

# First Press

## First Reformed Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

12900 Frankstown Road • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

### ***2008 Spring Missions Conference*** **Extending Christ's Kingdom to All Peoples**

We look forward to the Spring Missions Conference which will be held April 4 - 6, 2008. We will be welcoming back Dr. Shelton Sanford as this year's conference preacher. Dr. Sanford presently serves as Senior Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, SC, one of the more progressive, growing churches in the P.C.A. He is also very active in Presbytery and General Assembly causes and currently serves as chairman of the Mission to the World Committee of General Assembly. He is a regular speaker at missions conferences throughout our denomination and has made numerous trips to the mission field including India, Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Kenya, Ukraine, and Malawi.

James Buckner, long time missionary to Hong Kong, will join us for this year's conference. James and his wife Bonnie have served in Hong Kong for over 20 years. They are currently on Home Ministry Assignment in Asheville, NC and plan to return to Hong Kong later this year with a focus on church planting. David and Jan Kiewiet, missionaries to Australia, will also be joining us. David and Jan have been in Brisbane, Australia since 1986. For the first 10 years in Australia they were church planters. David then served as principal and lecturer at Westminster Theological College (now The Queensland Theological College). Recently, David has been appointed Country Director to help the Westminster Presbyterian Church denomination in planting churches. We are also looking forward to having Lois Ooms join us for the conference. After spending 39 years as a missionary in Africa, Lois has returned to the US—not to retire, but to relocate and continue her ministry with other countries of Africa and the Middle East focusing on community health and micro-enterprise development.

The conference starts on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 with dinner, followed by an introduction of the missionaries, David Kiewiet's presentation of his testimony, and Dr. Sanford preaching from Isaiah 43:1-13. The Saturday morning program features module presentations by James Buckner, David & Jan Kiewiet, and Lois Ooms. The morning will conclude with lunch and preaching by Dr. Sanford. During the Adult Sunday School class, we will have a more informal opportunity to learn more about the missionaries and ask questions during the Missionary Panel Discussion. We also look forward to Dr. Sanford's preaching during the morning and evening worship services.

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### COMING EVENTS

**MARCH 16**  
*PALM SUNDAY*

**MARCH 20**  
*MAUNDY THURSDAY*  
*REV. MATT KOERBER*

**MARCH 21**  
*GOOD FRIDAY*  
*REV. JIM SPITZEL*

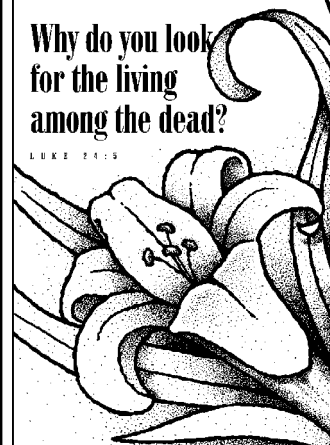
**MARCH 23**  
*EASTER SUNDAY*  
*DR. DENNIS PRUTOW*

### LOOKING AHEAD

**APRIL 4-6**  
*Missions Conference*

**Why do you look  
for the living  
among the dead?**

LUKE 24:5



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A Children's Program is also planned with the theme *What is a Missionary?* It will be held Friday evening after dinner and Saturday morning for children age 4 through grade 6. A nursery will also be provided for younger children throughout the conference. This year, we will be collecting items to make up "Action Packs" for *Voice of the Martyrs*, an interdenominational organization with a vision for aiding Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ, fulfilling the Great Commission, and educating the world about the ongoing persecution of Christians. Watch the bulletin and Welcome Center for further information.

We would also like to invite the congregation to participate in our prayer meetings for the conference. We will be meeting in the Conference Room on March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to join us in prayer as we lead up to the conference.

Mark your calendars to reserve the dates for the conference; we look forward to your participation!

Our sympathy to Phil Cole and family on the passing of his father, Jan. 31, 2008

Christian sympathy is extended to Buck and Donna Gray on the passing of Buck's mother, Mrs. Mary Gray, on February 3, 2008.

Sympathy also to Mrs. Marty Agate Sheils on the recent passing of her husband, George Sheils.

Christian sympathy to the Fran Campbell family following the passing of Fran's mother on Feb. 18, 2008.

Mr. Walter Matusz, a member of First Reformed, passed away on February 17, 2008.



With Deepest Sympathy

## March Birthdays

1	Bob Agate Madeleine Berlin Jim Crawford Alice Cervi	17	Lucille Agate Isabell West
2	Jessica Mattson Brendan McGuire	18	Joel Master
4	Becky Lozenski	19	Bruce Airgood Dorothy Master
6	Duane Agate Ellen Bowlin April Crawford Lydia Musser	21	Michael Manna Jeff Taylor Matt Shepler Christine Lim
9	Rachel Dutton Kaylin Probst	23	Patrick Bennett Bob Crawford
10	Susan Dietz Joshua Schofield	24	Virginia Isherwood Janet McGuire
11	Nancy Cadwallader Martha Dizak Elizabeth Lim	25	Rodger Cahill
12	Beth Campbell Elaine Dutton	27	Debbie Anthony Holly Vizino
14	Alanna Master Martha Mbandi Lynn Miller	28	William Smoak
16	Salah Burton	29	Nathan Bremmer
		31	Jim Lozenski Steven Patterson Tat-Koon Koh

"To our church family:

Thank you all so much for your support, encouragement, sympathy, and prayers in the loss of our Dad and Poppy. Your kind words, both spoken and written, the many meals we received, and overall thoughtfulness were true testaments to God's provision in times of need. You are all shining examples of His love on Earth! We are continually thankful for the many blessings we receive through our beloved church."

Blessings,

The Ken Boyer Family



**Classified Ad:** "Are you creative, able to teach, fun-loving, good with kids.....Then please begin to pray how God might use these gifts!!

### Financial Summary

January 1 - January 31, 2008

**Operating Account:**

Receipts \$ 24,018  
Disbursements \$ 20,863

*Account Balances -*

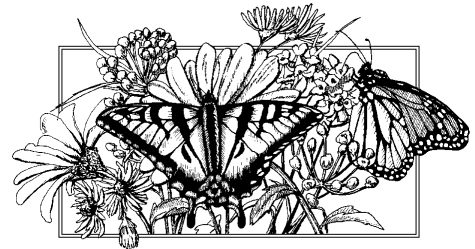
Operating Checking \$ 25,867  
Operating Saving \$ 101,876

**Benevolence Account:**

Income \$ 7,072  
Disbursements \$ 5,994

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# March



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# EASTER

*Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday*

<p><b>Each Sunday:</b>                  9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages                  10:45 a.m. Morning Worship                  5:30 p.m. Promises                  6:30 p.m. Evening Worship</p>	<p>School for all ages</p>					<p>1</p>
<p><b>2</b>                  10:45 a.m.                  Lord's Supper                  Rev. Art Scott                  4:45 p.m.                  Joint Youth Group                  5:00                  Promises</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>                  7:00 p.m.                  Session Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b>                  6:45 p.m.                  College &amp; Career</p>	<p><b>6</b>                  9:30 a.m.                  WIC Bible Study                  6:30 p.m.                  Pioneer Girls,                  First Boys Club                  7:15 p.m.                  WIC Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b>                  ?                  WIC Mystery                  Dinner</p>	<p><b>8</b>  </p>
<p><b>9</b> 10:45 a.m.                  Dr. Dennis Prutow                  4:45 p.m.                  Joint Youth Group                  5:30                  Promises</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>                  7:00 p.m.                  McLane                  Covenant Group                  7:30 p.m.                  Murrysville                  Covenant Group</p>	<p><b>12</b>                  6:45 p.m.                  College &amp; Career                  Bible Study                  7:30 p.m.                  Crawford Covenant                  Group</p>	<p><b>13</b>                  9:30 a.m.                  MOPS                  6:30 p.m.                  Pioneer Girls,                  First Boys Club</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b>  <i>Palm Sunday-</i>                  Dr. Prutow                  5:30 p.m.                  Great Commission                  Prayer                  4:45 p.m.                  Joint Youth Group</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>                  7:00 p.m.                  Plum Covenant Group</p>	<p><b>19</b>                  6:45 p.m.                  College &amp; Career                  Bible Study</p>	<p><b>20</b>                  9:30 a.m.                  WIC Bible Study                  7:00 p.m.  <i>Maundy Thursday                  Communion Ser-                  vice</i></p>	<p><b>21</b>                  7:00 p.m.  <i>Good Friday -                  Joint Service</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b>    <i>Easter Sunday</i>                  Breakfast                  Sunday School                  Worship-Dr. Prutow</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:00 p.m.                  McLane Cov. Grp.                  7:30 p.m.                  Murrysville Cov. Grp.                  7:30 p.m.                  WIC Prayer Meeting</p>	<p><b>26</b>                  6:45 p.m.                  College &amp; Career                  7:30 p.m.                  Crawford Covenant                  Group</p>	<p><b>27</b>                  9:30 a.m.                  MOPS                  6:30 p.m.                  Pioneer Girls,                  First Boys Club</p>	<p><b>28</b>  </p>	
<p><b>30</b>                  10:45a.m.                  Dr. Rick Gamble                  4:45 p.m.                  Joint Youth Group</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>					



### City Reformed

## **City Reformed Church**

On Sunday Evening, February 10, 2008, City Reformed took the "final step in the process of becoming a 'particular' church".

A commission of Teaching and Ruling elders from the Pittsburgh Presbytery were on hand to bring about this process.

Testimonies from the congregation were heard, and the members took the necessary vows. The sermon was preached by Rev. Bruce Finn, of Philadelphia.

Prayer of Invocation - RE Buck Gray

Covenant of Organization and Change - TE JD Funyak

Installation of Ruling Elders and Charge - RE Walt Turner

Installation of Pastor Matt Koerber and Charge - TE Aaron Garber

Prayer for Elders, Pastor & Congregation - RE Scott Magnuson

Benediction - TE Matt Koerber.

Everyone was invited to a reception following.

In their evening bulletin, this was written: "The members of City Reformed would like to thank all those people who worked towards establishment of this church. We especially thank First Reformed Presbyterian for the physical and spiritual support and leadership that they have given us over the last three and a half years."



### **Holy Week Schedule**

**Thursday, March 20**

7:00 p.m.

***Maundy Thursday Worship  
(Communion)***

Rev. Matt Koerber, preaching

**Friday, March 21**

7:00 p.m.

***Good Friday PCA Joint Worship***

Rev. Jim Spitzel (pastor of Pitcairn Presbyterian Church), preaching

**Sunday, March 23**

9:00 a.m. - ***Congregational  
Breakfast***

9:45 a.m. - ***Sunday School  
Classes***

10:45 a.m. - ***Lord's Day Worship***

***Dr. Dennis Prutow***

6:30 p.m. - ***Evening Worship***