

# First Press

## First Reformed Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

12900 Frankstown Road • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

Ladies

Continuing with this year's WIC Theme – "Kingdom Connections,"  
and focusing on connections to our families . . .

All ladies, young and old, are invited. . .

To: A WIC Christmas "Family" Gathering

When : Saturday, December 8, at 9:00 am

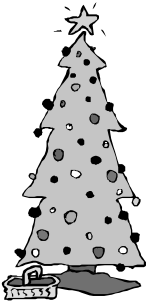
Where: First Reformed Presbyterian Church

Please plan to Come and enjoy a morning  
of "family" Christmas activities:

~ A time of crafting ~

~ A time of eating ~

~ A time of singing carols and reading Scriptures ~



Here's what you'll need to do:

Sign up at the welcome center

or call the church office (412-793-7117) to RSVP / choose a craft -

Craft choices:

1. Christmas ornament
2. Christmas centerpiece
3. Layered mix in a jar
4. Rubber Stamping

Bring your favorite homemade sweet bread or rolls to share

Bring a canned good or staple for our Christmas Project (will go to a needy  
family in Penn Hills)

Come on December 8th and be ready to enjoy a great "family" time



## COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 8

9:00 a.m.

Women's Christmas  
Gathering

DECEMBER 13

9:30 A.M.

MOPS Christmas  
Brunch

6:30 p.m.

Pioneer Girls  
Christmas Program

December 23

After Church  
Christmas Lunch

2:00p.m.

Concert

DECEMBER 24

6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service



Join us for...

Worship on

Christmas Eve

Monday ,

December 24th

6:00 p.m.



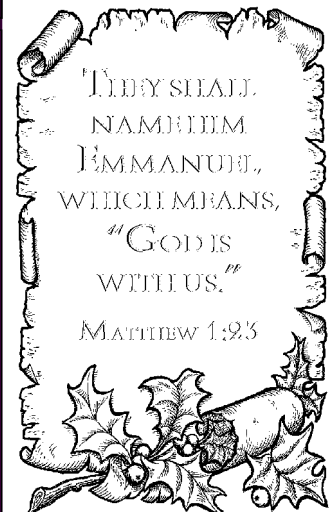
All Church Christmas  
Lunch

And Concert

Lunch after Church –  
Concert by *One Voice* 2:00



p.m.

December 23rd



TIDY SHALL  
NAMED HIM  
EMMANUEL,  
WHICH MEANS,  
"GOD IS  
WITH US."

MATTHEW 1:23

			December Birthdays				January Birthdays
2	Rick Carter Phil Hardin Cydney Pié	16	Bob Bremmer, Jr.	2	Jane Carter	24	Stephen DiNa
3	Mark Master	17	Carol Brickner Brian Dutton David Golightly Donna Manna Florence Monaco	4	Arianna Schofield	tale	
4	Jesse Faith Holly Hicks	18	Jonathan Dalbey Jeffrey Patterson	5	Walt Matusz	26	Patty Bennett
6	Justin Dalbey Rich Dizak	19	Robert Cervi	8	Kelly DiNatale	29	Sally Gipson Glenn McGuire Kathryn Smoak
7	Jason Dalbey Mollie Pifer	20	Catherine Volponi	9	Joshua Cole Debby Lilac	30	Daniel Smith
8	Meghan Pifer	21	Rose Hadzima Ruth Smith	11	Brianne Stecko		
9	Kerrie Berlin Cathy Bremmer	22	Benjamin Crawford	12	Sarah Musser		
11	Carmella Veltri	24	Leigh Boyer	13	David Carter Ken Forman		
12	Alice Harke Keith Mihelich Care Patterson	27	Rosetta Ashbaugh	18	Suzanne Lawyer		
14	Judy Reynolds	31	Fox Andrzejewski Stan Jenkins	19	Jane Turner		
15	Caleb Crawford Chris Olshefski			20	Emily Conrad Dan DeFazio Gary Master		
				22	Grace Bowlin		



**"Aunt Ruthie"**

Here it is—that special time  
It really did arrive—  
The day you would retire from  
This present daily drive.

Your early life—exciting  
Filled with friends and family  
Three children kept you busy—  
Yes, as busy as could be!

But then one day God showed you  
Needs of children all around  
Your special love and caring  
Kept their feet on solid ground

He gave you skills to teach them  
Bible words from A to Z  
And in Sunday school you guided  
To salvation-rich and free!

In Pioneers you took the lead  
With Judy at your side.  
Again you challenged each young girl  
To let God be her guide.

The mission field then called you  
To get to know the world.  
In Africa and Pakistan  
You were God's special girl!

And lately you have brightened  
Many seniors of today  
As they've found themselves unable  
To run, jump and play.

Your visits to the nursing home  
Brought many people joy  
As you did some nails, and prayed with them  
God's children-girl or boy.

You minister to all you meet  
With great humility.  
You show God's love to everyone—  
On this they all agree.

You've been a blessing to each one.  
We've come to know you care.  
No matter what the problem—  
Child or adult—you've been there.

You've been the glue that  
Held so many ministries together.  
You've been a strong and faithful friend  
Through fair and stormy weather.

But now the time has come for you  
To strike out once again.  
You're needed close to Linnie's crew  
Who on you can depend.

Your going now will leave a hole  
At good old First RP.  
Your service here has been superb  
On this we all agree

We'll miss your cheery smiles  
And all the hugs that you bestow.  
We'll miss your kind and loving words  
Of comfort when you go.

But now God has a purpose  
For your leaving Pittsburgh town.  
There must be people elsewhere  
Who are feeling mighty down.

God needs you to be there for them  
As you've been here for us,  
So although we're feeling very sad  
We won't make too much fuss.

Make lots of friends that love the Lord  
And follow in his way,  
But don't forget the ones right here  
Who for you always pray.

Please come back soon and visit  
Let us know of all you do.  
Until that time please pray for us  
And we will pray for you.

*When she heard about Ruth Smith's plans to leave,  
Anne Jenkins sat down and wrote this poem....*

**Ruth's new address is:  
1018 N. Bend Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27609**

**Phone— 919-876-8731**

# December 2007




*Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday*

						<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. WIC Christmas Decorating
<b>2</b> 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group 5:30 p.m. - Promises - Lord's Supper	<b>3</b>	<b>4.</b> 4 7:00 p.m. Plum Covenant Group	<b>5</b> 7:30 p.m. Crawford Covenant Group 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. WIC Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls/ 1st Boys	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. Women's Christmas Gathering
<b>9</b> 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group 5:30 Promises	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. McLane Cove- nant Group 7:30 p.m. Murrysville Covenant Group	<b>12</b> 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. MOPS Christmas Brunch 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls Christmas Party First Boys Clu7 7:00 p.m. WIC Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7:00 p.m. MOPS CROPS	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group Christmas Party 5:30 p.m. Promises 5:30 p.m. Great Commission Prayer	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30 p.m. WIC Prayer Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	<b>20</b> <i>No Pioneer Clubs</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> After church Christ- mas Lunch & Concert at 2:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> Service 6:00 p.m. 	<b>25</b> <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>No Pioneer Clubs</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>  <i>Christmas Eve SERVICE</i>					



# January 2008

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	<i>Happy New Year!</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>No Pioneers/First Boys</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:45 a.m. Lord's Supper 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group 5:30 p.m. Promises	<b>7</b> 7:00 p.m. WIC Council Meeting	<b>8</b> 7:00 p.m. McLane Covenant Group 7:30 p.m. Murrysville Cov. Grp.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. MOPS 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls/ 1st Boys	<b>11</b> <b>12</b> 9:00a.m. Missions Comm. Mtg.  Presbytery Senior High Youth Group Snow Camp Jan. 11-13	
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### **Missions Focus Emad and Michelle M. (Middle East)**

Emad and his family are considered to be serving in a sensitive work so specifics the ministry cannot be shared in print. They have been serving under MTW since 1987. Emad was born in Egypt and came to the US when he was 12. He became a Christian in college. Michelle is a nurse. Her family served in India through medicine and church planting. They have three children. Joanna is working in Cairo. Amira is a senior at Covenant College and looking for a job in Egypt where she plans to do a master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies. David is a sophomore at Wake Forest University. Most of their contacts who become believers are ostracized from their families and society even though there is technically religious freedom. There have been several incidents of violence against Christians recently. Many of these people are reached through a related radio program so part of the ministry is in following up these folks. Many lose their jobs so cottage industries (a farm and a language school) have been started to provide jobs. Emad and Michelle are currently very busy teaching at a theological school. Emad is Principal. The school is 2 years old and has 120 students this year, meeting in 2 locations. Most of the students work full-time and have families. They have students from many denominations and many countries (even ones closed to missionaries.) One of the locations meets in a large virtually empty church. After 2 years of prayer they have started an Arabic church with between 40-45 people meeting in small groups. The theological school has a web site [www.ast-eg.org](http://www.ast-eg.org).



### **Financial Summary** January 1 - October 31, 2007

#### **Operating Account:**

Income	\$ 314,223
Disbursements	\$ 301,501

#### *Account Balances -*

Operating Checking	\$ 7,984
Operating Saving	\$ 99,489

#### **Benevolence Account:**

Income	\$ 98,817
Disbursements	\$ 95,212