

REFORMED QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Be convinced of the utter insufficiency and inability of anything below Christ Jesus to minister relief to your soul"(Mead, *The Almost Christian* , 164).

**WEEKLY CALENDAR
November 27—December 3, 2011**

Sunday, November 27
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. El Bethel Young Adult Education - Rm. 110
9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Infants to 4-year-olds - 1st Floor
Nursery & Sunday School Area

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Our Worship Service - Sanctuary - (Service for the Lord's Day)

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Spark Sunday School - Room 111 & 112
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. El Bethel Worship - Norton Chapel
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Prayer Team Gathering - Narthex
If you would like individual prayers, please join us in the Narthex after the worship service
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Kid Praise Sunday School (K-6 Grades) - Room 112
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. DsTny Discipleship Bible Study - 2nd Floor
An Interactive faith education experience with music, prayer, and discussion. Youth group participates.
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study - Library
This is a discussion based on what promises to be an intriguing and challenging book: *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas.*

Monday, November 28
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. El Bethel Bible Study - Parlor

Wednesday, November 30
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting - Webcast

Thursday, December 1
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. El Bethel/Prayer Time - Norton Chapel

Friday, December 2
All Day Church Office Closed
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. [RENEW GROUP] - Sanctuary
8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. "Open" AA Mtg. - Norton Chapel

Saturday, December 3
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. El Bethel Choir Practice - Room 110
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. El Bethel Elders' Meeting - Conference Room

Historic First Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

"Loving and Sharing Christ from the Heart of Phoenix"



November 27, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAITH EDUCATION CLASSES
Children's Ministry
Spark Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Kid Praise Sunday School - 11:00 AM

Youth Group
(7-12 Grade) - 11:00 AM

Adult Education Opportunities
DsTny - 11:00 AM
Advent Bible Study - 11:00 AM

[RENEW GROUP]
December 2 - 5:30 PM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
December 4 - 10:30 AM

PHOENIXONE
December 6 - 6:52 PM

HFPC
- OUR PURPOSE -
Loving and sharing Christ from the heart of Phoenix.
- OUR VISION -
To be disciples of Christ who are equipped and empowered to passionately live out the gospel.
- OUR VALUES -
Prayer ● Discipleship ● Spiritual Growth ● Worship
Diversity ● Lay Ministry ● Mission Outreach

Order of Worship

November 27, 2011

Gather Toward The Word

Prelude
Bill Nunes

Call to Worship
Psalm 80.3

Songs of Welcome and Praise (3)

The First Advent Candle - Hope
The Pridmore Family
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less—Hymn 379

A Child of the Covenant
Kimberly Bravo

Greeting
Our God Is an Awesome God

Hear the Word

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading - Mark 13.24-37
Nathan Byrd

Respond to the Word

Offering

Offertory
Bill Nunes

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song
Holy Is the Lord

Benediction
Nathan Byrd

Postlude
Bill Nunes

Upcoming Sermons

Worship Time

9:30 AM

December 4 Advent 2 Isaiah 40.1-11

December 11 Advent 3 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

December 18 Advent 4 Romans 16.25-27

DsTny Discipleship Bible Study

An Interactive Educational Experience

11:00 AM

Today Faith & Society Topic

December 4 Reformed Tradition Topic

December 11 Christian Essentials Topic

December 18 Reflections on Mission

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We invite you to join us in the parlor for refreshments and to participate in one of our Sunday education programs in our different classrooms.

If you would like individual prayers, please join the Prayer Team in the Narthex after worship time.

HFPC SESSION 2011

Nathan Byrd..... Moderator
Lou Bauman..... Membership/Worship
Lea Benson Membership
Beverly Walter Music Ministry
..... Network of Caring
Dennis Cherry..... Worship/Assistant Clerk
Joe Witte..... Property Management
Barbara Petersen Treasurer/Budget & Financial Planning
..... Presbyterian Liaison
Mary Long..... Christian Education
Joe Vazquez Clerk of Session
Deana Wingate..... Human Resources/Caring & Healing/Mission

HFPC DEACONS 2011

Enoch Awejok • Lois Brown
Laura Cherry • Blair Coe Schweiger
Pam McCune • Larry Pettyjohn
Mary Lynn Reagan • Denise Reed
Judy Sivert • Brett Wingate



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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

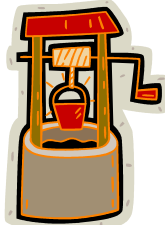
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Time Well Spent

DO NOT FORGET!

Refreshments are available in the parlor after the 9:30 Service. Today we will celebrate Arthur J. Hubbard's 100th birthday. Mr. Hubbard is a friend of HFPC who attends service regularly. Congratulations Arthur!

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Today is the first Sunday in Advent, Pastor Nathan will lead a Class Study using the book, *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This will be a group discussion based on what promises to be an intriguing and challenging book. Please join us in the library at 11:00 AM during the four Sundays of Advent.

TODAY'S CHURCH FAMILY ADVENT EVENT

There will be a free Advent Soup Luncheon today at 12:00 PM in the parlor. In addition to lunch there will be crafts and activities.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the Book of Order G-2.091, there will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 4 after our 9:30 AM worship service. All are invited.

ENTERED THE KINGDOM TRIUMPHANT

Our deepest sympathy and Christian care goes out to the family and friends of **H. Philip Sewell**, a long-time HFPC Member, who passed away on November 14, 2011. His memorial service will be on Saturday, December 10 at 1:00 PM in the HFPC Sanctuary. Pastor Nathan will officiate the service.

POINSETTIAS IN THE SANCTUARY

If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of poinsettias in memory or in honor of someone, please see the envelope enclosed in today's bulletin. The poinsettias may be picked up following our 6:30 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service.

ANGEL TREE - A MINISTRY OF PRISON FELLOWSHIP

Each Christmas, Prison Chaplains, Prison Fellowship, and Christian churches make available a program called "Angel Tree" for prisoners to give gifts to their children in their name. Each child receives two gifts. One gift is a clothing item and one gift is something fun, such as a toy. This ministry makes sure these children are not forgotten at Christmas time. Through these actions, many prisoners and families have been successfully lead to Christ. Historic First Presbyterian Church has been involved in this program for the past 16 years and will once again participate in this vital ministry. This year, we have been given the names twenty-two children (44 gifts).

We need volunteers to:

- Buy Christmas gifts & return by Sunday, December 11th.
- Gift wrapping will be done on Sunday, December 11th 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
- Participate in the Angel Tree party on Saturday, December 17th 1pm – 3pm in the church parlor.
- Share the Gospel with the children & caregivers
- Delivery of gifts for those who cannot attend the party
- Monetary donations will be accepted for gift purchases.

Contact Deana & Brett Wingate if you can help.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

One half of the Christmas Joy Offering supports retired servants of the church through shared grants and income supplements. The other half supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education. The offering will be received at our Candlelight Worship Service on December 24, at 6:30 PM. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 4 - 10:30 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAITH EDUCATION CLASSES

11:00 AM

- Kid Praise Sunday School
 - Junior/Senior High
 - DsTny
- Advent Bible Study

[RENEW]

December 2 - 5:32 PM

PHOENIXONE

December 6 - 6:52 PM
Sanctuary

A CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION ON CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24 - 6:30 PM

Let there be peace on earth!

Happy Birthday

Nov 30 Sam Coe

*Dec 4 Charjuok Awejok
(6 yrs old)*

Dec 7 Aimee Perez

Oralia Chille

Beverly Walter

Happy Anniversary

*Dec 4 Linda Connell &
Conrad Niedhart*

TRADITIONAL ADULT CLASS

This educational opportunity focusing on the book of Acts will resume on January 8, 2012 in the Library after our worship service. All are invited.

THANK YOU!

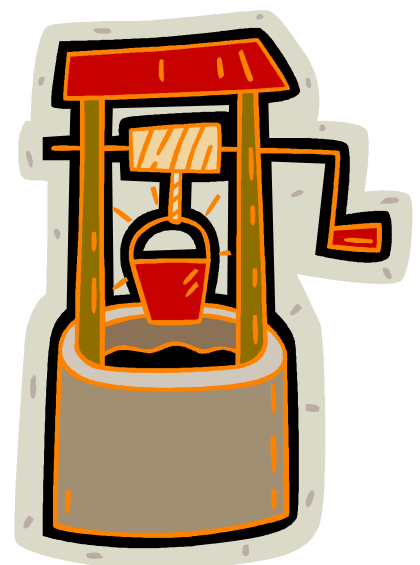
Thanks to our generous congregation, family, and friends, 212 shoeboxes were collected for Operations Christmas Child this year. We are still collecting empty shoeboxes for next year, you may bring them to the information desk. Again, thank you!

HEART ♥ FOR MISSION

The **HFPC Mission Outreach Team** is collecting winter wear such as hats, pants, socks, gloves, sweater, and jackets. Donations may be placed in a large box on the First Floor (near the mailboxes). Monetary donations are also welcome. Please write "Heart for Mission" on the memo line of your check, which is made payable to HFPC.

PRAYER AT THE WELL

- . **Haiti, the Republic of South Sudan** and the **world**.
- . **Johnny Benson** for health.
- . **Pat Jones** for health.
- . **Sue Grenon** for health.
- . **Marvin King** for health.
- . **Norma Brown** for health.
- . **Shirley Kautz** for health.
- . **Mamie Miller** for health.
- . **Sue Stevens** for health.
- . **Reta Graham** for health.
- . **Mary Long** for health.
- . **Peggy Parker** and **Richard Hernigle** for their trip to Haiti.
- . That the **Prince of Peace** shall continue to reign.
- . **The Wohleen Family** for health and other blessings.
- . **Military Personnel** and **those displaced by war** throughout the world.
- . **John Szabo** for perseverance during his confinement.
- . **Alice Hughes** for her health (North Mountain Medical Center and Rehab).
- . **Individuals** seeking employment.
- . **Keith Kuells** for his health and family as they go through a very challenging time.
- . **H. Philip Sewell** family and friends as they mourn his death.



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