

First Notes

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Stewardship Rediscovered

Everywhere we go these days, we see signs of care for the environment: recycling bins, can- and bottle- receiving machines that offer refunds for deposits, and LEED certification signifying that buildings are “green” friendly. At long last, a generation of children and young adults is catching up with the ancient Biblical concept of stewardship, which begins with stewardship of the earth. The idea is that God has given us everything in life as a trust, including the earth, and we are charged with the care and protection of this gift. From Adam and Eve onward, we have been stewards of the earth and caretakers of this Garden planet.

In the same way, the Bible invites us to realize that all that we have is a gift from God and we are accountable for what we do with what we have received. In the scriptures, this is demonstrated in at least two ways. The first is signified by the fact that Israel took the first fruits of the harvest, one-tenth of all that they had received, and gave it to the Lord as an offering. The second expression of this is found in the practice of leaving a tenth of the produce of the fields, the gleanings, for gathering by the poor. There was

enough for everyone, and God ordered Israel to share that abundance.

Each year at this time, we ask our members and friends to make a pledge of annual support to the church, a proportion of household income to be used to support the outreach, mission, and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. In order to differentiate this annual support of the church’s work from the special gifts and commitments made to the *First for the Future* capital campaign, this year we are calling the stewardship campaign **The Annual Fund for First Presbyterian Church**. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving information about where your financial support goes and how important your commitment is to the ministry of this church. A pledge card will be mailed to you in anticipation of morning worship on November 15, Annual Fund Sunday. Do mark your calendar, plan to attend that day, and be prepared to make your commitment to the Annual Fund. In the meantime, Kevin Umeh, Chair of the Annual Fund Committee, will be happy to provide you additional information about this year’s campaign.

Jon M. Walton



CHRISTMAS BEGINS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

with First Church’s tree-decorating, Santa-welcoming, gift-buying, “Best Weekend in New York” *Tartan Fair*, starting at 4:00 p.m. on Friday the 4th and concluding with the marvelous Advent Vespers Concert with the First Presbyterian Choir at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6. The Tartan Fair is our congregation’s biggest fundraising effort, and this year our proceeds will go to the renovation of our church house and its many 24/7 community-used rooms.

300+ volunteers will work to make this extraordinary weekend happen. Here’s how to be a part of the fun and the fellowship:

- donate your slightly used housewares to the **White Elephant** sale
- clean off those library shelves for our **Book Loft**
- go raid the china closet and jewelry boxes or give us tickets and gift certificates and personal services for the **Silent Auction** (Newlyweds, did you get one too many somethings? Bring us that gift you really don’t want. Someone will!)
- bake for the **Café** and **Prepared Foods**
- lend your muscle to **Set-Up** and **Clean-Up**
- work a shift during the Fair

Sign up in the lobby after church starting Sunday, November 1, or contact Joan Ryan at (212)765-2141 or joanryan@aol.com.

Think Christmas! Think Tartan Fair!

ADULT EDUCATION EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2009

A JOURNEY WITH PAUL
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

November 1, 8, and 15
Paul and the Reformation
Dr. Charlie Mitchell

November 22
Paul's Vocation (Eclipsing Empire DVD)
The Rev. Dr. Mark D. Hostetter

REFORMATION SERIES

Tuesdays, November 3 and 17
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Dr. Charlie Mitchell

ECLIPSING EMPIRE:
PAUL, ROME, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD
Fridays at 12:00 p.m.
The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

November 6: Paul's Mission
November 20: Paul's Character

WHAT DO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE ABOUT...?

Sunday, November 15, at 12:30 p.m.
...the Meaning of Baptism?
The Rev. Sarah S. McCaslin

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EDUCATION ALERTS! To receive updates and reminders about programs from Education at First, email education@fpcnyc.org with "add me to the list" in the subject line.



SATRE STUELKE

Sunday, November 15, 2009
Artist Reception at Coffee Hour

Satre Stuelke has shown his work across the globe in numerous galleries, museum exhibitions, and through Sotheby's ArtLink. He has been featured in the New York Times, and has appeared on the Today Show, ABC news, and many other venues discussing his work. He uses a medical CT scanner to scan culturally important foods, electronics, and toys – analyzing their inner structures to discover what makes them special to us. Surprising and beautiful results often arise. Satre has an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and is currently a fourth year medical student at Weill Cornell Medical College here in New York City.

Save the Date!

FIRST KIDS: Supporting Our Homeless Shelter
Friday, November 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

First Kids offers faith, fellowship and service opportunities for FPC kids and their parents throughout the church school calendar. This program is for kindergarteners through 4th graders and allows families to share their faith through community service and discussion—and a whole lot of pizza!

Learn About HAITI

from The Facilitator & Host of the FPC Mission Service Trip

When: Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.
Where: Parlor of the Mellin-Macnab building
Who: The Rev. Noe Bernier, Priest In Charge,
Church of the Holy Spirit in Cap Haitien

The Mission Service Committee is pleased to present the congregation with this opportunity to meet Father and Mrs. Bernier in whose home the FPC group lived during the 2009 Mission Service trip. The Committee is positive that listening to Fr. Bernier speak about Haiti—past, present, and future—will inspire more people to sign up for the FPC trip in 2010 (scheduled for July 10-18).

A member of the 2009 group will also report on that trip and on the Committee's efforts to help Fr. Bernier initiate a meal program in his three schools. The schools have a total enrollment of 565 children ages 3 to 19, many of whose parents can afford to provide them with only an evening meal. This means they walk to school, sit in classes all day, and walk home without eating. The meal program envisioned by Fr. Bernier would provide a mid-morning meal Mondays through Thursdays.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from a man working tirelessly to bring peace and justice to the people of Haiti.

THE MARIE SIBILLA "AGING WELL" LECTURE SERIES

Thursday, November 19

Jane E. Brody, award-winning author and Personal Health columnist for The New York Times will speak about her latest book, *Jane Brody's Guide To The Great Beyond*. She will speak about the importance of being prepared for the end of life. The evening will include a book signing and sale of the book.

6:00 p.m.: Light supper in the Parlor
(\$5.00 suggested contribution)

6:45–8:15 p.m.: Presentation and discussion

If you plan to join us for supper, please be sure to sign up so sufficient food can be prepared. There will be sign-up tables after worship on Sundays, November 8 and November 15; to sign up, you may also call the FPC receptionist by Tuesday, November 17.

ADVENT VESPER MUSIC SERVICE

Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m.

The soloists, choir and orchestra of First Presbyterian present:

TWO MASTERS OF THE BAROQUE: J. S. BACH and G. F. HANDEL

BACH:

Cantata No. 140
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
(Sleepers, Wake)

&

Magnificat

HANDEL:

Organ Concerto
Opus 7, No. 9
(based on
the "Hallelujah Chorus")

The Sanctuary Organ has recently been featured on the covers of two organ periodicals, *The Diapason* and *The American Organist*, along with feature articles.

Copies are available for viewing at the Front Desk of the Mellin-Macnab Building.

Welcome to Emily Scott

Our New Director of Family Music Ministries



This fall, the First Presbyterian Church is proud to welcome EMILY SCOTT, our new Director of Family Music Ministries. A liturgist and musician, Emily is committed to encouraging congregational song. After training as a trombonist at Sarah Lawrence College with performers such as Jim Markey and David Taylor, Emily earned her Masters of Divinity at Yale Divinity School and the Institute of Sacred Music. Emily's studies focused on liturgy and the relationship between worship and the arts. Emily was an intern at Marquand Chapel (Yale Divinity's ecumenical chapel) where she learned to craft worship that drew on the many and varied denominational traditions represented in the community, and developed skills for leading congregational song.

Emily is the New Music Project Coordinator at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. Founded in 2005, the New Music Project is an association of church musicians and clergy from around the country dedicated to promoting "paperless" music—music that can be taught and sung by rote—in a congregational setting. As part of this project, Emily oversees conferences on "paperless" singing, as well as the publication of a new hymnal released by Church Publishing, *Music by Heart: Paperless Songs for Evening Worship*.

From 2007-2009, Emily served as the Director of Worship at The Riverside Church in the City of New York, where she continued to work to bring diverse groups of people together to pray and praise God. Emily is also the founder and Pastoral Minister of St. Lydia's, a new congregation in Manhattan that gathers each week for "dinner church," a Eucharistic meal patterned after worship in the early church. Featuring highly participative worship, the congregation sings simple songs, explores scripture, and offers their prayers in a setting that blends formal and informal ritual action. Learn more at www.stlydias.org.

Raised in Connecticut and Seattle, Emily is now a resident of the Upper West Side. In her spare time, Emily enjoys seeing friends, running, yoga, and taking advantage of all the cultural events that the city has to offer. Emily looks forward to getting to know the children, families, and whole congregation here at First Church. She hopes to create an atmosphere of creativity, challenge and fun around singing and music in a sustaining and nurturing environment, led by God's Spirit.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP—FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6:00 p.m. in the Alexander Chapel, followed by a light supper in the Esther Morrow Room

No RSVPs required

November 4—Celebration of All Saints, led by the Worship Committee

December 2—Advent: Friends and Community, led by the Youth Group

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>1 <i>All Saints' Day—Daylight Savings Time Ends</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:00 Youth Music Ministry (Grades 7-12) 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Communion/Children and Youth Sing</i> <i>Grades 5-12 remain in worship—Dr. Walton preaching</i> 11:20 Church School/Music Time for 3-4 Year Olds and K-1st Grade 12:00 Children's Music Ministry (Grades 2-6) MISSION FAIR 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ 12:30 New Sanctuary Forum 12:30 Family Ministries 9:00 Homeless Shelter begins ♥</p>	<p>2 <i>N.S. Closed</i></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>5:45 Qi Gong 6:00-9 Tartan Fair Crafts Night 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>3 ELECTION DAY <i>N.S. & P.S. 226 closed</i></p> <p>8:00 Capital Campaign 9 to 5 Caring Community ♥</p> <p>6:15 A.A. Groups 6:30 Adult Education Reformation Series 7:15 N.S. Workshop 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>
<p>8 <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care 10:00 Youth Music Ministry (Grades 7-12) 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>The Rev. McCaslin preaching</i> 11:20 Church School/Music Time for 3-4 Year Olds and K-1st Grade 11:20 Teachers' Rounds 12:00 Children's Music Ministry (Grades 2-6) 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ 12:15 Pre-Baptism Meeting 12:30 Teachers' Circle 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>5:45 Qi Gong 6:00-9 Tartan Fair Crafts Night 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥</p> <p>6:15 A.A. Groups 6:30 Buildings and Grounds 6:30 Personnel 7:00 New Sanctuary Mvmt. 7:00 House Committee 7:15 N.S. Workshop 6-7:30 Deacons' Meeting 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>
<p>15 <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Stewardship Commitment</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:00 Youth Music Ministry 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Baptism—Dr. Walton preaching</i> 11:30 Youth Worship (Grades 7-12) 11:20 Church School/Music Time for 3-4 Year Olds and K-1st Grade 12:00 Children's Music Ministry (Grades 2-6) 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ <i>Artist Reception</i> 12:30 Adult Education 12:30 Baby Gathering 12:30 Youth Leadership Team 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>5:45 Qi Gong 6:00-9 Tartan Fair Crafts Night 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 9:00 N.S. Admissions Tour</p> <p>5:00 N.S. Pajama Project 6:15 A.A. Groups 6:30 Adult Education Reformation Series 7:15 N.S. Workshop 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>
<p>22 <i>Christ the King/Reign of Christ</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:00 Youth Music Ministry (Grades 7-12) 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Reception of New Members—Dr. Walton preaching</i> <i>Children Sing in Worship</i> 11:20 Church School/Music Time for 3-4 Year Olds and K-1st Grade 12:00 Children's Music Ministry (Grades 2-6) 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ 12:30 Adult Education 12:45 Advent Wreathmaking 1:30 Literary Group 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>6:00-9 Tartan Fair Crafts Night 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 9:00 N.S. Admissions Tour</p> <p>6:15 A.A. Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>First Notes Mailing Team</p> </div>
<p>29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>NO Adult Education NO Church School or Family Music Ministries 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Rev. Davis preaching</i> 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ 12:30 Tartan Fair Volunteers' Lunch 3:00 Bailey House 9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ (in Assembly Hall) 10-10 Tartan Fair Setup Week 12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>9:00 Homeless Shelter ♥</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER FIRST NOTES: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11</p>

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 9-12:15 Parents' League Workshop 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:00 Wednesday Worship 6:30 Fellowship Supper Committees Meet 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:15 Nominating Committee 6:30 N.S. Board Meeting 7:00 60+ Circle Committee 8:00 NA Solutions 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 9:30 N.S. Workshop 12:00 Sanctuary Open 12:00 Lunch 'n Learn 6:00 First Kids 6:15 NA/DA Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tartan Fair Work Day</p>
<p>11 VETERANS' DAY</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 9:00 Advent Planning Meeting 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:00 N.S. Admissions Open House 6:30 Candidates Committee 7:00 New Sanctuary Mvmt. 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p> <p>First Notes and Calendar Due</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:15 Nominating Committee 7:00 Mission Service Trip Report 8:00 NA Solutions 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>13 N.S. Closed</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 Inquirers' Class 11 to 2 Tartan Fair Work Day 12:00 Session Lunch with Inquirers</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 9:00 N.S. Admissions Tour 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:30 Deacons/Trustees/ Session 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:00 Marie Sibilla "Aging Well" Lecture Series 6:15 Nominating Committee 8:00 NA Solutions 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 9:30 N.S. Workshop 12:00 Sanctuary Open 12:00 Lunch 'n Learn 5:30-8 Youth Service & Fellowship 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 Mission Service Project 11 to 2 Tartan Fair Work Day</p> <p>Bible & Bagels Service Event (Grades 5-8) Time TBD</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:00 N.S. Luncheon 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service Children/Youth Choirs 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>26 THANKSGIVING DAY</p> <p><i>School Recess (11/26, 27)</i></p> <p><i>Staff Holiday</i></p> <p>12:30 Dinner at Our Lady of Pompeii Church 9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Staff Holiday</i></p> <p>9:00 Homeless Shelter♥</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:35 Mission Service Project</p> <p><i>Closed</i></p>
<p>DEACONS FOR THE MONTH:</p> <p>Wendy Williams (347) 750-5586</p> <p>Jason Reade (917) 856-3250</p>	<p><i>The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York</i></p> <p>12 West 12th Street (at Fifth Avenue) Tel: (212) 675-6150 New York, NY 10011 Fax: (212) 675-867</p> <p><i>All data subject to change without notice.</i></p> <p>Check with Church Receptionist for confirmation and details.</p> <p>Indicates Volunteer Opportunities ♥</p>		

Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome to the **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR**, published monthly to let you know of events where you can help.

- **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING** – Hosts, coffee pourers, and greeters are needed for Coffee Hour after church. To volunteer, call **CHARLOTTE WALLACE** at (973) 692-0541.
- **USHERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES** – Volunteers are needed to usher for **Sunday morning services and special services**. To volunteer, call **JOAN RYAN** at (212) 765-2141, or **SUZANNE FREEMAN** at (646) 827-4559.
- **FIRST NOTES** – Volunteers are needed to help assemble and label **FIRST NOTES** mailings. For the next mailing, volunteers will meet at the Church at 10:00 a.m. and work until about 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 24**. Call **PAULETTE GRIEFEN** at (212) 942-0620 to help.
- **LAY READERS** – Those interested in participating as lay readers are asked to call **DENISE JACKSON** at (212) 675-4366.
- **CROSS BEARER** – To explore the possibility of carrying the processional cross at worship, please contact **MEG HARPER** at (718) 624-1516 or harpermeg@hotmail.com.
- **IN THE KITCHEN** – If you can help with Fellowship Suppers after Wednesday Worship, please call **JAMES HOLLANDER** at (646) 335-2969 or e-mail hollander_james@yahoo.com. For all other events call **JACKIE FIKE** at (914) 793-4017 or e-mail jackiecf@verizon.net.

Wednesday, November 4—Fellowship Supper

Wednesday, Nov. 4—3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Pr, Sr, Clean-up

Saturday, November 14—Session Lunch with Inquirers

Friday, Nov. 13—11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Prep.

Saturday, Nov. 14—9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Prep., Serve, Cleanup

Sunday, November 29—Tartan Fair Volunteers' Lunch

Saturday, November 28 — 12:00-3:00 p.m. Prep.

Sunday, November 29 — 9:00-11:00 a.m. Prep.

12:30-3:30 p.m. Prep., Serve, Cleanup

BABY GATHERING Sunday, November 15, 2009 12:30 p.m.



At the Baby Gathering, you and your baby (infants to 18 months old) will have an opportunity to play, meet other families, and enjoy a light lunch. Please bring whatever food your child enjoys as well. Sign up in the Mellin-Macnab lobby or email families@fpcnyc.org. Please let us know if you plan to bring older siblings.

SAVE THE DATE!

Advent Family Celebration Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Watch the Sunday bulletin and your December issue of *First Notes* for more details.

Advent Wreath Making Sunday, November 22, at 12:45 p.m.

The entire FPC community is invited to join the Family Ministries Committee for this annual Advent Wreath Making event. All materials are provided.

Please RSVP to families@fpcnyc.org. A freewill donation will be collected to help cover the cost of materials. Resources for candle-lighting will be provided!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church, and several other Jewish and Christian congregations in the Greenwich Village community, will worship together in an Inter-Faith Service for Thanksgiving Eve on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. Children's choirs from other congregations, as well as the Children's Choirs of First Presbyterian, will participate in the service, which will include prayers, stories from various faith traditions, and hymns of the season. A reception will follow the service in the Esther Morrow Room of the South Wing.



NOTES ON FLU SEASON

The flu season begins with the start of fall. This year, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is concerned that the new H1N1 virus could result in a particularly severe flu season. The seasonal flu and H1N1 (both influenza viruses) are thought to spread mostly from person to person through coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with influenza. Clustered areas, such as schools and churches are at the biggest risk for spread of the both seasonal flu and H1N1 viruses. It is essential as a community that we be well-educated to keep ourselves and our families healthy during this upcoming flu season. The key is prevention.

Prevention starts with the hands, nose and mouth. Handwashing is one of the most important things any of us can do. It is best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds, but if this is not available, use an alcohol-based product to clean your hands. And watch your nose and mouth: cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough/sneeze (and discard the tissue into the trash) or cough/sneeze into your sleeve or elbow. It is especially important to wash your hands after coughing or sneezing. Remember to set a good example for your little ones!

Influenza can also be prevented with vaccination. Get a seasonal flu vaccine now for yourself and your family to help protect against seasonal flu viruses. Get the H1N1 vaccine as soon as it is available to you. H1N1 vaccine will begin to be generally available to persons in priority groups by the first week of November. Your own health care provider may be your best option for getting vaccinated against the seasonal flu and the H1N1. If this is not available to you, there are flu clinics available where vaccinations are available. You can search for these clinics by either calling 311 or on the internet at <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/FluPublic/mainView.do>

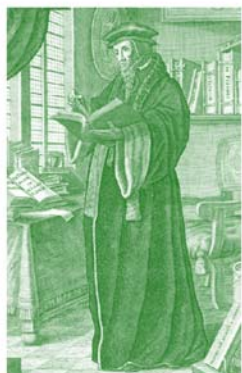
Symptoms of the seasonal flu and H1N1 include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some may also have vomiting and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, with symptoms that come on gradually, flu usually hits all at once. If you think you have the flu, stay home from work or school until at least 24 hours after you feel better. Always contact your doctor if you have any concerns.

Remember it is important to take care of your health and well-being as well as the health of your family.

Any questions about the seasonal flu or H1N1?

Call the H1N1 Influenza Hotline for the Public (NYSDOH) : (800) 808-1987 - available 24/7

Source: The New York State Department of Health. Visit <http://www.health.state.ny.us/> for more information.



John Calvin (1509 - 1564)

CELEBRATING CALVIN

Thursday, November 5

6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birthday with the Presbyterian Historical Society on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Brick Presbyterian Church, 62 East 92nd Street. This PHS fall event will feature a lecture by Bruce Gordon, Professor of Reformation History, Yale Divinity School entitled "The Hidden Man: Writing a Biography of John Calvin" with a reception to follow. Gordon is the author of *Calvin*, published by Yale University Press, 2009.

A \$20 per person charge can be paid at the door.

RSVP to Samantha at (215) 928-3889 or to Myra Tobin, Board Member, at (917) 543-6881.

MISSION SERVICE COMMITTEE WEEKEND PROJECTS

Saturday, November 21:

Cleaning the FPC kitchens in the South Wing and 2nd floor of Mellin-Macnab Building (which also will involve reorganizing the contents of the cabinets). A minimum of 6 people needed to work from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Gloves and cleaning supplies provided. Sign up in the Mellin-Macnab lobby or call Georgia Pease at (212) 477-1693.

Saturday, November 28:

Working the morning shift (8:35 to 11:45 a.m.) at The Cardinal Spellman soup kitchen on East 2nd Street. 6 people needed. Sign up as above.

A Month of Sundays

November Worship at FPC



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints' Day

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Sacrament: Communion

Children & Youth Sing in Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Commitment

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah S. McCaslin preaching

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Sacrament: Baptism

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Reception of New Members

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

First Sunday of Advent

Sermon: The Rev. Barbara E. Davis preaching

November 1, 2009 @ 11:00 a.m.

Youth in Grades 5 through 12 Remain in Worship

Volunteer to usher! Sit together in the front left aisle in the sanctuary.

November 15, 2009 @ 11:30 a.m.

Youth Worship

"Giving Thanks for Saints, Mentors and Friends"

Youth in Grades 7 through 12 join the Rev. Davis in the library during church school, after Bibles and Bagels.

November 15, 2009 @ 12:30 p.m.

Youth Leadership Team

Youth, Parents and Church School Teachers meet with the Rev. Davis to plan events for the winter season—join the planning!

November 20, 2009 @ 5:30 pm

Youth Service and Fellowship (YSF)

Join coordinators Anne Gray and Anne Gaines in preparing a meal for the Homeless shelter, setting up for the men, and talking about this important mission of our church! RSVP to families@fpcnyc.org

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*The First
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Calendar of Events

CHURCH HOUSE

12 WEST 12TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011

Return Service Requested

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Sarah Segal McCaslin, Associate Pastor

Barbara E. Davis, Minister of Christian Education

Mark D. Hostetter, Associate Pastor

William F. Entriken, Organist and Choirmaster

Mia Alvar, Communications Supervisor

