



VISIONS February 2012

Something New In 2012!!!

SECOND SUNDAYS

February 12 & March 11

Worship in the Evening *instead* of the Morning!

4PM Worship

5PM Potluck Family Dinner (bring something to share)

Church School & Childcare at the same time as Worship

All are welcome!

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Many of you have been asking about the itinerary for my trip to Colombia this month, especially after Juan shared in worship last Sunday that I'm going somewhere dangerous and people need to pray for me! I promise, I'm not taking any unnecessary risks! I want to come back home to New Jersey!!!

As you know, I serve on the board for the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and my assignment for that is to supervise our relationship with the [Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia](#) (known by its acronym of IPC) and our [Accompaniment Program](#). We have a staff person, Rev. Linda Eastwood who is based in Chicago who oversees much of the day-to-day work this entails. Linda and I are co-leading a delegation for the Peace Fellowship, taking 8 Presbyterians from around the United States to Colombia for a ten-day delegation (I'm leaving the delegation a day and a half early to be home in time for worship on Feb. 12th).

We will be visiting two of the three presbyteries that make up the IPC. One of them is the Urubá Presbytery which is in the border area of Colombia and Panama in the Northwest corner of the country. The Urubá region has been embattled for over a century, mostly over the banana and plantain plantations, labor issues, and land grabs. This is also the skinniest part of Colombia near Panama and the site of a proposed second canal, a project which has never happened, but increased the pressure on the region. The church in this part of the country is under great threat, and the congregations in that region need our accompaniment and our support so that they can continue the ministry they feel called to in the midst of great violence, lawlessness, and unrest. We will also be visiting the congregations in the capital city of Bogotá, as well as some human rights groups, and the United States Embassy to talk with them about our concerns as US citizens and Presbyterians about the challenges our sisters and brothers in Christ face. We always visit the Embassy and the Embassy is always very helpful. They have told us that the Presbyterians visit them the most. You know that saying about the squeaky wheel....



Map of Colombia. Find the town of "Turbo" in the Northwest corner, that's where I'll be going, along with the capital of Bogotá in the middle of the country.

The most fascinating thing to me about the IPC is that they exist in a country of great violence where nearly everyone has a gun, and has the history of too many things being settled by violent

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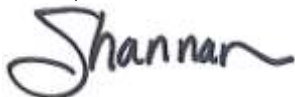
acts large and small. Yet the IPC has staked out a very unusual position in their country: they are 100% committed to being a nonviolent witness because of their faith in Jesus Christ. This is stunning because this is so counter-cultural in their context. But they are committed to their faith and witness in a way we are oftentimes afraid to emulate here in the United States. So our delegation will be learning about nonviolence from a Christian perspective and thinking about what this means for us. We'll be visiting congregations, joining them for worship, and visiting their mission sites. Rev. Mamie Broadhurst who many of you met this summer when she and her husband, Rev. Richard Williams led us in worship in July and who we support as [PC\(USA\) Mission Co-Workers in Colombia](#) will also be with us on the delegation to provide leadership.

So, if you want to keep up with what we are doing, I must tell you that it will be a little bit difficult. We are planning to write blog posts to be posted online and a reporter is travelling with us from the national [Presbyterian News Services](#) who will write stories about the trip and the ministry of the IPC. But most of those articles won't go up until we get back. I promise I'll host an evening when I get return to show photos and tell stories of what the church in Colombia is up to. It is always a gift and a blessing to be in contact with our global church partners and see what sort of mission and work God in Jesus Christ is calling the larger church to in other parts of the world and how we can learn from each other! Trips like these also re-energize my spirit and faith, renewal I need to nurture.

Thank you so much to everyone for your outreach, thoughts and prayers as I embark on an adventure in mission during this month. Juan will be sure to let everyone know how I'm making out on the trip, and I know that God will accompany us as we walk beside the church in Colombia during those days. I'm also going two days early to see family, since I haven't been to Colombia in over a year and a half, and so seeing family as you can imagine is an important priority too, but one I won't have much time for this trip. Sofia is coming along, but not going to Urubá, she's staying the whole time in Bogotá with her grandmother who she also hasn't seen since 2010, so you can imagine how excited Sofia and her *Abuelita* are to see each other!

I look forward to seeing all of you when I get back at our evening worship service on Sunday February 12th! I will take greetings and best wishes from our congregation to the churches I will visit in Colombia! *(By the way our website statistics tell us that Colombia is the #1 international country that visits our WAPC website, so they are following what we are doing in ministry here in New Jersey!)*

Peace,



Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

We are excited to welcome the Rev. Nancy Asbury as our guest preacher on Feb. 5th. Nancy is the Executive Director of the Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity and a member of Elizabeth Presbytery.

Rev. Karen Chamis, Pastor of Roselle Presbyterian Church is on-call for pastoral care Feb. 2-11. Information about how to reach Karen is in the newsletter and bulletin announcements and can be obtained at the church office.

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WAPC Memorial Garden

“A Time to Renovate”

The best way to get something done is to begin. With this philosophy in mind the MG committee voted last spring to begin planning for much needed renovations in the Memorial Garden.

To our knowledge, the soil has not been tested and improved since the garden was created in 1994. The plantings consist mainly of evergreens that have outgrown their space, even dwarfing the granite cross that is centered in the bed along the ramp. We wish to maintain the humbleness of our garden, but would like it to express **more joy and passion** by introducing a dwarf flowering tree as a focal point and adding ornamentals and grasses to give grace and balance in the garden. We are eager to open the planting areas up and **introduce a succession of blooming plants with varying texture and foliage.**

In the spring, some of the overgrown, misshapen, diseased evergreens will be removed, beds will be reshaped, soil will be conditioned, new plantings will be purchased and planted. The design, soil conditioning and planting can be done by some of the members of the Memorial Garden committee; however, the largest shrubbery will have to be removed carefully and professionally. As with any renovation that is to be made, there is a cost.

The MG committee is seeking donations to help with the garden renovation. Since Gail Smith announced the need to renovate the garden at the annual meeting in January, 2011, there have been three WAPC members who have donated \$1,050 toward the renovation. Our goal is \$2,500.

If you have friends or family members you would like to honor or loved ones you would like to remember with a gift to the garden renovation project, checks may be made to WAPC, The Memorial Garden and given to Gail Smith, chairperson of the committee.

OUR SEMINARY INTERN FOR 2011-2012, CHRIS BAILEY

WAPC Members and Friends,

As I let you know last week, our student Chris Bailey is taking a leave of absence from Princeton Seminary and his last Sunday with us will be on January 29, 2012. We are all so sorry to see Chris go, but know this is the right decision for him at this time. We send Chris to his next step in his journey with our love and with our prayers.

We are taking time in worship at the church luncheon on January 29th to celebrate Chris. If you missed this opportunity to reach out to Chris, his address in South Carolina is listed below if you would like to send him a card. Below is Chris' letter to the WAPC congregation.

Please join me in surrounding Chris with our prayers during this time.

--Pastor Shannan

Dear WAPC--

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming into your community of worship over the past year. I truly learned a great deal from each of you, as this church became my own spiritual home away from home. My time here has certainly proven to be one of the most impactful parts of my seminary education.

At this time, however, events have occurred in my personal life that have led to make the decision to take a leave of absence from seminary. At this time, it is my hope to take this time as an opportunity to rest, spend time with my family, and continue to examine my call into ministry. While discussing my decision with friends, Henry Coates rightly pointed out that the process of entering into ministry is not merely a three-year process, but one that lasts a lifetime. For this reason, I believe that taking this break to work through some of my own personal issues will allow me to become a more well-rounded and approachable minister.

Once again, I would like to whole-heartedly thank you for being such an instrumental part of my pastoral formation and I truly hope that we are able to have a continued relationship with each other as we both continue to grow in ministry.

Sincerely,
Chris Bailey
5 Dahlglen Ave.
Greenville, SC 29607

February Worship and Church Information

February Worship

Feb 5th: **Rev. Nancy Asbury**
guest preacher/Souper Bowl of Caring
Sacrament: Communion
Scripture: Isaiah 40: 21-31 &
Mark 1: 29-39

Feb 12th: 4pm Service

Scripture: Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16 &
1 Corinthians 13

Sermon: "What Does the Bible Say
about Love?"

Feb 19th: Transfiguration of the Lord/Installation and Ordination of New Church Officers

Sacrament: Communion

Scripture: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 &
Mark 9: 2-9

Sermon: "Getting Honest about Who
You are"

Feb 22nd: Ash Wednesday

Sacrament: Communion

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 1-12, Psalm 51:1-17,
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-20,
2 Corinthians 5: 20-6:10

Sermon: "What a Real Revolution in
Lent Might Look Like"

Feb 26th: First Sunday in Lent/Blanket Sunday

Scripture: Genesis 9: 8-17 &
Mark 1: 9-15

Sermon: "Remembering a Covenant"

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, phone calls, and visits following my hip surgery and recent hospitalizations. I am now on the mend and hope to see everyone at church soon.

**Pastor Shannan will be out of the office
February 2-11, 2012 in Colombia leading a
delegation.**

**Rev. Karen Chamis of the Roselle
Presbyterian Church is on call for pastoral
care needs.**

She can be reached at 908-217-7725

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.

.2012 Per Capita Amount

Our assessment from the **PCUSA** for 2012 is \$36.60 per member. If each member pays their share, it will free up money for other purposes. Place your \$36.60 in the per capita envelope

Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting and Luncheon and Celebrating Chris Bailey, **Sunday January 29th**. We will share lunch in the Parish Hall immediately after worship followed by our meeting. Childcare will be provided free of charge during the congregational meeting (kids have lunch first up in the Parish Hall).

Annual Reports 2012

In an effort to save paper and "go green" a limited number of Annual Reports will be printed this year. The report will be uploaded to the WAPC website with an email reminder to view it online to all members. During the Annual Meeting each report will be projected to the screen in the Parish Hall for viewing. If you would like a paper copy of the Annual Report, please contact the church office.

F.I.S.H.

We are collecting tuna, small containers of mayonnaise, cereal, canned vegetables. Please no more PASTA, the basket is located in the Mission Room. The donations are collected and taken to the Food Bank every Sunday. The Food Bank serves North Plainfield residents in need.

Please give as generously as you are able.

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.

WAPC Online

There are lots of ways to keep in touch with WAPC online!

- Our church website: www.wapc.net is updated all the time with new photos and information.
- Did you know we have a church blog? Oftentimes there is something on it to complement the Sunday morning sermon with more “food for thought” at home—and many times this is in video format! www.wapc.net/blog
- We're on Facebook and Twitter too! Just go to the church website and follow the links in the top right hand corner of the main page of our website to connect with us on Social Media!



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study on Wednesday mornings!

We are going to begin our time together with video rather than with the Bible—using the series *Living the Questions*

Every week we'll watch a new, short video and talk about it. These video presentations bring together over thirty different and highly acclaimed scholars, writers, and other “experts” on open, broad-minded, and inclusive Christian faith. We'll hear their ideas about Christian faith in the world today—talk about it, and think together about what this has to do with our life as people who are seeking to follow Jesus. So come to Bible Study on Wednesday mornings! It's all brand new—and we'd really love to have you with us!



Pastor Emeritus Brooks Smith will be leading a
Toddler and Parent Play Group
Tuesdays @ WAPC
11:45AM
Parish Hall



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.

Update On Recent Wapc Seminary Interns

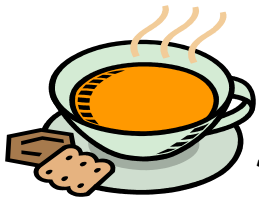
Sarah Henkel has been called as the Cross-Cultural Network Coordinator at [Hudson River Presbytery](#) (NY). She is also a Parish Associate at the White Plains Presbyterian Church. She will be ordained in March 2012!

Andrew Scales is serving as Associate Pastor for Youth and Collegiate Ministries at the [Davidson College Presbyterian Church](#) (NC). He was installed to this position on January 22, 2012 following his ordination this past fall.

Kori Phillips was certified ready to receive a call by her home Presbytery in Ohio in January 2012. She is now circulating her resume, looking for her first call! She graduates from Princeton Seminary this spring.

Henry Coates graduates from Princeton Seminary this spring. He is applying to additional post-graduate programs in theology.

We give thanks to God for the paths to service to the Church that are opening up for these four recent Seminary Interns from WAPC. We are grateful to be a part of the larger church and our connections together!



Soup-A-Thon

Sunday, **March 4th** @ 12 Noon, Parish Hall

Enjoy a variety of soups and dessert too! Tickets are \$ 6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 & under. Tickets on sale Feb.5-26th.during Coffee Hour.

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.

Flowers For The Sanctuary

The 2012 Flower Calendar(January-April) is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Participation in this ministry provides flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday worship service and is an opportunity for us to honor or remember loved ones or special life events. Please sign your name and phone number next to the date of your choice and Kathleen Golmont, church administrator will contact you prior to that date as a reminder.

It is the responsibility of the donor to contact a florist (or bring flowers from your garden). Gray's, Rte. 22, 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(908 604 0337) also designs flower arrangements. Leslie will place your flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning when she comes for choir. If you have any questions. please call Gail Smith, PW Flower chairperson, at 908 753-1249.

Visions is published monthly. The due date for articles for the **March** newsletter is:

Monday, February 20, 2012

Pastor: *Shannan Vance-Ocampo*
Pastor Emeritus: *Brooks Smith*
Director of Music: *Jeremy Messmer*
Visions Editor: *Kathleen Golmont*



Greetings from Guatemala

Saludos Pastor Shannan and WAPC,

I am writing to keep you abreast of the wonderful experience I have having in Guatemala. I am learning K'iche', the second most spoken language in Guatemala at Celas Maya in Xelaju, Quetzaltenango, as well as Mayan Anthropology and it is going extremely well. As part of the program, lectures and trips regarding Mayan anthropology, including religious practices and beliefs, have been incredibly helpful in understanding the current religious and cultural tensions. This will form the basis of my work here as I interact with my colleagues in ministry here as well as in volunteer positions.

Through [Dr. Karla Koll](#), whom I met with before this trip as well as recently in Quetzaltenango for coffee, I have made connections with the Maya Q'uiiche' Presbytery as well as Bethel Presbyterian Church here in Xelaju, but it has been a slow start as communication and transportation, on both ends, is hard to come by in this developing part of Guatemala. I hope to have something in place by next week, which might include an introductory course in theology at the Biblical Institute run by the Presbytery and sponsored by [CEDEPCA](#), in which Dr. Karla Koll plays a central role. I have also developed a relationship with Rafael Landívar University, a Jesuit school, to perhaps include them in my work.

I am thankful to have had the Seminary's support in this endeavor via the Graduate Study Fellowship award and also the prayer and support from WAPC in my journey. I hope to write when the volunteer and Presbytery options are better established so as to provide a more thorough update. For now, I am safe and truly grateful for this wonderful opportunity.

Many Blessings,

Edwin R. Estevez

Mission Opportunities

Second Sundays

Please remember that on the second Sunday of each month, the loose change/cash offering in the plates goes to support the Deacon's Emergency Fund. This is our congregations only fund that is used to help those who call our church in need. This fund is below \$200 currently, and the needs in the community are great. Please remember this fund of the Board of Deacons. Thank you!

Meals at the Plainfield YMCA

WAPC partners with Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church on the **third Thursday of each month** to serve meals at the [Plainfield YMCA](#) shelter. Members of CAPC prepare the meals and transport and serve the meals. We volunteer to help to load the food, drive it to the Y and to serve the dinner. This is a great way for families to participate in mission together. Our next date to serve at the YMCA is

February 16 If you are interested in helping out, contact Gwyn Gronlund of the Mission Committee for details at 908-754-1251.



Will be on **Sunday February 5th**. This is a nationwide, youth-led mission experience! The youth group will be helping lead worship, and will be on hand after worship to collect your special offering. The youth are donating their offering this year to the North Plainfield FISH food bank.



El Centro-Hispanoamericano

525 E Front St, Plainfield, NJ

Contact: Silvia Hernández, 908-753-8730

E-mail: shernandez@elcentronj.org

The mission of [El Centro](#) is to assist immigrants from Latin American and elsewhere; particularly those who do not have access to publicly funded services. The center provides immigration and related free or subsidized low cost legal services, social services, education and advocacy regarding immigration issues. El Centro is housed in the lower level of the United Presbyterian Church in Plainfield since 1984.

Volunteer Wish List:

Teach English as a Second Language

Conduct citizenship classes (training provided)

Help with research, grant writing, or non-profit administration skills

Clothes: winter coats and clothing for infants and toddlers

Monetary donations for the purchase of non perishable food.

Crop Report

This year's Plainfield/North Plainfield CROP walk earned \$8,463. While down slightly from last year it is nevertheless an excellent amount. The day was beautiful and the walkers enthusiastic. But, most important, the needy around the world, nation and Plainfield/North Plainfield received some assistance.

The top five fund raisers this year are:

1. Dianne Ledder, Watchung Ave. Pres.
2. Phil Anderson, Plainfield Elks Club.
3. Rev. Damaris Ortega, United Church of Christ
4. Lynn Lampariello, Watchung Ave. Pres.
5. Diane Rodriguez, United Pres.

In addition to the above those at WAPC who earned \$200 or more: Ellen Lake, Gwyn Gronlund.

Those that earned \$100 or more:

Wayne Fabricius, Zoe Peloso.

Great Job All !!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in any way for being part of this year's walk. ***We also would like to call your attention to this October 21 when our walk will celebrate its 40th year!***

Plainfield/North Plainfield was one of the seven founding walks in NJ. So, spread the word, bring some friends and family. Let's all try and make the 40th one of the best.

God Bless You All!

Tom Ledder, Coordinator/Assist. Treasurer
Al Smith, Treasurer/Assist. Coordinator

Blanket Sunday



Blanket Sunday is Feb 26th this year. Severe storms, floods and tornadoes devastated large areas of the United States in April, May and June 2011 and blankets were a part of it. Church World Service gives help nationally and internationally. Below are examples from last year:

Dominican Republic

- 2,010 lightweight blankets and 750 heavyweight blankets to partner agency Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicana in support of on-going program work

New Jersey

- 1,020 lightweight blankets and 1,020 heavyweight blankets to the Community Food Bank of NJ, located in Hillside, in response to Hurricane Irene
- 150 heavyweight blankets to Bridges Outreach in Summit for distribution to area homeless

The impacted areas in New Jersey and elsewhere are now beyond the clean-up phase of their recovery. Long Term Recovery Committees have formed and are hard at work developing and implementing plans for the recovery of homes and communities.

Intensive training has been and continues to be provided by CWS and its member communions. Training has been conducted in the areas of Long Term Recovery Basics, LTR Committee organization, Disaster Case Management, Emotional and Spiritual Care, Construction Management, Volunteer Management and other specialized areas as requested by the survivors. CWS Emergency Specialists have conducted on-the-ground training in Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Vermont, Missouri and New York.

Material goods shipped in the United States include 2,400 Clean Up Buckets, 1,150 Blankets, 10,350 Hygiene Kits, 6,400 School Kits, and 1,425 Baby Kits. The total value of these items is about \$400,000. Shipping costs are approximately \$60,000.

CWS is remarkable for its use of funds: Activities 87%, Information and Fund Raising 9% and Administration 4%. Our dollars go a long, long way. CWS has full disclosure of its programs and finances on its website. (Information taken from CWS website.)

Presbyterian Women

Circle Of Joy

Circle of Joy will meet on Feb 2nd at 11:30am at the home of Estelle Kennedy. Bring a Bag Lunch, dessert and coffee provided.

Circle Of Hope

Circle of Hope will meet on Sunday Feb 5th after Church Service.

Circle Of Grace

Circle of Grace will meet Feb 6th at the home of Fran Young at 7:30pm.

Upcoming Events for Presbyterian Women

All women of the church, of all ages, and their guests are always invited!

Sunday, March 4, 2012

Annual Soup Luncheon, in Parish Hall, beginning about noon. Everyone invited!

Sunday, March 18, 2012

Basket weaving learning experience, all ages welcome, after worship, Bring bag lunch; dessert and beverages provided.

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Tea for women and their children, grandchildren or young friends, In Parish Hall after worship

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Old Fashioned Strawberry Festival

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AS MANY EVENTS AS YOU CAN!

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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Winter Meetings



Hearts, Hands & Stitches, the Prayer Shawl Ministry of WAPC, continues to meet monthly. We stitch at our meetings and on our own time to create comforting shawls. Our winter meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, **February 21st**, at the home of Gwyn Gronlund.

Tuesday, **March 20th**, at the home of Cathy Boleyn.

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.

Call Gwyn Gronlund for more information
(908) 754-1251

WAPC PEOPLE, BIRTHDAYS, AND PRAYERS

February Birthdays

Andrew Lake	2-Feb
Faye Steinau	7-Feb
Harry Krausse	10-Feb
Harriet Stambaugh	14-Feb
Leslie Hansen	17-Feb
Jessie Schaedel	19-Feb
Evelyn LaMaire	21-Feb
Helen Bradley	22-Feb
Patricia Taylor	25-Feb
Debbie Borberly	26-Feb
Autumn Rodriguez	27-Feb
Andrew Lake	2-Feb
Faye Steinau	7-Feb
Harry Krausse	10-Feb
Harriet Stambaugh	14-Feb
Leslie Hansen	17-Feb
Jessie Schaedel	19-Feb
Evelyn LaMaire	21-Feb
Helen Bradley	22-Feb
Patricia Taylor	25-Feb
Debbie Borberly	26-Feb

Change of Address

Grace Landsperger
1129 Boynton Avenue, # 2004
Westfield, NJ 07090

Grace Hughes
Cadbury at Cherry Hill, Apt. #355
2150 Route 38
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Shirley Ferri
Sunrise Assisted Living
Basking Ridge,
Cards to Shirley may be sent in care of
Dana Miller: 3 Laomatong Way
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Prayer List

- Prayers of healing for *Rev. Adelaida Jimenez* who is having eye surgery on Monday.
- Prayers of comfort for the Family of *Alberta Vosburgh* as they grieve her loss and celebrate her life
- Prayers for *Pastor Shannan* during her trip to Colombia and for all members of her delegation.
- Prayers of Healing for *Sam Chapin*, recovering from surgery for a broken ankle. (131 Riverside Dr. #2C, NY, NY 10024).
- Prayers for *Jeff Bunnell* recovering from surgery.
- Prayers of healing for *Colleen Parliman*.
- Prayers of healing for *Marilyn Maier*, daughter of Helen Miller who has breast cancer.
- Prayers for *Amanda Lake* who is incarcerated and for her family.
- Continued prayers of healing for *Luis Lugo* and for his family.
- Prayers of healing for the *City of Plainfield* and the end of gun violence.
- *Shirley Ferri*, at Sunrise Assisted Living, Basking Ridge, NJ.
- *Helen Miller, Joan Brown, Helen Bradley, Grace Higgins, Elwood Whitely Bob Monteith & Estelle Kennedy*, at home.
- *Christopher Bailey*, Our Seminary Intern.
- *Edwin Estevez*, Our Seminarian, who is serving the Presbyterian Church in Guatemala during 2012.
- *Rev. Mamie Broadhurst & Rev. Richard Williams*, our mission co-workers in Colombia.

Worship Services & Regular Meetings

Regular Sunday Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 4 p.m. Second Sunday(Jan-Mar)
- 10:20 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Monthly

- 1st & 3rd Sunday Holy Communion
- 1st Sunday FISH (Food Bank) Collection
- 2nd Sunday Healing Service
- 2nd Monday Session meets at 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd Monday Trustee’s Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Youth Group 11:30-1p.m.
- 4th Sunday Men’s Breakfast
- 3rd Tuesday Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:15 p.m.

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
- 4 p.m. Second Sunday (Jan-Mar)
- 7-10 pm Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey Parish Hall

Monday Schedule

- 8:15 am Head Start
- 2:30 pm ASP
- 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
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 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

- 7-10 pm - Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey Parish Hall & classroom

**The Abbott Society
(The WAPC Legacy Leaders League)**

Planned Giving

It is a pleasure to again report the roster of members!

The current members are NOW:




- Alice Abbott
- Doris Abbot
- Wayne Fabricius
- Dorothy Fenz
- Robert Foster
- Robert Goellner
- Robert Hildebrandt
- Harry & Beverly Krausse
- Fred Landsperger
- Al Smith
- Dick & Gail McKenna
- Brooks & Gail Smith
- Al Christ
- Dot Gannon

These folks have mentioned WAPC in their Wills and WAPC wants to make sure that they receive the recognition they deserve.

If YOU know of anyone else that has done this, or left WAPC a legacy, please contact Pastor Shannan or Bob Goellner, his email is mr.bobg@yahoo.com Shannan can, of course, be reached through the office.

If you would like information about how to remember WAPC in your Will or Estate Giving, please reach out to Bob Goellner who will be happy to speak with you.

FEBRUARY CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES!

Sunday February 5, 2012 Communion & Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday	Teacher Needed!	Mark 1: 29-39	Jesus' mission on Earth	Youth Group Families: Sign up for the Summer 2012 Mission Trip to Stony Point New York!!! Youth entering 9 th grade and older can attend. Cost is \$100 for the week. Trip is June 24-29, 2012!!! Scholarships available! We are also doing a work weekend at Stony Point April 20-22 nd . Cost for weekend is \$25/person. Scholarships available! Sign up with Kathleen in the church office at wapc@verizon.net	
Sunday February 12, 2012 Evening Worship @ 4PM with Church School!!!	Rachel Weissenburger Craft Sunday		Evening Worship at 4PM tonight! Potluck Dinner afterwards, all are welcome!	Youth Group on Thursday February 16 th . Serving at the Plainfield YMCA Shelter. Dinner following at La Strada in North Plainfield. Meet at the Church at 6PM.	
Sunday February 19, 2012 Communion Sunday	Teacher Needed!	Mark 9: 2-9	The Transfiguration		Sacraments Class for 3 rd and 4 th Graders with Pastor Shannan after Worship. 11:30-1PM with lunch. Sign up at wapc@verizon.net
Tuesday February 21, 2012 Shrove Tuesday		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Funds to support the youth mission trips to Stony Point! Sign up to help at the church office.			
Sunday February 26, 2012	Jake Watters	Genesis 9: 8-17	God's promises to Noah		Sacraments Class for 3 rd and 4 th Graders with Pastor Shannan after Worship. 11:30-1PM with lunch. Sign up at wapc@verizon.net

Presbyterian World Mission



Egypt's Revolutionary Year and the Church's Response



**A Free webinar organized by Presbyterian World Mission Wednesday, February 1
2–3 p.m. EST**

[Register now](#) →

Much has changed in the Middle East over the past year. In fact, [the revolutionary wave of demonstrations and protests](#) that began in Tunisia and spread throughout the Arab world that began in December 2010 are still ongoing, resulting in sweeping governmental changes in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. In [Egypt](#) in particular, Hosni Mubarak resigned in February 2011 after 18 days of massive protests, ending his 30-year presidency. Time magazine named “the protester” its Person of the Year, signifying the importance and influence of the unrest in the world at this time.

Many Christians not only participated in the protests in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, and still more served the injured at clinics and hospitals. Further, throughout the last year, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt found ways to engage with the Egyptian society through dialogue and service, and has played a proactive role in mapping out a new future for their country.

Presbyterian work in Egypt is an undeniable mission success story. [American Presbyterian mission activities in Egypt began in 1854](#) and under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Hundreds of mission coworkers served in Egypt for about twelve decades as educators, theological teachers, medical teams, rural health workers, agricultural experts, engineers and other specialists. The church planted by those early missionaries grew into the largest Protestant church in the Middle

East, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile.

In this webinar, you'll:

- hear directly from one of our global partners in Egypt and discover what the church is doing to provide a witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ;
- gain deeper understanding of the revolutionary events that are sweeping the Middle East, and learn about helpful resources for further reading and study;
- find out how you can pray for Egyptians;
- discover ways you can be engaged with the work of Presbyterian World Mission as it stands shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with the Egyptian Church;

Panelists include:



The Rev. Dr. Atef Gendy
President of Evangelical
Theological Seminary in Cairo



Amgad Beblawi
Area Coordinator, the Middle
East, Central Asia and Europe,
Presbyterian World Mission

You are an important part of the conversation! Join us with your questions for Egypt's Revolutionary Year and the Church's Response. **[Register now](#) →**

After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar.

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer

Book Study Group!!!

Led by Cathy Lyttle and Shannan Vance-Ocampo

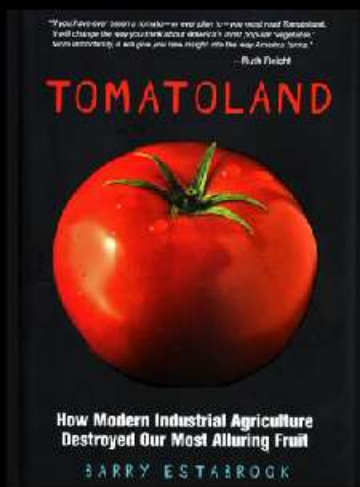
Read the book for each month and then join us in the Downstairs Lounge on the last Tuesday of each month at 7PM for refreshments and to talk about the book for that month! Even if you haven't finished the book, come and join us for a fun conversation each month! All are welcome!

February

Tomatoland: How Modern Industrial Agriculture Destroyed our Most Alluring Fruit

Barry Estabrook: Andrews McNeil Publishing, 2011

An inside look at the tomato industry in the United States today, what it has done to the tomatoes we buy at the super-market and what we can do about it.

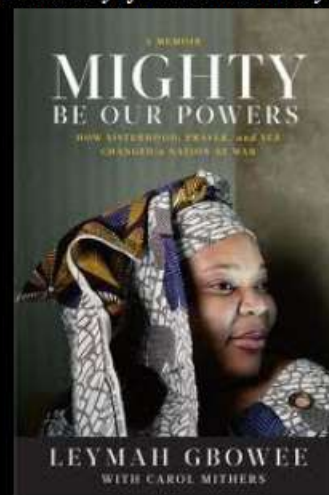


March

Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation at War

Leymah Gbowee: Beast Books, 2011

Leymah Gbowee is the 2011 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for her leadership in the Liberian revolution. This is her life story and the untold story of the revolution led by women.

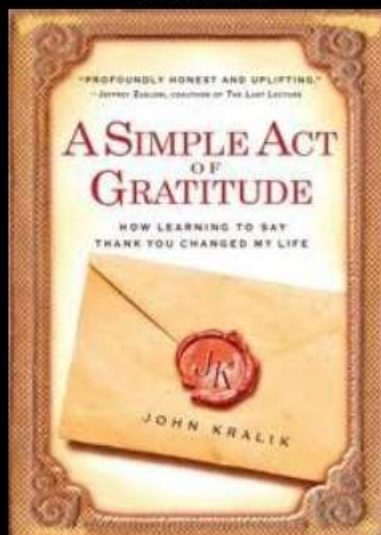


April

A Simple Act of Gratitude: How Learning to Say Thank You Changed my Life

John Kralik: Hyperion Books, 2011

The author embarks on a journey to write one "thank you" card every day for a year. It transforms his life and changes his worldview.

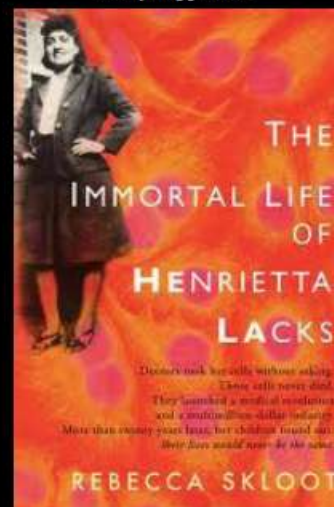


May

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Rebecca Skloot: Broadway Books, 2011

Henrietta's cells are used for medical research, leading to answers about polio and cancer. Scientists made billions, yet she was buried in an unmarked grave. The inside story of what really happened.





The Youth Group Bowling in January

