches and cutting back a few plants that were damaged by the heavy snow that sat on them for so long this winter. It felt wonderful to be outside again, to get some fresh air, and to get rid of the vestiges of winter in my garden. Getting rid of the old and making space for the new is always very exciting!

That is the season we are also in as a church, making space for the new. This month, after long last, our new church website will be launched!!!! We are envisioning new ministries, and re-engaging in mission and outreach. Our youth group is getting ready for their summer mission trip, launching some fun and exciting fundraisers along the way. Next week we begin the season of Lent, a time for renewal of faith—reflection on who we are and what we are about. **Clearing the cobwebs out of our souls and making room for something new to blossom and bloom.**

So, the question is, what are you interested in having bloom and grow in your soul or in your life this spring? A new relationship, a deeper relationship with God, a job, a renewed sense of confidence, the letting go of things that are old and tired—taking on a new sense of joy? What are you looking for? Lent is a great time to reprioritize, renew, and remake yourself. As Christians we know that we do this from the inside out—starting with our souls. That is what Lent is for—creating something new. I want to encourage you to renew your commitments, to yourself, to God, to this community during Lent...see you in church!

Peace,

Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

## Worship During Lent

Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM—*Ash Wednesday* Worship service. Designed and led by Seminary Interns Kori and Henry!

Sundays in Lent, 10AM—*Weekly Worship*—Strength for the Journey of Renewal

Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>—*Palm Sunday* Worship with the Procession of the Palms

Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>—*Maundy Thursday* Tenebrae Worship with Communion

Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>—*Good Friday* Worship with Communion

Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>—*Easter Sunday* Worship!

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## *March Worship*

Mar 6<sup>th</sup>: **Transfiguration of the Lord**

Sacrament: Communion

Scripture: Exodus 24: 12-18 &  
Matthew 17: 1-19

Sermon: "Blinded by the Light"

Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: **Ash Wednesday**

Sacrament: Communion

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 1-12, Psalm 51,  
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 &  
2 Cor 5: 20b-6:10

Sermon: "Signs of Renewal for Lent"

Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – **First Sunday in Lent/Blanket Sunday  
Daylight Savings (spring forward)**

**Kori Phillips Preaching**

Scripture: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7 &  
Matthew 4: 1-11

Sermon: "Led by the Spirit"

Mar 20<sup>th</sup>: **Second Sunday in Lent**

Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-4a &  
John 3: 1-17

Sermon: "Watch Out You Might be  
Next!"

Mar 27<sup>th</sup>: **Third Sunday in Lent**

Guest Preacher—Pastor Shannan away  
on study leave

## *Daylight Savings Time*

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** clocks spring ahead.

### *Dollars Destroying the Deficit!*

If every WAPC member gave an additional \$1/day all year—we would eliminate 100% of the church deficit! We would have more funds for mission & ministry. Put your \$ in the DDD envelope found in your pew rack and then the offering plate each week.

## *Lenten Bible Study*

### **WHAT DO YOU DO WITH ROME?**

Being a Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:

A Lenten Bible Study

Please join Seminarian Intern Henry Coates as he leads a Bible study on the Book of First Peter on March 20, 27, and April 3 after worship (meet in the lounge). First Peter, although often overlooked, contains within it truths and wisdom vital to an understanding of how to live as a witness to Christ in a diverse, pluralistic society. As we reflect together during this Lenten season let us turn to Jesus, and pore over the text of First Peter as we seek to deepen in our spiritual formation as Christians and continue forward on our walk with Jesus. Come, join Henry for a great time together this Lent!

RSVP to the Church Office by March 18<sup>th</sup> to let Henry know you are coming: [wapc@verizon.net](mailto:wapc@verizon.net) or 908-755-2781. Please see Henry if you have any questions. See you there!!!

## *Save The Date*

Every year the five Presbyterian congregations in Plainfield/North Plainfield come together for worship on the first Sunday in May. This year we will be doing something different. Instead of just worship, we will be having a day-long festival of worship, food, and fellowship. **Our event this year will run from 10am-4pm on Sunday May 1 at the United/Nuevas Fronteras Church in Plainfield.** There is no cost for the day and free childcare is available. After lunch our churches will come together for Anti-Racism Training, a type of activity where we learn about various cultures, and how as Christians we live in ways that lift up the God-given humanity of each of us. There will be a special track for our youth groups to work together.

Lead Anti-Racism trainer for the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. David Bowie of Atlanta will be with us as well as Rev. Mark Koenig, Director of the PC(USA) Office at the United Nations in NYC. We are honored to have both David and Mark with us, and expect this to be a transformative day for all five of our congregations! **Put the day on your calendar now, and plan to be with us as we build God's beloved community together!!!!**

## A Winter Psalm

by E.R.Estevez

"Winter undoubtedly stirs up conversation. There are the blizzards, the ice, fallen trees, slippery paths, forecasts and possible delays and closures. Even for someone like me who genuinely enjoys a good snowfall and the rhythm of the seasons, winter can still take some getting used to. Winter is characterized by shorter days, by cold temperatures, and precipitation that literally sticks around. You may enjoy all of this. If, however, you are one of those longing for sunny days and warm breezes, or are pining for home, which is especially distant at this time, then perhaps the winter season is an apt metaphor for Psalm 42.

Here the Psalmist is "pouring out the soul," or as the Hebrew can translate "soul,": pouring out one's emotions, breath, life. Literally, the Psalmist has been "poured out," marking it with tears which have served as "food day and night." The soul is "downcast" and "disquieted" or "disturbed." "Why have you [God] forgotten me?" the Psalmist queries.

You know this. In some deep way, you know this wintry mix of cold and darkness in your own life, and your own "pouring out of the soul." You are spent, empty, tired. You feel isolated, disconnected. All around you, your "enemies" jeer—people who feel threatened by you or who have yet to welcome you; there are the failures at your feet, the disastrous program, the loss of income, unmet expectations, the work that overwhelms and the injustices that anger; critical funds have been pulled, relationships have broken, faith falters, the kingdom of God seems, not at hand, but certainly far off.

A choice soon approaches, like the moistened air just before a snowfall. You know you cannot live on this way. You make a choice to believe--if only out of a desperate need and not some noble ability on your part. You choose to believe that God, the One whose very presence connects all living things, the One who has called you, sustains you just as all creation is sustained, *this* One, is good. You realize that as cliché as it can sound, or as poster-perfect but intellectually unsatisfying it can be, believing that God is good is like gathering around a warm fire on a long, winter's night.

There, even in the darkness, God is present, at work. "Deep calls to deep." Beneath the frozen ground, there is life anew, blossoming and approaching. There, in the darkness, you will receive your strength. And from there, you will offer your life's song to others. Amen."

Edwin R. Estevez

## *Out Of Office*

**March 24-29, 2011**

Pastor Shannan will be out of the office for Continuing Education. Rev. Rob Martin at Crescent Avenue is on call for pastoral care emergencies, 908-756-2468.

## *March Presbytery Meeting*

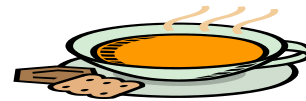
Pastor Shannan is preaching at the March 24, 2011 meeting of Elizabeth Presbytery. The worship service is at the beginning of the meeting which is being held at Third-Elizabeth Church. If you are interested in attending, please let the church office know!

## *Circle Of Grace*

Circle of Grace will meet **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Colleen Parlman. **Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Dot Fenz.

## *Circle Of Hope*

Circle of Hope will meet **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30pm, at the home of Cathy Lyttle.



## *Soup-A-Thon*

Sunday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** @ 12 Noon, Parish Hall  
Enjoy a variety of soups and dessert too! Tickets are \$ 6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 & under.

If you would like to donate a soup, call Estelle at 908-756-2077. If you would like to donate a dessert call Peggy 908-668-0051 or Faye 908-755-8413.

Get your appetite ready and join us for great food and a great time.



## *Pancake Dinner*

### *Youth Group Mission Trip Fundraiser*

Tuesday, **March 8, 7pm**

Shrove Tuesday supper for the family.

Tickets \$7 adults, kids \$5(10 & under) on sale during coffee hour! Don't come by yourself, bring all your friends and neighbors too!

## *Hearts, Hands & Stitches* *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of WAPC now has a name. We are "Hearts, Hands & Stitches." Our members feel that this name reflects who we are and what we do. The ministry continues to meet monthly. We stitch at our meetings and on our own time to create comforting shawls. Our Spring meetings are scheduled as follows:

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**, at the home of Fran Young  
**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, at the home of Cathy Boleyn  
**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**, at the home of Gwyn Gronlund

All evening meetings are held from 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm. We have a time of quiet, prayerful stitching, plan our projects, and have refreshments, of course. All are welcome to join. We hope to plan a Sunday afternoon knitting/crochet session this Spring—date to be announced.

You may speak to Gwyn Gronlund for more information (908) 754-1251

## *Youth Group*

### **Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Youth Selling tickets after worship during coffee hour for the Pancake Dinner on March 8<sup>th</sup> to benefit the youth mission trip

### **Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pancake Dinner for Shrove Tuesday at the Church. 7pm. To benefit the youth mission trip. Youth/families there at 6pm for set up. Organizer of this event is Sue Durick. Please RSVP to Sue to let her know you are helping out. Bring friends and family!!!! Start to spread the word!

### **Sundays March 13/27**

Regular Sundays for youth group after worship

### **Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser at the church to support the youth mission trip. Save the date, more info coming soon. Organizer of this event is Rachel Weissenburger. If you have items/ideas for silent auction, please start letting Rachel know now!!!!

### **Thank You!**

To everyone who helped out with Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday and also with selling chocolates for Valentine's Day. The youth made nearly \$300 to send along to the local North Plainfield Food Bank (FISH) on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday and we made about \$450 towards our mission trip selling candy and hot chocolate. The youth at Crescent Avenue also sold out and more chocolates, etc. are

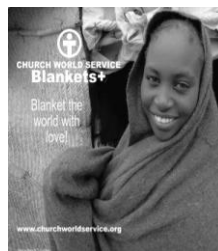
on their way for us to sell again in March to continue supporting our trip!

### **Mission Trip**

June 26 through July 1 to Stony Point NY(see flyer)

## *Blanket Sunday*

Blanket Sunday is on **March 13<sup>th</sup>** Help us serve others and blanket the world with love....Church World Service will again be collecting money for \$5 blankets that are distributed in areas of most need mostly to those fleeing their homes because of violence and in areas struck by natural disaster. New Orleans received thousands and thousands of blankets after the disaster there.



Blankets are used to carry children, food and other possessions; as blankets, and as roofs in makeshift houses. As everything else increases in price the cost of a blanket is still \$5. Please be as generous as you are able. Offering envelopes will be in the pews on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations are welcome anytime. **Please write your check to CWS.**

## *One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering*

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering begins on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking the offering as a congregation on **Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>**. You can follow along with stories about the offering that will be presented in worship and in the bulletin on March 20<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please use the One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in your offering envelopes box or you may use the envelope that will be in your bulletin in worship on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The children will receive their materials on March 13<sup>th</sup> (caring calendar and Fish Coin Box). This offering goes to support three essential mission projects of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): **Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.** More information about the offering can be found at [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs)





## Easter Plants

We are creating a Spring Garden for **Easter Sunday Worship, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. This is a beautiful way to remember and honor loved ones! Look for order form in April Newsletter and March Bulletins.

## *Dinner & Silent Auction*

Silent Auction Fund Raiser for Mission Trip  
WAPC and CAPC are hosting a Silent Auction Dinner on **April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Plan to join us for a fun evening with friends. Youth Group will be selling tickets shortly so be sure to join us for a fun evening.

Do you have time, experience or talent to donate? We are looking for donations from you for the Silent Auction. All funds raised will go to the Youth Group Mission trip this summer.

If you have something to donate, email Rachel at [rachelmarjine@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelmarjine@yahoo.com).

A sampling of our Silent Auction Items so far:

Pastor Shannan: free wedding service

Juan Ocampo: Original painting

Cathy Boylen: Famous carrot cake

Rachel Weissenburger: Facepainting at your next party

Jake Watters: 2 hours of yard work or babysitting

## *Mission Opportunities*

If you would like to help out with a new local mission, we will be partnering with Crescent Avenue on the third Thursday of each month to serve meals at the Plainfield YMCA shelter. You can be a cook (who prepares food ahead of time and drops it off), a server, a helper, or all three! This is a great way for families to participate in mission together. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Joel Stamaugh Elder Chair of our Mission Committee.

## *Women's Craft Group*

Bring your scrapbooking, knitting, or other projects and come enjoy each other's company, plus get a break from your busy week. We meet on Friday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 PM - sometimes in the church library and sometimes at someone's house. We even go on field trips occasionally! Come join us whenever you can – just call Gwyn Gronlund (908-754-1251) or Marilyn Cortright (home: 908-753-2859, cell: 908-295-4754) to find out where we will be meeting that week!

## *Thank You*

To our WAPC Family and Friends, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cards, telephone calls and visits during our recovery period after the car accident. Your caring and support helped us through a very difficult time. A very special thank you to Shannan for her messages of comfort and her many contacts with us during that whole period of time. God Bless you All

With our Love,

Dorothy and Harry Hooker

To Hearts, Hands & Stitches, we thank you so much for the wonderful Prayer Shawl and Scarf you made with love for both of us. They are beautiful and very warm. We sincerely appreciate your concern and support.

With our Love,

Dorothy and Harry Hooker

To all my friends at WAPC, thank you all for your get well messages, visits and telephone calls after my recent surgery this past November. Your support meant so much and helped greatly during my recuperation. Also a very big Thank You to Shannan for being with me at the hospital that morning before the surgery and praying with Dot and I. Thank you all again

With Love, Harry Hooker

## *PW Spring Retreat*

All the women of our church are invited to a joint retreat at Stony Point Conference center in Rockland county, NY with the women of Crescent Avenue and Fanwood Presbyterian on Friday, May 6 through Saturday, May 7. Rev. Beth Anderson-Domer and Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo will lead us in Bible Study and discussion.

We will be staying at the Gilmore Sloane House; Victorian mansion built in 1856, and will enjoy three healthy meals cooked from scratch for us by the excellent Stony Point Chefs. The conference center is a beautiful setting for meditation and prayer time. Perhaps you might enjoy a walk through their outdoor labyrinth and Japanese Peace Garden.

Please contact the office to make your reservation. A \$30 deposit is required. The remaining fee of \$85 may be paid in April.

## *Flowers For The Sanctuary*

There are many opportunities to provide flowers for the sanctuary this spring. **The 2011 Flower Chart** is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Please sign the chart for the Sunday of your choice and complete all required information on the signup sheet. It is the responsibility of the donor to contact a florist (or bring flowers from your garden)

If you do not have a florist, **Gray's**, Rte. 22, in Watchung has been a good source (908 757-0400). If you want Grays' to deliver, make sure you instruct them to do so.

**Leslie Hansen** is also interested in doing flower arrangements; she may be called at 908 604-0337. Leslie will place your flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning when she comes for choir.

Gail Smith, PW Flower Chairperson  
(908-753-1249)

## *Thank You*

On January 5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Hernandez had appendix surgery to remove her ruptured appendix. My family and I would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers and phone calls. Thank God the surgery went well for us and Jennifer is recovered now. We also want to thank each and every one of you who sent us dinner each day. It was so wonderful to have a hot meal after a long day in the hospital with Jennifer. They were all delicious and were extra help for our family since I was so tired I couldn't find time to take care of the rest of my family while worrying about Jennifer in the hospital. You made us feel so special. God Bless.

--Sandra Hernandez and Family

## *Eco-Tips To Care for God's Creation*

- **Transportation:** 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than turning the engine on and off (NJDEP). Turn your engine off when you are sitting for more than 10 seconds, especially near children and in urban areas where pollution levels are already high.
- **Transportation:** The U.S. is responsible for 45% of the world's total global warming pollution from vehicles (Environmental Defense). Purchasing a fuelefficient car is one of the most effective environmental choices you can make. When it comes time to purchase a vehicle, aim for one that is rated at 36 miles per gallon or higher: <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/>
- **Transportation:** \$6,251: Amount the average two-worker household saves annually by taking public transportation instead of driving a car (Source: Environmental Defense). Have you checked out the mass transit routes near your home, and do you use mass transit as often as possible? Where mass transit is infeasible try other sustainable methods of transportation: walking, riding a bike or carpooling.

## *Did You Know!*

**The Bereavement Hospitality Committee** was set up by Dot Fenz in 1996, to be of assistance to members of the church at the time of a death in the family. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate an informal luncheon or dessert to be served in the Parish Hall following a funeral or memorial service. Members of the committee set up, serve and cleanup in addition to supplying coffee, tea and dessert. The family of the deceased is responsible for the main course and paper products. If in need of this service or you would like to serve on this committee, please call Faye Steinau.

## *Prayer List*

- Prayers of healing for the family of *Roy DeVoe* who was murdered last week in Bridgewater. A good friend of the Boleyn Family.
- Prayers of healing for *Andy Lake*, recovering from surgery.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for the *Gronlund family*, on the passing of Bruce's mother and aunt.
- Prayers of peace for those who live in the Middle East and for the PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers who serve in these places.
- Prayers of healing for *Tim Cortright*, recovering from surgery.
- Prayers of healing for *Bob Hildebrandt*.
- Prayers of healing for *George & Colleen Parliman*.
- Prayers of healing for the *City of Plainfield* and for the end of gun violence.
- *Amanda Lake*, prayers of strength and courage.
- *Alberta Vosburgh*, at Arbor Glenn Continuing Care, Rm. 636.
- *Helen Miller, Ellwood Whitely & Joan Brown*, at home.
- *Henry Coates and Kori Phillips*, Our Seminary Interns.
- *Edwin Estevez, Jr.*, our Seminarian.

## *March Birthdays*

Dot Fenz	2-Mar
David Hansen	3-Mar
John Langan, Jr.	5-Mar
Kirsten Beck	6-Mar
Robin Savage	6-Mar
Julia Lake	7-Mar
Kelly Burke	7-Mar
Patrick Slattery	8-Mar
Donald Miller	9-Mar
Dianne Ledder	11-Mar
Miles Falck	12-Mar
Fran Young	13-Mar
John Kendall	14-Mar
Rachel Kendall	15-Mar
Erika Gerhard	18-Mar
Dorothy Blain	20-Mar
Susan Bunnell	21-Mar
David Hooker	22-Mar
Isobel Green	26-Mar
Alice Lester	28-Mar
Lorraine MacNamara	28-Mar
Beverly Krausse	31-Mar
Colleen Parliman	31-Mar

## *April Birthdays*

Peg Bunnell	1-Apr
Tom Bradley	1-Apr
Erika Marano	2-Apr
Donna Weiss	2-Apr
Richard Kennedy	3-Apr
Sarah Ledder	3-Apr
Doug Boleyn	4-Apr
Tracy Young	6-Apr
Sam Newman	6-Apr
Caren Strasko	9-Apr
Corey Downey	11-Apr
Sally Stagg	11-Apr
Tim Cortright	13-Apr
Estelle Kennedy	13-Apr
Brianna Burke	20-Apr
Steve Imperato	22-Apr
Harry Hooker	24-Apr
Kurt Hoppe	29-Apr
Jacqueline Slattery	29-Apr

## ***Worship Services & Regular Meetings***

### ***Regular Sunday Schedule:***

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
10:20 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

### ***Weekly***

Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m. in Lounge  
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.-Lounge

### ***Monthly***

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy Communion  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday FISH (Food Bank) Collection  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Healing Service  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Session meets at 7:30 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Trustee's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Youth Group 11:30-1p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Breakfast  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday CHATS - 7:15 p.m. in Library

### ***Key Cards***

We have a new policy for replacement of key cards. Due to the cost of the cards we will need to collect a fee of \$10.00 for replacement of lost key cards.

## ***WAPC Schedule of Regular Events***

### **Sunday Schedule:**

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship  
10:20 am Church School  
10:55 am Coffee/Fellowship  
7-9 pm Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey  
Parish Hall

### **Monday Schedule**

8:15 am Head Start  
2:30 pm ASP  
7:15 pm CHATS (4th Monday)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Parish Hall

### **Tuesday Schedule**

8:15 am Head Start  
9:30 am WIC (Tuesday)  
2:30 pm ASP  
7-10 pm Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey  
Parish Hall & classroom

### **Wednesday Schedule**

8:15 am Head Start  
10:00 am Bible Study  
2:30 pm ASP  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday Schedule**

8:15 am Head Start  
2:30 pm ASP  
7:30 pm Bible Study

### **Friday Schedule**

8:15 am Head Start  
2:30 pm ASP  
6-8 pm Girl Scouts Parish Hall

### **Saturday Schedule**

9-11 am Heritage Choir Parish Hall  
7-10 pm - Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey  
Parish Hall & classroom

Pastor: *Shannan Vance-Ocampo*

Pastor Emeritus: *Brooks Smith*

Student Pastors: Henry Coates & Kori Phillips

Director of Music: *Sam Chapin*

WAPC After School Program – 908-755-8202

ASP Director: *James Winston*

Visions Editor: *Kathleen Golmont*

***PANCAKE DINNER  
FUNDRAISER  
MARCH 8, 2011***

*7PM @ Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church  
Parish Hall*

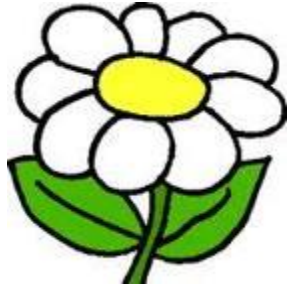
All proceeds to support the combined youth group mission trip in June 2011 to the Stony Point Center, one of three national conference centers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our youth will be participating in a building project at Stony Point Center and also learning about youth and young adult initiatives around peacemaking between Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE  
FOR SALE AT THE  
CHURCH OFFICES OR AT  
THE DOOR.**

**Adults: \$7  
Children: \$5**

***Advance  
Tickets  
Recommended***








# MARCH 2011 CHURCH SCHOOL and ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN @ WAPC



*We have some great activities this March, see you at church school as we learn about God,  
grow in our faith, and have fun!!!*

	Sunday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday    March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday March 13 <sup>th</sup>  Don't forget to spring forward!  	Sunday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday March 27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Bible Lesson and Teacher</b>	<i>Matthew 17: 1-19</i> Jennifer and Walter Rodriguez	<b>7PM</b>  <b>Pancake Dinner to Support the Youth Group.</b> <b>Adults \$7</b> <b>Kids \$5</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>  <b>We will be using the candles the children made on March 6<sup>th</sup> to light our worship service.</b>	<i>Matthew 4: 1-11</i>	<i>John 3: 1-17</i> Teacher Needed	<i>John 4: 5-42</i> Walter and Jennifer Rodriguez
<b>Activity Information</b>	Making Prayer Candles to be used in Ash Wednesday Worship	<b>Lots of fun, pancakes, and sausages! YUM!</b>  <b>See you there!!!</b>	<b>Pick up your child's candles after worship!!!</b>	Craft Sunday with Rachel!	Learning about Questions for Jesus and How we Answer Them!	Learning about the Samaritans and Celebrating our God-given differences!
<b>Special Information</b>	Don't forget to get your tickets after church for the Pancake Dinner on Tuesday!			<b>Parents:</b> Don't forget to pick up your children's Lenten Devotional Calendars and One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Boxes!	<b>Parents:</b> If you missed picking up your children's Lent packet, please pick one up!	How is Lent going at home for your family! Enjoy your family Lent calendar, your new spiritual practices as a family!

## Upcoming peacemaking and mission conferences

The Global Peacemaking/Mission Committee wants you to be aware of the following events. We are offering 100% registration scholarships to anyone connected to our Presbytery who would like to attend any of these conferences.

Participants would still then be responsible for costs of lodging/travel. To apply for scholarships, please be in touch with Rev. Chris Belden at [chrisbelden@verizon.net](mailto:chrisbelden@verizon.net)

### BIG TENT EVENT

June 30-July 2, 2011

Indianapolis, Indiana

[gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/big-tent](http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/big-tent)

Registration Fee: \$285

Join thousands of Presbyterians for nine national conferences in one place!

- Youth Clergywomen
- Immigration &
- Racial/Ethnic Ministry
- World Mission
- Evangelism and Church Growth
- Healthy Ministry
- National Elders
- Multicultural Church Peacemaking
- Communicators

**Programs for Children, Youth, and Young Adults!!!!**



### ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS



March 25-28, 2011—Washington D.C.

[advocacydays.org](http://advocacydays.org)

[gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/washington/](http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/washington/)

Registration Fee: \$175

**Development, Security, and Economic Justice: What's Gender Got To Do With It?**

Come learn on a variety of tracks: *Latin America, Africa, Asia-Pacific, Middle East, Domestic, Eco-Justice, Economics, Peace and Global Security*. Features a lobby day on Capital Hill and the Presbyterian luncheon. Engaging speakers, partnerships with other ecumenical leaders. Also this year, come a day early and celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the PC(USA) Washington Office with extra free seminars for Presbyterians-only and a dinner cruise on the Potomac with PC(USA) leadership!



### CONVOCATION OF PEACEMAKERS

April 7-9, 2011—Stony Point Conference Center (NY)

[presbypeacefellowship.org/convocation2011](http://presbypeacefellowship.org/convocation2011)

Registration Fee: \$230

**This is not a normal conference**, but a **working meeting** for peacemakers from across the church to plan together for effective advocacy and action. We will also employ Open-Space Technology and Anti-Racism training throughout the conference as we focus on four areas led by expert leaders:

- Colombia Accompaniment
- Israel/Palestine
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Becoming a "Peace-Church"



# Summer 2011 Youth Group Mission Trip

## June 26-July 1, 2011

### Stony Point, New York

Co-led by Pastor Shannan (Watchung Avenue) and Pastor Rob (Crescent Avenue)

Join the youth of Watchung Avenue and Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Churches for our Summer 2011 Mission Trip. We'll be going to Stony Point, NY to help with the building of a new arts building for the Stony Point Center, one of only three national conference centers of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In the evenings we will have the opportunity engage in Bible Study with the Community of Living Traditions—an interfaith (Jewish, Christian, Muslim) young adult ministry group that resides at the Stony Point Center and is committed to nonviolence. Together with them we will learn about the common roots of our faith and how together we can be agents of peace in the world.

We are very excited about this trip that will offer the youth of our congregations the opportunity to do physical and spiritual work as we build up ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ!

### **Cost \$600/participant**

Each participant is asked to contribute \$200 towards the cost of the trip, to fully participate to help fundraise towards our trip, and our two congregations will help with the rest. *Scholarships are available—see Pastor Shannan*



Register via the WAPC office with your \$100 deposit made out to "Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church". Note "youth mission trip" in the memo line. Please register ASAP