



The Bell

July 2008

FIRST
Presbyterian
CHURCH

The Bell
A monthly newsletter

Worship in July

Sunday July 6 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer

Faith Sharing ~ "At Wit's End"

Text ~ Matthew 11:25-30

Music by the Praise Team

Sunday July 13 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson

Faith Sharing ~ "To Increase the Faith: Boldness & Meekness"

Text ~ Luke 17:5-10

Music by Ali Knoll

Sunday July 20 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller

Faith Sharing ~ "Keystones, Cornerstones, Living Stones"

Text ~ 1 Peter 2:2-10

Music by Praise Team, Paul Ippel

Sunday July 27 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz

Faith Sharing ~ "Getting the Message Out"

Text ~ Matthew 10:24-39

Music by Barry Boyer

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Points of Interest

Editor's Note:

Due to a family wedding, your Bell editor has been very busy—I apologize for the late issue.

Relay for Life is July 25 at CF Middle School.

Memorials and Gifts

(Through June 24)

Food Pantry

Chuck & Chris Norseng
Pat Hedrington

Deacons Fund

Endowment Fund

Flowers

Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh
Roger & Patty Stiles

Per Capita

Memorials

Designated Gift

Pentecost Offering

Sue Tyler

Relay for Life...

Relay for Life, an event to raise awareness of and funds for cancer, will be held at the Chippewa Falls Middle School on July 25. Team members of the Good News Gang would be happy to accept any donations you would like to make. Team members are: Bonnie Gullickson, Gail Buchanan, Kathi Mandelert, Harold Stafford, Alice Schmidt, Chuck Norseng, Barb Wilcox, Paul and Wynne Cook, Jan Hilton-Koepke, Sara Abendroth and Becky Hager.

SAVE YOUR GORDY'S RECEIPTS

Save your receipts from Gordy's Country Market and Gordy's Ace Hardware. When we turn these in to Gordy's, we receive 1% of the total. That can add up to a very pretty figure on the income side of our budget. This money goes into the Operating/Mission Fund. It used to go to the Youth, but we now finance some of their activities through the Operating/Mission Fund.

A big thank you to Barb Wilcox who tallies the donated receipts four times per year (March, June, September, and December). This is a time-consuming task.

Here are some suggestions to help you remember to save those receipts and how to get them ready for Barb to tally.

- ❖ Have a designated place. When you come home from shopping, have a special envelope near where you put your groceries away (maybe on the fridge). Put the receipt in the envelope right away. (You can even use a recycled junk mail envelope—go green!)
- ❖ Please don't roll the receipts. They need to be flat so that they can be stacked.
- ❖ Get in the habit. The more often you remember to do something, the more often you will do it. Profound, huh?
- ❖ Make it a part of your grocery/hardware list.
- ❖ Periodically bring them to the church and put them in the box marked for them. It is usually out in Fellowship Hall on Sunday. If you can't find it, ask someone; or put the slips in an envelope in the office drop box.

Let's make it our goal to do this and see how much we can earn. We'll report back to you in the April Bell.

Pastor's Perspective

God's Goal Is Not to Make Us Good

"We (Paul and the apostles) proclaim Christ, admonishing and teaching each person with all wisdom, so that we may present each one complete [mature] in Christ. This is the purpose I labor for, striving according to His power, which works in me." - *Colossians 1:28-29*

We don't have to be good for goodness sake!

In fact, being good may be our worst enemy. It was for the Pharisees! Their external goodness was a cover-up used to avoid facing what they were on the inside. Jesus did not approve of their external religiosity. In fact, he opposed it vehemently.

It can bring a great sense of freedom to realize that God isn't into rules, but rather relationships. And his goal isn't to make us good, but to make us whole; that is, to heal us from the inside out. The end result will be goodness but goodness that comes from a healed heart, and not from adhering to external rules and regulations dictated by legalism.

This is not an excuse to act out in sinful or destructive behaviors or to ignore God's laws which are for our protection. Never! As Paul said, "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means...." - *Romans 6:1*

What it does mean is that I can grow towards wholeness and maturity by recognizing my inner brokenness, my weaknesses, and my unresolved character issues and bring them not only to God, but also to a trusted friend, a small group or a counselor, for healing and recovery. As a general rule, we got damaged (emotionally) in damaging relationships and we get healed (emotionally) in healing relationships. As James said, "Therefore confess your sins [and faults] to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." - *James 5:16*

Again, God's goal is not to make us good, but to make us whole. It's the heart that counts with him, not the externals. If all I have is external goodness, I am no better than the Pharisees. Realize too, that only to the degree that we are made whole will our lifestyle, our attitude, our actions, our behavior, and our relationships, be "whole-some."

I invite you to join our elders and staff in welcoming spiritual growth and discovery into your daily life. Prayer and scripture, worship and service, silence and small group, fasting and confession; all are elements of training for wholeness and peace.

May God's grace and peace be yours,

~Barry

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July Birthdays & Anniversaries

3-	Gail Buchanan	20
	Matt Boughton	21
5	Peter Boyer	22
6	Phyllis Wyss	24
	Adeline Brozak	
7	Mason Johnson	25
8	Evelyn Jenson	
10	Verene Crane	26
	Isaac Freeman	
11	Marcie Myrman	27
12	Keion Twyman	29
15	Steve Hoepner	30
	Edith Ament	
	Deb & Jim Bieging	31
16	Corrine Dyhr	
17	Cherie Andringa	
	Patricia Popple	
18	Gail Willi	
	Alice & Ron Schmidt	
	Sara Boughton	

Joanne & Tom Knoble
Alexander Hager
Eleanor & Jeff Owen
Scott Johnson
Chris Norseng
Hope Strader
Doug Gullickson
Roger & Mardi Lebeis
Rick Koepke
Chuck Nichols
William McDougall
Linda & Larry Annett
Ashley Annett
Joe Mandelert
Tim Holmes
Michael Norseng
Chelsea Rosenow

Church Staff

Barry Boyer, pastor
Tim Anderson, clerk of session
Cherie Andringa, office manager/financial secretary
Paul Kosower, minister of music
Ali Knoll, Youth director
Becky Hager, Karolynne Duffenbach, children's ministry
Holly Gintz, treasurer
Jeff Teubert, custodian
Jim Mandelert, technical elder
Sara Abendroth, Barbara Meredith, Caregiver leaders
Jeannette Miller, worship team leader
Kathi Mandelert, Bell editor
Sara Abendroth, child care coordinator
Marlys Daniels, Presbyterian Women
Pat Linden, Presbyterian Men
Margi Kohl, church librarian
Barb Smith, music librarian
Susan Boyer, Esther Frazier, Lorraine Gilbertson, Tom & Jo Knoble, Ginny Koepsel, Margi Kohl, Hess Morrison, Steve Playter, Jackie Reich, Jinx Smith, Barbara Taylor, office assistants

Church Board

Tim Anderson	Erik Anderson
Sonia Anderson	Gail Buchanan
Bob Denman	Dave Gordon
Jan Hilton-Koepke	Susan Maitland
Joe Mandelert	Ruth Rosenow
Barb Shorrel	Barb Smith

Barry Boyer

Board of Deacons

Verene Crane	Dick Kemp
Hannah Koepke	Margi Kohl
Barb Meredith	Patti Robarge
Patty Stiles	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 am-Support Staff 4:00-The Open Door Clinic	2 6:30 am-Optimist Breakfast 6:00 pm-Small Group	3 Office Closed	4	5
6 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	7 9:00 am-Counting Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team	8 9:30 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic	9 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 11:00 am-Finance Team 6:00 pm-Small Group 6:30 pm-Communication Team	10 12:00 noon-Men's Luncheon in Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Agnes' Table Team	11 9:00 am- All Staff Meeting/Calendar Planning	12 9:30 am-Deacons
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July Schedules

July 6

Ushers—

Mike & Barb Tzanakis, Lorraine Gilbertson

Communion Servers—

Ruth Rosenow, Barb Shorrel, Barb Smith,
Erik Anderson, Sonia Anderson

Fellowship Hosts—

Bonnie Gullickson & Barb Meredith

Nursery—

Sara Abendroth, Jenna Facklam

Flower Providers—

Barry & Susan Boyer in celebration of
Peter's 23rd birthday on July 5.

July 13

Ushers—

Ron & Alice Schmidt

Fellowship Hosts—

Marlys Daniels, Evelyn Jenson

Nursery—

Sandi Frohling, Lisa Tzanakis

Flower Providers—

Roger & Mardi Lebeis in celebration of their
26th anniversary on July 24.

July 20

Ushers—

Jim & Deb Bieging

Fellowship Hosts—

Corrine Boos & Pat Hedrington

Nursery—

Gary & Laura Reich

Flower Providers—

Bill & Deb McDougall & Katie Page to
welcome home Dorothy McDougall.

July 27

Ushers—

Jayson & Barb Smith

Fellowship Hosts—

Erik & Traci Anderson

Nursery—

Bob & Lindsay Wundrow

Flowers Providers—

Chuck Norseng in celebration of Chris' 47th
birthday, Mike's 30th birthday, Elizabeth's
32nd birthday, and Marshall's 34th birthday.



Youth Mission Trip Update—

Many changes have come forth in the past few months for the youth mission trip. Due to minimal difference in cost, the mission team will be flying to Atlanta instead of driving. Also, church member and youth parent, Bill Stafford will be joining the team as the male chaperone.

Recently, support letters were sent by many of the participating youth to help cover the remaining costs of the trip. If you are willing/able to help us meet our financial goal, please let Ali or Cherie know—all gifts are deeply appreciated.

Above our financial needs, we request your prayers for our trip. Please pray for each of those attending the trip, that the Lord will use them as witnesses to His glory and grow deeply in faith. Please pray for:

Erika Cooley ~ age 16, Junior

Brittani Hewitt ~ age 16, Junior

Ali Knoll ~ adult leader

Michael Linden ~ age 14, Freshman

Olivia Linden ~ age 16, Junior

David Lynch ~ age 14, Freshman

Jaime Ostrom ~ age 16, Junior

Katie Page ~ age 16, Junior

Tasha Palme ~ age 17, Senior

Bill Stafford ~ adult leader

Richard Stafford ~ age 14, Freshman

Notes from around the church.....

Library News...

Dear Readers - This is it. Summer is here. Now I'll start griping about the heat. I haven't had the time to move my reading spot down to the dock but it's time to do so.

Someone anonymously donated True Identity, today's new international version of the Bible, for women ages 25 to 40. I just missed that :) but must say it looks great and I thank whoever donated it. It is shelved at (1).

I have shelved more of the books donated by Mark Diers, manager of Borders, and once again we say thanks. Look for Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. This book offers to help you understand why you are alive and reveal God's amazing plan for you. I read this one several years ago and recommend it. This is the best-selling non-fiction hardbook in history. (18) The Jesus Storybook Bible - Every story whispers his name. (26) What Can Be Found in Lost by John Ankerberg and Dillon Burroughs. Insights on God, the meaning of life from the popular tv series. I scanned this book as I occasionally watch the show. Interesting. (18) The Gospel of Ruth by Carolyn Custis James, Loving God enough to break the rules. (3)

I also shelved five really good-sounding fiction books given by Mark. I will give you a short summary of them next month but, in the meantime, I bunched them together adjacent to the fiction section so you can find them. Two are by Beverly Lewis, one of my favorite authors and one is by Michael Landon, Jr., a familiar name to us all.

Until next time, enjoy summer.

Happy Reading - Your Librarian - Margi Kohl

Address Changes...

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Barb cell-715-563-4731

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Brovold
10504 Cty Hwy SS
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Welcome New Member...

Julie Eckdahl Anderson has recently joined the congregation. She is married to Rees Anderson and they are parents to a darling daughter, Avory Marilyn Anderson. Julie is a customer service representative at Wells Fargo Bank in Eau Claire. Julie enjoys meeting and helping people, both at work and outside work. Julie and Rees enjoy camping and fishing, and Julie likes cooking and baking. Julie also has a strong interest in music and has participated in musicals.

