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Open Door Clinic Update....

*By Bob Denman
Clinic President and Church Session Member*

Within the last couple of weeks during August, the Open Door Clinic, which is housed in our church facility, passed several major milestones in its existence.

We've been open for business for 17 months now and this month the clinic contracted with St. Joseph's Hospital to have the hospital furnish us with a part-time clinic coordinator to help run the clinic on an ongoing basis. Not only have we signed the contract, but St. Joseph's has hired one of our own church members – Dr. Deb Bieging – to fill that new position. She will start her professional work in that new position for the clinic in September.

Those of us who have been involved with the clinic throughout the last 17 months we have been operating solely with volunteer help believe that adding a paid part-time professional to the clinic will provide greater continuity to our endeavor and enhance our patient care capability. We're delighted that Deb was interested in taking the new job as Deb is no stranger to our effort. She has been working each week at the clinic as a volunteer, heading up our program to sign up our patients for patient assistance programs run by the various drug companies.

This Tuesday (Aug. 21) the clinic also passed the 500 mark in terms of patients registered with the clinic. As of the close of business that night we had 502 patients registered with the clinic and had recorded 1,389 patient visits to the clinic since we opened our doors for business in April 2006. This Tuesday the clinic's doctors and staff saw 33 patients including eight persons who visited the clinic for the first time.

For those of you who may not have had a chance to visit us on a night we are open, the clinic normally sees between 25 to 30 patients each week and 15 to 20 volunteers show up each night to help us offer our medical services to our patients. Many of those volunteers include members of our church and some of them have been working nearly every week since the clinic opened for business. I'm not going to list them here because the numbers are too great – and because I probably would forget to include someone.

In addition to the treatments offered patients by our medical personnel, the clinic also provides medicines needed by the clinic's patients as part of their health regimen. To date the clinic has dispensed 2,254 prescriptions at a cost of \$34,179 to the clinic. Those same prescriptions would have cost our patients \$65,645 on the retail market.

For the last couple of months, our church also has been offering something else to persons arriving on clinic nights. On the second and fourth Tuesday nights our pastor Barry has been holding a healing service for all persons wishing to attend. On the other Tuesday nights, we also have been making our sanctuary available to persons feeling the need for a quiet place to pray or meditate.

In closing, I and the board and everyone involved with the clinic again want to thank First Presbyterian Church and its members for all the support you have given to the clinic these past 17 months. Your commitment to our endeavor is truly appreciated and is often commented upon.

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Points of Interest

Stewardship Campaign begins

Youth make plans for Wednesday evening Worship service

Genesis Sunday is Sept. 9—Faith Quest begins

Memorials and Gifts

(Through August 14)

Deacons FundKameri Meredith
George & Peggy Fleming**Food Pantry**

Tom & Jo Knoble

**New Search Engine
to raise funds for
youth group...**

What if the youth group mission fund earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can!

GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter First Presbyterian Youth (be sure it's in Chippewa Falls!) as the charity you want to support.

Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! And, be sure to spread the word!

Hey y'all - forward this to everyone you know within the church plus your friends and relatives! We could feasibly raise all of the needed money for the mission trip to Atlanta if we commit to this!

Peace + Love - Ali

Letters to the Editor...**To the Editor:**

Those of us who enjoyed the Wednesday Night Meals so much the past few years owe a very large thank you to the organizers and cooks for these events.

For us, it was a chance to get acquainted with some younger people and have come to like and admire them a lot. It was when I feel I really got to know Gail Wickman -- and then she moved away. Vance and I will truly miss those evenings we spent in Fellowship Hall. I know that attendance was too small to continue on a weekly basis and will look forward to whatever replaces the program. Thanks to all who fed us so well.

Another group that I think we should really appreciate would be the leaders and workers who serve Agnes' Table meals. I have worked only once and am looking forward to my second time this week. This is a project that takes tremendous organizational skills and the leaders have my appreciation. What a wonderful project this is! And so appreciated by such nice, polite recipients.

There were pleases and big thank yous from most attendees. Thanks to those who organize these meals and those help them.

Margi Kohl

Lace up your walking shoes on Sunday, October 21st and join the CROP WALK in an effort to end hunger here and around the world.



Karey Sinette will be recruiting people from our church to walk. Interested? Contact her at 726-9723 or by email at

Pastor's Perspective

Recently eight folks gathered in my office to talk about small groups for our church. Last February, we began our conversation about church transformation and the subject of small groups has grown in importance. You might say that we have been circling the topic and now the landing gear is down and the runway is in sight. Development of a small group ministry is underway. Planning and leader training have begun.

Small groups have always been a major component of churches. For several decades, choirs, committees, Bible studies, youth, men and women fellowships, care groups, neighborhood groups, card clubs, social clubs, outreach groups; all have been the lifeblood of church life. Now, for the last 20-25 years, there has been a need for qualitative change in church groups. Friendly affiliation and common tasks are no longer sufficient to hold churches together, least wise to enliven and grow a Christian fellowship. And people outside the church family are what Tom Bandy calls "Spiritually Yearning, Institutionally Alienated" or SYIA's. Those letters are pronounced "See Ya" which is what he says people are saying to the institutional church in droves – "See ya!"

New churches and revitalized old churches are meeting the needs of SYIA's with small groups. People in and out of the church are looking for compelling reasons to come together. There must be something to meet the yearnings of the spirit. Wonder and frustration over questions and thoughts like: *Is making money all there is? My brother-in-law has a gambling problem – how can I help? What is the purpose of my life? Why did Tommy have to die? I am afraid to die. Where is there hope for my children's future? I am worried about a job or school or retirement. Should I get married? The divorce is final; now*

what? I hate to admit that my marriage is flat. Am I drinking too much? Why don't I have any friends? Is God really there for me? Millions of us struggle with issues like these. If we are not now, we will soon. Many are finding support and encouragement in a church's small groups. One church's brochure says "This ministry will be a place where genuine love and warmth allows for honest interaction and the sharing of deep personal needs, followed by prayer for the hurting area of wounded lives." That is speaking to a lot of SYIA's

Essential elements of church small groups include biblical reflection, whether a longer Bible study or a brief devotion; mutual support through intentional community building; group ministry beyond itself, and prayer. They normally range in size from 3 to 12 people. Small groups always have leaders. The leaders are committed to training in prayer, scripture, caring and sharing. Leadership roles are often shared. There needs to be, at minimum, a host and a convener.

Meetings can take place in homes, coffeehouses, parks, the church, etc. They usually last from 1 ½ to two hours. Some meet weekly, others bi-weekly. Groups may meet for six weeks and take a break for two. Some may not feel a group is right for them and they seek to join a different one. Many groups encourage new people to join them along the way.

Forming soon in our church will be a new group that will be oriented around care for our sanctuary and the needs of our people in worship. Check out this and other groups on Genesis Sunday, September 9. See if there is a group that speaks to your needs and interests.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2007 (Page 4)						1 3:00 pm-Melissa Gutknecht-Tim Placek wedding
2 9:30 am-Worship 10:30-Fellowship	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer) 4:00 pm-AV training 7:00 pm-Worship Leaders Team	5 6:30 am-Optimist Breakfast 11:00 am-Finance Team 6:30 pm—Celebration Singers	6 Noon-Men's Lunch @ FPC 6:30 pm-Crop Walk planning mtg.	7	8
9 GENESIS SUNDAY 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest & Children's Choir 10:30 am-Fellowship 10:30—Youth Bowling	10 6:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:30 pm-Clinic Board 6:30 pm-Youth Band practice	11 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer) 6:30 & 7:00 pm-Healing Service	12 6:30 am-Optimist 9:00 am-Painting Grp 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr. High Youth 5:00 pm-Youth Groups 6:30 pm—Celebration Singers	13 7:00 pm-Transformers	14	15
16 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest & Children's Choir 10:30 am-Fellowship	17 6:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:30 pm-Youth Band practice	18 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer) 6:50 pm-Session	19 6:30 am-Optimist 9:00 am-Painting Grp 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr. High Youth 5:00 pm-Youth Groups 6:30 pm—Celebration Singers	20 9:15 am-PW/Bible study & monthly meeting 7:00 pm-Pres. Men	21 5:00 pm-Wedding Rehearsal	22 1:30 pm-Jennifer Lynch/ Eric Phaneut wedding
23/30 <i>FQ Fall Mission Harvest Food Drive</i> 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest & Children's Choir 10:30 am-Fellowship	24 11:00 am—Finance Team 6:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:30 pm-Youth Band practice	25 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 6:30 & 7:00 pm-Healing Service	26 6:30 am-Optimist 9:00 am-Painting Grp 4:00 pm-Youth Worship Service Prep 5:30 pm-Family Supper 6:30 pm—Celebration Singers 7:00 pm-Community Youth Worship Service	27	28	29 8:00 am-Youth Groups Thrift Sale @ Ali's.

September Schedules

September 2

Ushers—

Kathi Facklam, Gail Buchanan

Fellowship Hosts—

TBD

Nursery—

Sara Abendroth, Lisa Tzanakis

Flower Providers—

Clara Bastian in memory of Bill Bastian and in honor of Billie Taylor's birthday.

September 9

Ushers—

Rick & Jan Silloway

Communion Servers—

Bob Denman, Dave Gordon, Sue Maitland,
Joe Mandelert, Ruth Rosenow

Fellowship Hosts—

Marcie & Mark Myrman

Nursery—

Sandi Frohling, Katie Page

Flower Providers—

Paul, Wynne, Brad & Phil Cook in celebration of Barbara Wilcox's 78th birthday

September 12

Snacks @ 4:00—Haglund Family

September 16

Ushers—

Ken & Karen Beighley

Fellowship Hosts—

Vance & Margi Kohl

Nursery—

Sara Abendroth, Hannah Koepke

Flower Providers—

Amy Horak in memory of Fred.

September 19

Snacks @ 4:00—Samse Family

September 23

Ushers—

Pat Hedrington, Jeff & Eleanor Owen

Fellowship Hosts—

TBD

Nursery—

Bob & Lindsay Wundrow

Flower Providers—

George & Peggy Fleming to celebrate Rachel Imsandi's birthday and the second anniversary of Rachel & John Imsandi.

September 26

Snacks @ 4:00—Beighley Family

Family Supper—Hamburgers on the grill served by Erik Anderson, Jan Hilton-Koepke & Kathi Mandelert

September 30

Ushers—

Earl Scholl & Jeanne Crane

Communion Servers—

Barb Smith, Tim Anderson, Erik Anderson,
Larry Annett, Bob Denman

Fellowship Hosts—

TBD

Nursery—

Gary & Laura Reich

Flowers Providers—

Kathi & Jim Mandelert in celebration of their 29th anniversary today.

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Dick Kemp

Hannah Koepke

Barb Meredith

Beryl Ouimette

Patty Stiles

Genesis Sunday...

Sunday, September 9th is our Fifth annual Genesis Sunday, a day of beginnings. Our church life expands after a summer hiatus. Music, groups and ministries resume with renewed vigor. We want to promote our many ministry opportunities, especially to many in our congregation who can be more involved; people whom we need to make our ministries grow in service to the Lord.

This day is our traditional Rally Day. We rejoice in seeing one another again after a long, hot summer of work and play. Our worship attendance swells; the choir sings; Faith Quest resumes; and in the days ahead, youth programs and confirmation fire up. After worship, you are invited to reacquaint yourselves with groups and ministries within the church. The fellowship hall and narthex will have table displays and representatives to visit with and they will invite you to work with them in the year ahead.

Brief Notes

- ❖ **Presbyterian Men's Fellowship** is set for Thursday, September 6th at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Men—don't miss this luncheon meeting. We're getting to the heart of what we are destined to become. Be part of it! See you there.—George Abendroth
- ❖ **A note from Helen Barnes**—“We appreciate the words of sympathy and comfort after the recent death of my sister, Mary Judge. With grateful hearts we thank you for the personal prayers and prayer chain for several months in behalf of Bill as he struggles with badly damaged kidneys and now dialysis. The need is still there. We have been enjoying gifts of gourmet snacks and other foods. If this be shepherding, we are all for it.”
- ❖ **Office Hours** are 8 am to 12 noon Monday through Friday. The Food Pantry is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The doors are open on Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm for church activities.
- ❖ **Sacrament of Baptism** was held last Sunday for Jackson Ryan Wildenberg, son of Chisti (Shorrel) and Scott Wildenberg. They are members of the First Presbyterina Church in Neenah. Because of a strong family presence here, we are baptizing on behalf of sister church in Neenah. Proud grandparents are Gary and Barb Shorrel.
- ❖ **Hope Works!** As Christians we are called upon to offer friendship and service to all. That's what mentoring is all about and we need your help. Mentors are needed for students grades K-12 at all Chippewa Area Public and Chippewa Area Catholic schools. Please log onto <http://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/mentor> or call Janet Maier at 726-2400 ext. 2474 to learn how you can make a difference in the life of a child.
- ❖ **Gordy's County Market** and Gordy's Hardware store receipts are being used to fund budgeted items for the youth groups. Please keep collecting them and putting them in the designated container in the Narthex closet.
- ❖ **Mobile Meals**, a United Way agency, is looking for caring people to volunteer their time. Drivers are needed to deliver a noon time meal to the homebound in our community. This is a very important service that allows many to remain in their own homes, rather than move to a nursing home or other facility. Volunteers drive only when they are available. Regular weekly routes are available, as well as substitute positions. Volunteers are the heart of this program. Without you, we would not function! If you want to make a difference in someone's life, call today—723-0486 Jenny Johnson, coordinator. Routes are all within the city limits. This is an easy and rewarding opportunity.

Address Changes..

Laura & Billie Taylor
2565 17th Ave. E #A8
Springfield, TN 37172

Randy, Gail, Harrison & Molly Wickman
433 Sherwood Dr.
Beaver, PA 15009

Notes from around the church.....

Library News...

Dear Readers - If it seems like I took the summer off, that's just what happened. I totally neglected my library job and devoted my time to my family and myself. I have been reading good books, however. I have gotten donations to read first and then put on the shelves but have decided I'd better put them on the shelves and then read them so they will be available to you sooner and they do look like good reading.

I am now in the process of reading *Behind the Scenes* or *Thirty Years a Slave*, and *Four Years in the White House*. I'm enjoying this book that is described as part slave narrative, part memoir and part sentimental fiction. It is written by Elizabeth Keckly and donated by Esther Frazier. You will find it on the fiction (FIC) shelf. Richard Frazier donated a Reader's Digest condensed version that contains *Angels Fall* by Nora Roberts, *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig, *Consigned to Death* by Jane K. Cleland and *Orbit* by John Nancy. I've read *Angels Fall* and thought it was very good. (FIC) Richard also donated *Reagan In His Own Hand*. These are the writings of Ronald Reagan that "reveal his revolutionary vision for America." Not a fast read but worth the time, especially if you were a Reagan supporter. I have shelved this as (NON-FIC.)

Jan Hilton-Koepke donated the autobiography of Sara Hall, entitled *Drawn to the Rhythm*. Sara Hall is a 1998 World Masters Champion in the single shell and has won gold medals in other national and international rowing events. She is a writer, personal life coach and mother of three. (23)Jan also gave us *Giant Economy Size* by Erma Bombeck. I don't know anyone who doesn't at least smile at Erma Bombeck's writing. Look for it in (FIC)

Enjoy what's left of the summer. My favorite reading spot these days is in my chaise lounge on the dock with my book, my fishing rod and my pooch. The fish never interrupt my reading, by the way. Can't say the same for Lady.

Happy reading!
Margi Kohl, Your Librarian

CELEBRATION SINGERS TO BEGIN SOON

The Celebration Singers will begin rehearsal on Wednesday September 5, 2007 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. We ask that all who enjoy singing praises to God will consider joining us and we welcome you! It is wonderful to sing anthems of meditation and praise to God and is so joyful to be a part of this fine choir. Please come and join us on September 5th at 6:30 in the church sanctuary. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful new piano to sing with. We will begin singing at the 9:30 service on Sunday September 16th. Looking forward to seeing everyone then!

Paul Kosower – Minister of Music

A CALL TO PARTICIPATE MUSICALLY DURING WORSHIP

All those who enjoy playing a musical instrument or singing a solo please contact me at 225-0278 and I will do my best to schedule you for one of the Sunday morning services. I welcome your participation and know that your ministry of song will be much appreciated by our congregation. Please call me and visit with me on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for giving this your consideration!
Paul Kosower – Minister of Music

New Group Forming

I would like to build a group around care for our beautiful sanctuary. We will pray together, read scripture together and work together, prepare communion, dust and polish, and do seasonal decorating. Call Susan Boyer at 723-3596 or see me on Genesis Sunday, September 9 at my information table in Fellowship Hall.



From renovation... to transformation



In the Fall of 2002 we renovated what used to be called our education unit. The builders tore down the structure that had been erected in 1955 right down to the metal beams that had supported the building all those years. We asked them to create a new building, one in which we could continue our ministry in the midst of downtown Chippewa Falls. In 2003 we dedicated the finished project.

It seems like we have fast-forwarded to the fall of 2007. Where are we now, and where do we want to go from here? These are the questions that we need to ask of ourselves and of each other as we begin the Fall Stewardship Campaign and the next installment of the Capital Fund Drive. We will run these two very important endeavors concurrently beginning on September 9.

As we begin to discuss these two financial concerns of our church, it is important that we **all** do one thing and that we do it each day. We all need to pray. Let us pray that we will be blessed with a vision of what we would like to become...of how we would like to transform ourselves. We cannot do this without God's help, and he is waiting to talk with us.

The next thing that you must do is to mark your calendar to attend our Celebration Sunday worship on Sunday, October 28. There will be a potluck celebration dinner organized by the Deacons.

Now for the last request. Please read all the information that the committees will be sending to you. Get all your questions answered by calling the appropriate people who will be listed in any of the correspondence that you will receive.

Thanks and God bless,

General Fund Co-chairs
Barb Shorrel
Jan Hilton-Koepke

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Julie Stafford