

# Family Notes

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in God's new creation.

As we celebrate this All Saints Sunday, we thank God for the lives and witness of those members of our Family who have died this past year:

William Weiss + January 15, 2011

Ernest Andersen + June 4, 2011

As part of our All Saints celebration, we offer thanksgiving for the gifts that have been received in memory of:  
Gerald Rafferty      William Weiss      Ernest Andersen      Lubica Knapp      J. Dale Davison

And in honor of:

Garrett Anderson  
Earle Pearson

Sophie Bohner  
Nam Lim & William Picard

Family of Faith  
Katherine Smallwood

And today we dedicate our new choir robes in memory of Paul Meinschein, a gift from his family.

Pastor Mac's sermon, "*Blessed Lives*," reminds us of all the saints God has given to share the faith with us. And today reminds us of God's call to each of us to share the faith with others.

The Sacrament today will be administered by intinction. If you are visiting with us and believe as we do that in the Sacrament we receive God's gift of life and forgiveness, if you are a baptized member of the Christian Church, we hope you will join us at the Lord's table. Please note that we also have gluten free hosts.

### Our Lessons:

Revelation 7:9-17. The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

1 John 3:1-3. A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

Matthew 5:1-12. In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

### TYING IT ALL TOGETHER:

While every Sunday is a "little Easter," All Saints Sunday is a mirror of this great springtime festival from 6 months ago. Today as we move to the end of the church year, this day comes to remind us of Christ's victory that changes all things, giving us life, hope and salvation. Our first lesson from Revelation reminds us of that ultimate victory and the gift it is for us. Our second lesson from 1 John reminds us that we are God's children, forever changed and forever with God. And what a beautiful Gospel for this Easter celebration as we hear Matthew's beatitudes and the reminder of the change that Christ calls us to. And we are blessed. Appropriately, the Christ statue from our original sanctuary in Summit 100 years ago is on our altar today through Christ the King on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Again, a reminder of the Easter season and its victory and hope.

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## WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you and hope you'll soon return to Faith, and that you'll feel free to share in all that is ours in Christ. Please sign our guest book and a visitor's card which you'll find in the pew. If you are interested in learning more about our community, please speak to Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac, or leave a note in the offering. Please stop by the Information Table in the narthex and pick up materials about our Family of Faith. While we encourage children's attendance and participation in our worship hour, we do provide nursery care for those needing this service. Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our downstairs Nursery.

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## New Members

What a joy today to welcome new members into our Family of Faith. Sharing our ministry in the days to come are:

Joanne & Ed Berryman  
Nam Lim & Bill Picard

Madison  
Scotch Plains

We are thankful for your partnership in our mutual ministry. If you are interested in learning more about our Family of Faith, please contact one of the Pastors.



The rose on the altar marks the birth of Ryan David Koester on November 1 to Jenn and Kurt. We give thanks to God for this gift of new life.

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Please check your mailboxes for materials pertaining

to Tuesday night's meeting.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Family of Faith is a Christ-centered servant community that strives to be loving, forgiving, healing and affirming, as it continues to seek new opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

Sustained by the Holy Spirit, we worship, serve, learn and grow together by sharing God's gifts of our time, talents and treasures.

(Check out our Mission Statement in the Narthex.)

### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Vivian Mossberg   | Ron Waltemyer    |
| John Glass        | Sherry Peterson  |
| Nancy Kordistas   | Ben Santore      |
| Ruth Bentley      | Jan Siberine     |
| Paul Lutz         | Lucas Reiling    |
| Constance Burde   | Katie Anderson   |
| Curtis D. Kelly   | Annie Scherba    |
| Eric Brodbeck     | Jim Connaughton  |
| Todd Shell        | Julie Floch      |
| Heidi Santore     | Joe Auchter      |
| Bob Bell          | PJ Sneeringer    |
| Minet Merritt     | Ted Moody        |
| Andrew Stofa      | Loren Zachau     |
| Rose Ondich       | Ann Bueschel     |
| Donna Swanson     | Jim Mastakas     |
| Anna Mae Glassman | Eunice Neubeck   |
| Theri Rossol      | Tommy Byrne      |
| Pat Bell          | Lois Wolfanger   |
| Lilian Louie      | Bob Evans        |
| Molly Whitney     | Cynthia Burde    |
| Bob Woodruff      | Marie Varley     |
| Linda Eriksen     | Jim Daraio       |
| Joe Valentine     | Ted Suttmeir     |
| Bobby Adair       | John Jackmin     |
| Donna Norby       | Nikki Szpond     |
| Rita Regimbal     | Henry Reinbold   |
| Gretchen Dziedzic | Raymond Heuke    |
| Frieda Andersen   | Kristin          |
| Bob Delatour, Sr. | Patti Graf       |
| Kathryn           | Kylie Joy Suiter |
| Pat Sheldon       | Don Beckert      |
| Paul Lissy        | Madalyn Stofa    |

Thelma Keiser

To add to or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office. Unless we hear otherwise, names are removed after three months.

### ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL SERVICE Today

Following our second liturgy today there will be a brief prayer liturgy in the Memorial Garden to remember all those buried there and also the loved ones of members who have died. If you would like to join us and have loved ones you would like remembered in the liturgy, please see the Pastors this morning.

### LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY



The Sunday Church School is collecting leftover Halloween Candy. These goodies will make their way to folks through one of our outreach ministry programs. Items may be left in

the box outside the downstairs classrooms.

### Music Notes

Today we celebrate All Saint's Sunday as we worship led by our Sanctuary Choir, harp and violin. The choir continues its rehearsal and worship schedule, meeting at 7:30 pm each Wednesday in the loft... a great time to come sing with them, as new singers are always welcomed...We move to Setting Two of our ELW Liturgy this morning... Work is almost complete on our organ...just a few reed stops left to tonally finish. The instrument is capable of a wide range of expression and dynamics, and will support our hymn singing beautifully.



### 2011-2012 WORSHIP AND MINISTRY THEME

**STORIES TO TELL, LIVES TO LIVE** will be a wonderful gift to enrich our worship and to lift up our servant ministry. Watch for all of our ministry brochures.

Share your story, and tell us about the lives of faith, courage and discipleship that have inspired you by writing on the Stories to Tell; Lives to Live bulletin board in hall between the Ministry Center and fellowship hall. To guide your thoughts, think how you would answer these questions:

1. When was a time or a place when you felt God come close?
2. Whose life of faith and discipleship has been especially important to you?

Feel free to post pictures, drawings, notes and more and help the Family construct a wall of witness to God's presence in our lives and in our world.

### VISITORS CONTINUE

Last week we again saw new visitors at worship! This means we've now had at least one new visitor at worship for 1285 out of the last 1308 Sundays. Make this week the time to invite a relative or friend to join us for our worship gathering. Share the Family! Share the Faith!



You're invited to join Lyn Nelson, Director of the Faith Counseling Center for more than 20 years and the Pastors, for a special program on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. Be with us for *Comfort and Care for Caregivers*, as we explore the challenges of caring for older parents and relatives. A time to explore support among others with common experiences and time to see how our Family of Faith can be supportive. Ps...cake and coffee too! To help us plan, please register by signing up in the narthex, emailing Pastor

Mac at [pastor.mac@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.mac@verizon.net) or call the Church Office.

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**NOVEMBER 20 – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
*Secret Lives*  
**Sanctuary Choir with Brass**

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### COUNCIL AT THE DOOR

If you have questions or suggestions for the Church Council, stop and see the Council Representatives at the door.

**Serving today are:**      8:30 – Dee Tamburro  
   11:00 – Walter Wlodarski

Cross lapel pins identify our council members. We give thanks to God for these servants who undergird and direct our ministry.

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### HELPFUL SUPPORT

When we had our gathering for parents of young children, the suggestion was made that it might be helpful to gather parents who are caring for special needs children. If you would be interested in such a group, please speak with one of the Pastors.

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### PLAN AHEAD

To help us better prepare for worship each week and to provide guidance for daily Bible reading, we publish the following Sunday's lessons each week. Take a few minutes each day to read over these Bible passages in anticipation of our sharing of the Word together. Next Sunday's lessons are:

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

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### AA

The gift of healing is shared through our AA ministry each Monday through Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. We give thanks to God for this healing ministry.

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### CHECK OFF

As we move to the final stages of construction on our Ministry Center, just a few items remain to be completed.

- Narthex Furnishings
- Cornerstones

- Organ Installation

Watch the wonderful blog KW has prepared at [www.flc-mc.blogspot.com](http://www.flc-mc.blogspot.com).

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### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Your special mailing invited your prayerful and generous gift to further fund all the work on our Ministry Center. Over \$2,000,000 has been pledged and received and now we find ourselves with almost half a million dollars in final expenses that will have to be covered by our construction loan unless we receive sufficient gifts in the coming days. Incurring this debt will impact our ongoing ministries and so we pray for your sacrificial support.

If you have previously made a commitment and have been waiting to share your gift, NOW is the time.

If you have not yet made your commitment, please contact our Capital Campaign Chairs Theri and Fred Rossol (732-534 5350).

If you need assistance with stock transfers, please call the Church Office.

And as you feel blessed by this ministry that we share, we invite your special gift at this time.

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### It's Pledge Response Time!

Our Family of Faith's *Stories to Tell; Lives to Live*, keeps growing as pledges continue to be received. They show our commitment to the support for the many outreach missions and a willingness to respond strongly to the needs of many, both far and near. In November, our stewardship appeals highlight two of our ongoing ministries.

First, is our annual mission trip to Sunset Gap in Tennessee, a ministry supported by our budget along with a contribution from Faith Nursery School. For the past 14 years, a group of volunteers from Faith, made up of youth from the Peer Leader group to those still young at heart, has traveled to the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. We provide five days of Bible camp with lunch and snacks for about 40 campers per day. The housing crew is out on the road doing repairs or new construction on the homes of the elderly or handicapped. Be sure to come to Adult Forum today for the Tennessee Tales presentation to hear more about our most recent trip and plans for next year.

Second, is the annual Fall Food Drive. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays fast approaching, it's time to remember and respond to those most in need of this basic necessity. The food drive provides food for many local families and restocks the shelves of the Starfish Pantry in Plainfield, NJ. Faith is the collection point for the drive and last year, partnering with local Boy and Cub Scout troops and the Community Service Association of New Providence, we collected 480 boxes of food, worth an estimated \$26,200. On Saturday, November 19, come join your friends and neighbors in the sorting and packing of the boxes of foodstuffs and then come again on Saturday, November 26, when we pack up the truck and deliver the boxes to the Starfish Pantry.

Your pledges are encouraged and necessary to support these and all of our exciting mission opportunities. Ephesians 2:10 reminds us that:

*"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Please prayerfully complete and return your pledge card today and join in strengthening our commitment to give away what has so freely been given to us.

The Stewardship Committee

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## DID YOU KNOW...

Today is All Saints Sunday with special music and a special Garden Memorial Liturgy...Pastor Mac began his 30<sup>th</sup> year of ministry with the Family on Tuesday... our Fall Food Drive is now underway...Registration is now underway for our new Evening Bible Study...AA meets Monday through Saturday mornings...Faith Nursery School is still registering for the 2011-2012 school year...we've had at least 1 new visitor 1285 out of the last 1308 weeks...a special welcome to all who are visiting with our Family today...check next week's lessons...we continue to have a host of new visitors - welcome...why not bring a friend to Worship next Sunday...2010-2011 calendars are available at cost in the narthex ...see you in church next week!

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## Family Prayers

We continue to pray for ALL those whose lives have been forever affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially the over 7300 service personnel who have been killed. Today we pray by name for the families of allied service personnel who have died in both wars. Please pray for the families of the following, all of whom died recently:

Sgt. Rezo Beridze, 35, Georgian Army, Georgia  
James Coker, 59, USN, South Carolina  
Spc. Doran Contreras, 21, USA, California  
Cmdr. James Crawford, 50, USN, New York  
Spc. Douglas Green, 23, USA, Virginia  
Spc. Christopher Horton, 26, USANG, Oklahoma  
Sgt. Bret Isenhower, 26, USANG, Oklahoma  
Spc. Dennis James, Jr., 21, USA, Florida  
Pfc. Douglas Jeffries Jr., 20, USA, Callifornia  
Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brian Lundy, 25, USMC, Texas  
Pfc. Christophe Marquis, 40, USA, Texas  
Pvt. Jacob Olsen, 22, Danish Army, Denmark  
Pfc. Tony Potter Jr., 20, USANG, Oklahoma  
Spc. Christopher Scott, 21, USA, New York  
Spc. Kevin Shumaker, 24, USA, California  
Lt. Valery Tholy, 36, French Army, France  
Sgt. Barry Weston, 40, British Royal Marines, England  
Pfc. Brett Wood, 29, USA, Indiana

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## IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our website offers prayers for these folks and affords the opportunity to list service personnel serving there. To include a name, please see Pastor Mac. Today we pray for SPC Joe Ellis, a member of our Family, who is on active duty at Camp Drum after a year in Afghanistan. We also remember Lt. Christopher Wilk, a friend of the Daniels and Kyle Fell, Anne & Fred's nephew.

We remember Scott Farrell in our prayers. Scott is a relative of the Novaks, who is now recuperating at home after being wounded in Afghanistan.

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## SENIORS ALERT

Join Lyn Nelson, Director of the Faith Counseling Center for more than 20 years and the Pastors, on Tuesday, November 15 at 1:30 for a special program, *Coffee, Cake and Caring*, a special time to talk about the challenges of



getting older and the resources and opportunities that are also present at this time in life. Time to explore ways we can support each other and how our Family of Faith can be supportive. To help us plan, please register on the sheets outside the Office.

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## NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM?

We are exploring a trip to the Holy Land a year from now. If you would be interested in learning more about this possible journey, please email Pastor Mac at [pastor.mac@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.mac@verizon.net) or call the church office. If we have enough folks interested, we will hold a preliminary meeting to explore options.



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## UPCOMING -

- Nov. 6 - All Saints Sunday  
6 - Reception of New Members  
6 - All Saints Garden Liturgy  
7 - Staff Worship Planning  
7 - FNS Enrichment  
7 - Finance Committee  
8 - FNS Lunch Party  
8 - Christian Ed Committee  
8 - Cabinet  
8 - Council  
9 - Daytime Bible Study  
10-11 - FNS Closed  
12 - Soup Kitchen  
13 - World Hunger Sunday  
14 - Staff Worship Planning  
14 - FNS Enrichment  
17 - FNS Lunch Party  
17 - Evening Bible Study  
17 - Hospitality Meeting  
19 - Fall Food Collection - Pack & Sort  
20 - Christ the King Sunday  
20 - Advent Craft Event  
21 - Staff Worship Planning  
21 - FNS Enrichment  
21 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Little Flower  
24-25 - FNS & Office Closed  
27 - Advent I  
28 - Staff Worship Planning  
28 - FNS Enrichment  
30 - Daytime Bible Study  
30 - Spoken Eucharist - 12:15 p.m.  
30 - Evening Prayer & Eucharist - 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 1 - Staff Meeting  
4 - Advent II

- 5 – Staff Worship Planning
  - 6 – Broadway House
  - 6 – FNS Lunch Party
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## ORGAN UPDATE

Installation is moving to completion. You can see more about our new instrument and view a construction blog at [www.jgirv.wordpress.com](http://www.jgirv.wordpress.com).

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## FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL Registration Continues

Faith Nursery School continues registration for the **2011-2012 School Year**. **Three different morning** classes are offered: a class for 2 ½ year olds that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays; a class for three year olds that meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and a Pre-K class that meets Monday through Friday. If you are interested in more information or are ready to register your child, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.

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## 2011 CROP Walk a Great Success!

October 16, 70 people from 3 area churches and Faith Nursery School walked to raise funds for the many who are hungry. To date the 2011 CROP Walk has pledges for \$3,957 in cash, checks and on-line donations for the Church World Service. 25% of the funds raised will go towards the St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark - our designated local hunger relief effort.

A great thank you to those who were able to walk. For those who were not able to make it, please accept your sponsorship dollars as donations for the Church World Service. Please make checks payable to "CWS/CROP" and forward the donations to Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence.

We are thankful for your support with this ministry. It is your commitment to providing hunger relief during tough economic times that is a memorable witness to us all.

Please feel free to contact Faith Lutheran Church at 908-464-5177 or me at 908-451-4815 with any questions.

Thank you, Chris Melhuish  
*And a huge thank you to Chris for organizing Faith and the entire community.*

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## ADVENT CRAFT EVENT

On Sunday November 21, from 12:30-2:00, everyone is invited to our annual **Advent Craft Event**. This gathering of adults, children, and youth will begin with lunch and focus on preparing for the Advent season. All households will be able to make an Advent craft that will help count down the days to the celebration of Jesus' birth. Additional Advent ideas and resources will be shared. The event is free but registration is required. Sign up in the Narthex or email at [family.faith@verizon.net](mailto:family.faith@verizon.net).

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## SHARING TREE 2011

Our Christmas gift giving ministry begins next Sunday. This year's gifts will be collected for our Possum Way Group Home, Cheshire Home in Florham Park, ARC of Union County, local residents through the Community Service Association of New Providence, and Grace Community Lutheran Church, Ironbound. All you need to do is take a tag from the tree, sign it out, buy and wrap the gift (**no bows**), and return it no later than December 4. If you have any questions, please call our coordinator, Linda Daniels (973-514-1665).

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## ADULT FORUM

Our Adult Forum continues its weekly educational ministry this morning at 9:40 in Franklin Nelson Hall. Plan on joining us each week for these rich educational opportunities that share the faith and Faith. We gather at 9:40 each week for Coffee and light refreshments followed by our 50 minute program at 9:50.

**TODAY: - "TENNESSEE TALES XIV"** - Stories of our Appalachian Ministry which has now included over 200 members of our Family, changing lives here and in Cosby, Tennessee.

**NOVEMBER 13 - "A RESOURCE FOR OUR MOST IMPORTANT MINISTRY"** - Join Dr. Girvin as our organ introduction continues in advance of its dedication in the new year.

**NOVEMBER 20 - "STORIES OF FAITH AND LIVES OF PARTNERSHIP"** - A special opportunity to learn more about the very unique partnership we have with our sisters and brothers from Advent Lutheran Church in Warren where we provide pastoral care. Come learn how this special partnership developed and the rich ways it is developing.

**NOVEMBER 27 - "LITURGY'S STORY"** - As we begin a new church year, a special time to see how our worship liturgy for the year is put together.

**DECEMBER 4 & 11 - "MEET MARK"** - An overview of Mark's Gospel, focusing on the parable of the Sower and the parable of the Vineyard.

**DECEMBER 18 - "ADVENT MUSIC"** - Dr. Girvin guides us through the rich and varied tradition of Advent Music.

**JANUARY 8 - "A SEMINARIAN'S LIFE AND STORY"** - Vicar Jane returns to share the story of how God has been at work in her life as she prepares for ordained ministry.

**JANUARY 15 - "MISSION PARTNERS' STORIES"** - Our partners from St. Stephan Grace Community Church in Newark come to share the Gospel.

**JANUARY 22 - "A MISSION PLAN TELLS THE STORY"** - The 2012 Budget. It's not just a financial document...our Mission Plan tells the story of how we believe God is challenging the Family to live as Christ's servants in the world in 2012.

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## A Bird's Eye View of the Bible Story

Come and gather round for big-picture overview of the Bible, its story, and how that story connects with our personal stories. This course will engage you in the biblical story through storytelling, visual sand art presentations and reflections on selected Psalms. Discussion will lead us to reflect on the meaning of the story and how they live in the story and the story lives in them. This course has been specially designed for those who are new to Bible study, so please invite

your friends to join you. There are 16 sessions planned for Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. throughout the year. The first five start October 20 and run through November 17; the second session runs from January 19 through February 16; and the third session runs from April 26 through May 31. You do not have to commit to all 16 sessions to participate. To register, sign up in the narthex or e-mail Pastor Jim at [PastorJim2006@verizon.net](mailto:PastorJim2006@verizon.net).

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*Family of Faith –*

*Thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers since my uncle's passing. They are greatly appreciated. Also thanks for the flowers – they are lovely.*

*Thank you, Marti Neumann*

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**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**



Join us each week at 9:40 a.m. in Franklin Nelson Hall for coffee, light refreshments and fellowship before our Adult Forum begins. Thanks to today's hosts, Linda Fuller, Donna & Walter Wlodarski.

**Upcoming hosts are:**

November 13 – Open

November 20 – Open

If you would like to host one of our November dates, please sign the sheets in the narthex or the Forum or call or write the Office.

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New Providence – Berkeley Heights  
**Pre-Thanksgiving Interfaith Service**



**Monday, November 21, 2011, 7:30 p.m.**  
Church of the Little Flower  
110 Roosevelt Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
Bring canned goods for the  
Community Fall Food Collection

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# Stories to Tell, Lives to Live

We thank God for the vision and Spirit that has driven our servant community as we share the Gospel here and around the world. That Family proclamation is made possible by the faithful commitment and response of hundreds of members of this very special community. We give thanks for all those whose response makes ministry possible. If you are among the “missing,” please return your commitment card at your earliest convenience. Join the Family in sharing the good news that is ours as you share your sacrificial gift growing towards a tithe. As of November 3, we have received 130 pledges, totaling \$571,661.

**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY IN THE NEW YEAR?  
IF NOT – PLEASE DO SO TODAY!**