

Calendar of Coming Events

January

22	2PM	Pioneer Club Talent Show
	6PM	G3YG
		Lord's Pantry
24	9:15AM	Alpha Course
	7PM	Deacon Meeting
	7PM	Beta Course
25	7PM	Gamma Course
	7:45PM	Sr. High Bible Study
26	7AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:15AM	Women's Bible Study
	6PM	Deerfoot Lodge Presentation

SESSION – Moderator – Rev. Dan Stewart; Clerk – Jonathan Schuck; Christian Ed: Kerstin Lang, CH, Barb Wray; CL&O: Paul Welle, CH, Ted Wray; Corp. Affairs: Ted Wray, CH, Alan Papson; James Palmer Missions: Ken Garrison, CH; Nominating: Jonathan Schuck, CH, Jack Farrell, Personnel: Barb Wray, CH, Alan Papson; Worship: Millie Montgomery, CH; Preschool: Jack Farrell, CH

DEACONS Moderator – Gwen McDonald Aid to Worship: Carol Jones
Aid to Congregation: Debbie Fanus Aid to Community: Eileen Jenkins
Class of 2012: Gwen McDonald, Eileen Jenkins, Carol Jones, Debbie Fanus
Class of 2013: Janet Medrow, Sharon Harmon, Linda Pittounicos, Myrtle Higgins
Class of 2014: Marcia Papson, Lauren Palmer, Rhonda Schuck, Linda White

TRUSTEES – Property Committee: Steve Smoker, CH, Bob Wert, Jim Engelman, Allan Soldwisch, Phil Jones; Cemetery Committee: Dale Sanville, CH, Kyle Elken, Alan Papson; Finance Committee: James Palmer, CH, (Elder) Kyle Elken, Bob Wert; Endowment: Alan Papson, (Elder); Insurance & Key Control: Allan Soldwisch; Counting: Allan Soldwisch; Nominating Committee: Phil Jones; Secretary: Donna Levan

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"An historic church, we exist to glorify God
by enabling all people to become fully devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.
We prayerfully strive, through the Holy Spirit, to fulfill our purpose
by worship, Biblical teaching, service, fellowship,
and active involvement in world evangelization."

Pastor

Rev. Daniel R. Stewart

Director of Music

Christopher N. Starr

Church Secretary

Karen E. Bittenbender

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Sharon S. Smoker

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The Great Valley Presbyterian Church

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January 22, 2012

*We are a member congregation
of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

January 22, 2012

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP (Please fill out the "Fellowship" clipboard)

PRELUDE "Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise" Hopkins

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 26)

Leader: Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith.

People: You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Leader: Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

People: LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

*VOICES IN PRAISE "Blessed Be Your Name" (see screen)

"Receive the Glory" (see screen)

"Like a River Glorious" HYMN#340

(Prayer cards will be collected during the last song.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

Mary David, Freda Earhart, Debbie Fanus and Jane Porter

OFFERTORY "You Are the Lord" Camp

Linda Pittounicos, Les Zan, Chris Starr, Dave Pustai

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #556

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 62:5-12 (p. 561)

NEW TESTAMENT John 14:15-27 (p. 1046) Steven Leach

ANTHEM "Grant Us Thy Peace" Mendelssohn

Children in 1st-5th grade are dismissed to Children's Church at this time.

SERMON "The Peace He Gives" Rev. Stewart

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27, NIV84)

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN "When Peace Like a River" #330

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Laud" Broughton

*Those who are able may stand

Our Greeters this morning are Dick and Peg Ford.

Our Deacons on call for assistance and aid in January are

Sharon Harmon (610-933-0177) & Marcia Papson (610-344-0709)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

It is a joy and a privilege to be here with you, praising our God. May you sense his presence in the worship and fellowship of this church today.

If you would like a LARGE PRINT BIBLE to use during the worship service, please contact the Deacon on duty.

JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL after the service for coffee fellowship time.

If you know of SPECIAL NEEDS, CONCERNS, OR ILLNESSES among our church family, call the office (610-644-1995). You may leave a message on our answering machine. Thank you for bearing one another's burdens.

PRAYER MINISTRY – The yellow cards in the pew racks are for praise or prayer requests to be read during the prayers of the people. Fill one out and pass it to the center aisle for the prayer leader to collect during the hymn. If you prefer your request to be private, take the yellow card to the Prayer Room following the service, where prayer leaders are available to pray with you. Today's prayer leader is Karen Erickson.

JR. CHURCH – Thanks to today's leaders, Brian and Heidi Watson. Next week's leaders are Larry and Peggy Gould.

LORD'S PANTRY: collection date is January 22, 2012. City Gate needs small paper plates, napkins, plastic tableware, and cups. Coffee and ice tea, as well as pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned items such as tuna, vegetables and fruit, and pancake mix and syrup are also needed. You have been so faithful in providing for this mission in Coatesville – thank you for sharing with the less-fortunate. Items may be left in the baskets in Dickerson Hall.

Chester County March for Life today 2:30PM, St. Agnes Church (233 West Gay Street, West Chester) will host this program of worshipful music, scripture reading and a speaker from St. Bartemeo Seminary. Inclement weather has forced participants indoors several times over the last few years; because of the difficulty of making last-minute changes, we will remain at the church for the entire program this year. A march to the courthouse will follow for those who wish to continue that tradition. If you have questions, call Chester County ProLife Coalition (610-692-4463).

NEW SESSION ASSIGNMENTS – The beginning of a new year brings new elders to the committees of the church. If you have any questions or issues regarding a given area of ministry contact the elders who serve in that area, listed on the back of the Worship bulletin:

The flowers this morning are given by Forrest and Jean Garrison in memory of Jean's brother, Austin Ferguson, and Forrest's sister, Phyllis Walls.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pioneer Girls present a Talent Show in the Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 22nd, from 2-2:30PM. All are welcome to attend and support the girls.

Heard from the Mission Field: David and Carol Ingersoll, Newark, New Jersey (World Impact) In answer to many prayers, our church, Iglesia Cristinana Shalom, is growing, both in numbers and in spiritual maturity. The Lord continues to open doors of ministry for our family. Teaching English classes has proved helpful in drawing many Hispanics to Christ. We are building trust as we teach with patience and kindness. Our Joshua, Stephen, and Rebekah (along with our pastor's daughter, Sara) in our youth worship team have been faithfully leading the singing each month. There have been spiritual attacks and many ups and downs, but those participating are learning about having a relationship with Jesus.

2011 Financial Statements – If you contributed at least \$100 to Great Valley in 2011 you should have received a financial statement for IRS purposes this past week. If you have questions, contact the church office (610-644-1995)

Preliminary Year-End Financial Report – In summary, we can praise God for another excellent year financially! (The Annual Report will provide the complete, final figures.) We had an \$80,000 contribution target in December in order to meet the budget, and the congregation was again generous in giving \$101,361 so that total contributions (including foundation gift) for the year *exceeded* the budget by \$23,825! On the expense side, we finished the year \$15,106 *below* budget, for a combined income/expense net *surplus* of \$38,931. This money will be placed in either our Operating Checking or our Contribution Savings account.

Additionally, in 2011, we received \$31,623 in various designated gifts that didn't count toward the budget and \$27,800 toward our endowment fund.

The Session, Trustees and Deacons express their heart-felt thanks for your support of Great Valley's mission and ministries.

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2011 TOTAL</u>	<u>NET</u>
<u>Contributions</u>			
Operations/Ministries			
Budget	\$ 80,200	\$ 616,740	
Actual Contributions	\$100,336	\$ 640,565	\$23,825
Pastoral Housing Fund	\$ 12,433	\$ 22,148	
<u>Expenses</u>			
Budget		\$ 616,740	
Actual		\$ 601,634	\$15,106



Electives 2012

February 5-26

In February the Christian Education Committee invites you to attend Electives during the Sunday school hour. Use it as an opportunity to learn something about a new topic, to get to know new teachers/presenters or just to be simply surprised by what God will work into your life as you open yourself to His leading.

Please sign up on the clipboards, or in Dickerson Hall.

Serving the Poor – Developing a heart for the poor in Chester Co.
 Jim Ford (Director of Good Works)
 Roger Wayne (Special Projects Coordinator–
 Community, Youth and Women's Alliance)

What is poverty? What does the Bible say about poverty? What is God's heart for the poor?

What is our Christian responsibility for the poor? How do we define poverty in Chester County?

Sessions are: Developing a heart for the poor; Hopelessness and hope; Benefits of serving the poor, and Opportunities for service.

We will blend elements of the Bible, parables, Good Works, Bridges Out of Poverty, and our personal experiences to help Christians develop a heart for the poor in Chester County.

Worship Dave Pustai, Les Zan, Millie Montgomery

We will explore Biblical foundations and theological perspectives of Christian worship with the purpose of helping us better celebrate God's presence and mighty deeds. Our time will be divided between Bible Study, video input from pastors and songwriters (i.e. John Piper, Timothy Keller, Paul Baloche), discussion and singing.

Counterfeit Gods

Jim Shackleton

Using the book by the same name (author Tim Keller) and many examples from scripture, we will look at idolatry in our culture and in ourselves.

To contemporary people the word *idolatry* conjures thoughts of primitive people bowing down before statues, or perhaps modern -day 'pop stars' (i.e., "American Idol"); but in scripture *idolatry* is a sophisticated issue ... anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you the hope, meaning, and fulfillment that only God can provide.

Idols are often good things (family, hard work, relationships, individual freedom are a few examples) that have crept into first place in our lives.

God desires that we discern the idols of our hearts and culture as a first step. This is the majority of teaching in this elective. However, a portion of each session will focus on the principle that God desires us not simply to remove our counterfeit gods, but to replace them.

Be prepared to fit yourself right into this teaching, for there are many principles for personal reflection and decision within this topic. We would love to have you join us!

So "What's Next?"

Rev. Bob Scott

Of all beings in the universe, whether existing inside or outside of time, only God is omniscient. Therefore, only He alone knows the future! We are limited to what He has revealed in trying to answer "What's Next?" All else is mere speculation, which is completely unacceptable when the stakes are so high!

This elective will examine what Scripture reveals about four future topics: (1) The Intermediate State (existence between death and bodily resurrection), (2) The Millennium, (3) Heaven, and (4) Hell. Do souls sleep in death? Is there purgatory? Do any souls ever cease to exist? Will everyone's experience in Heaven be the same; what about Hell; etc.