



# The Bell

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A monthly newsletter

## HOLY WEEK 2009

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHIPPEWA FALLS

**PALM SUNDAY** April 5 9:30 a.m.

Kids, palms, brass, choir, communion, preaching and praying

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** April 9 7:00 p.m.

worship at Trinity United Methodist Church (across the street)

**GOOD FRIDAY** April 10 two services

10:00 a.m., Chapel of the Resurrection, Chippewa Manor Retirement  
Community

7:00 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church (across the street)  
together with the pastors, choirs & congregations of First Presbyterian,  
English Lutheran, Central Lutheran, Christ Episcopal, Our Savior's  
Lutheran, and Trinity & Zion United Methodist

**EASTER VIGIL** April 11 and 12

from 12:00 p.m. Saturday to 6:30 a.m. Sunday  
individuals and families in prayer throughout the night in our sanctuary

**EASTER DAY** April 12

### *Sunrise Service*

worship at 6:26 a.m. on Kathi and Jim Mandelert's deck  
at 140 Park Place (behind Korger-Chestnut School)  
pit fire, special music, candlelight, communion

### *Festival Service*

worship in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.  
prepared by Jeannette Miller  
Barry Boyer's sermon, "Forgive One Another"  
Celebration Singers, communion, brass players,  
the Hallelujah Chorus

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### Points of Interest

Pot luck moved to  
April 5- Palm Sunday

Sunrise Service will be  
at 6:26 am on the  
Mandelert deck

Sign up with Holly  
Gintz for the Easter  
vigil

## **Memorials and Gifts**

(Through March 17)

### **Food Pantry**

Roger & Mardi Lebeis  
Jo Knoble

### **Deacons Fund**

Jim & Kathi Mandelert  
Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh

### **Flowers**

Jo Knoble  
Bob & Barb Meredith  
Gary & Jackie Reich  
Chuck & Chris Norseng  
Paul & Wynne Cook  
Alice Long  
Chuck & Marge Nichols

### **Undesignated Gift**

Jim & Deb Bieging

### **Mortgage Retirement Fund**

Dick & June Kemp

### **Designated Gift**

Jim & Kathi Mandelert

### **Per Capita**

Joe Mandelert  
Barb MacNaughton  
Evelyn Jenson  
Shaun & Angela Christensen  
Bob & Verene Crane  
Louis & Julie Rogers  
Larry & Dianne Wallenstein

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Roger & Patty Stiles

**NEEDED:** Persons to be on the team to plan and implement our annual stewardship drive.

You will...

- ❖ encourage a spiritual attitude about financial giving.
- ❖ review available stewardship programs available for purchase.
- ❖ decide on the one that fits us best.
- ❖ determine what we need to implement the plan and set up teams to carry out the various aspects of the plan.

We need to begin soon to plan for fall, so don't wait. You are needed now.

Contact Barb Shorrel at 404-7404 (leave a message) or email at [bshorrel@charter.net](mailto:bshorrel@charter.net)

## **Wanted—Missing Owners**

There are many cake pans, cookie sheets and miscellaneous cookware that have been accumulating in the church kitchen and pantry. If you have brought baked goods or other goodies for fellowship, a funeral, or a pot luck, and not taken your pan home, come and view the collection in the church kitchen and claim your missing items. Anything still here after a reasonable length of time will be put in the thrift sale.

## Pastor's Perspective

Are you among the many not comfortable with prayer? When someone says "Let us pray," your prayer is that the "us" is them and not you! Let me encourage a little and teach a little here. The reason for this is that there is a lot of growth in prayer in our congregation, and I want you to be a part of it. It is in prayer that we are going to live out our vision to "meet Jesus" and our mission "to help God change the world to be what He intended."

Many years ago, our congregation put on a wonderful production of the rock opera, *Godspell*. Musicals were a signature mission in that season of the life of our church.

In all of our productions, the cast of actors and singers represented a wide range of age. Stagehands, costumers, set designers and constructors, sound people, directors and choreographers. What a bunch! A couple dozen or more at any given moment. Church members and good friends.

Stephen Crotts, in his pamphlet, *If You Haven't Got a Prayer: A Beginners Guide to Talking with God*, recalls one of the most memorable songs of *Godspell*, "**Day by Day**."

Can you remember the tune? Let's sing it soon during worship. He says the song expresses what our attitude and practice in prayer should be like.

Day by Day, day by day  
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray  
To see Thee more clearly  
Love Thee more dearly  
Follow Thee more nearly  
Day by Day

That really does say it all. Prayer is about meeting, knowing and following Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is definitely moving and drawing many in our church toward prayer. Some examples will follow. But first, some encouragement. Prayer seems easy for some and not so for others. Comfort and growth in prayer come to everyone with intent and practice. And that should be no surprise. That is how most things

develop; from relationships to knowledge, from singing to crossword puzzles, from golfing to quilting. Purposeful intent and practice.

Here are some examples of developing prayer in our church:

1) Beginning March 1st, an elder has been praying each Sunday during worship. They are rising to the example of spiritual leadership that you have called them to. None of us is born to pray. Yet they are standing before us each Sunday to say that prayer is important. They are saying that prayer is the veritable fuel for transformation; for meeting, loving and following the Lord. Prayer is about relationships: it is the very nature of our relationship with Jesus, with God; and it shapes our relationships with others. I am very proud of our elders for beginning this witness.

2) More of our meetings are beginning and ending with prayer. Sometimes there is prayer in the middle, too. Team leaders are emboldened to pray aloud. Others are joining in.

3) A couple of us have been meeting for prayer each Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We share a bit of our lives, read some scripture and pray. We give thanks for God is doing in our church; we pray for others and ourselves; we pray for you; we ask God for spiritual growth, for confidence and strength for the day. Why don't you join us sometime? We would like the "couple of us" to become 6,8 or 10 or more. Drop in and start your day in prayer with us. We circle some chairs in the choir area. The office area door and ramp doors are open. You don't need to bring anything. The Christian life is a life with others.

4) In the last couple of years, prayer has been a part of our staff meetings. As we rebuild our staff, this testimony will become more strong and clear.

5) Finally, more and more individuals are sharing with me their experience in prayer. Gradually, we are more comfortable telling each other about the wonderful movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In conscious cooperation with the Spirit, we are developing, as Bible says, a place of prayer for all people.

Presbyterian Women will be reading Crott's pamphlet in the next couple of meetings. Copies are available. Let me know.

~ Barry Boyer

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### Moving Out in Prayer for April

*Each Sunday in April and during the week that follows, please pray for sisters and brothers in the faith in our church and community, our presbytery and our sister presbytery in Portugal.*

#### April 5

Our church - pray for Ruth Rosenow and the personnel team  
Chippewa Falls - Valley Vineyard, Pastor Mike Houle  
Presbytery - First Presbyterian, Phillips; Rev Matthew Arneson  
Portugal - Pastor Jose Leite, Presbyterian Church of Bebedouro

#### April 12 - Easter

Our church - pray for the Spirit's leading in church transformation  
Chippewa Falls - Crossroads (Baptist) Church, Rev Wade Duroe  
Presbytery - First Presbyterian, Duluth; Rev John Pressler  
Portugal - Presbyterian Church of Rossienne

#### April 19

Our church - pray for our two young women in short-term international ministries;  
Chelsea Rosenow in Thailand and Stephanie Smith in Ghana  
Chippewa Falls - Landmark Christian, Rev Brad Crocker  
Presbytery - Glen Avon Presbyterian, Duluth; Revs Lon and Robyn Weaver  
Portugal - St Andrew's Church, Rev Gordon Oliver (Church of Scotland congregation)

#### April 26

Our church - Endowment Fund Board; Julie Stafford, moderator  
Chippewa Falls- Zion United Methodist, Rev Ann Scott  
Presbytery - Lakeside Presbyterian, Duluth; Rev Kari Jutilla  
Portugal - Presbyterian Church of Lisbon, Pastor Paul Silva

### Church Staff

Barry Boyer, pastor  
Tim Anderson, clerk of session  
Cherie Andringa, office manager/financial secretary  
Becky Hager, Karolynne Duffenbach, children's ministry  
Holly Gintz, treasurer  
Bob Lindsley, 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  
Susan Boyer, Esther Frazier, Lorraine Gilbertson, Ginny Koepsel, Margi Kohl, Hess Morrison, Steve Playter, Jackie Reich, Jinx Smith, office assistants

### Church Board

Tim Anderson	Sonia Anderson
Jon Behling	Bob Denman
Dave Gordon	Eric Haglund
Jan Hilton-Koepke	Reid Kennedy
Susan Maitland	Bruce Miller
Ruth Rosenow	Ron Schmidt
Barb Shorrel	

Barry Boyer

### Board of Deacons

Corine Boos	Verene Crane
Dick Kemp	Margi Kohl
Barb Meredith	Patty Stiles
Anne Welke	

# April Schedules

## **April 1-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00—Heintz Family  
5:30 Family supper will be provided by Melyssa Heintz and her team serving a baked potato bar

## **April 5– Sunday**

**Ushers—**  
Team 6  
**Communion Servers—**  
Bruce Miller, Ruth Rosenow, Ron Schmidt, Barb Shorrel, Sonia Anderson, Tim Anderson  
**Fellowship Hosts—**  
Deacon's Pot Luck  
**Nursery—**  
Sonia Anderson, Hannah Koepke  
**Flower Providers—**  
Donor Opportunity

## **April 8-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00—Linden Family  
5:30 Family supper will be a pot luck—there will be chicken from Gordy's—bring a side dish or dessert.

## **April 12-Sunday**

**Ushers—**  
Team 7  
**Communion Servers—**  
Ruth Rosenow, Bob Denman, Dave Gordon, Eric Haglund, Jan Hilton-Koepke, Reid Kennedy  
**Fellowship Hosts—**  
TBD  
**Nursery—**  
Sara Abendroth, Erika Cooley  
**Flower Providers—**  
Verene Crane and family in memory of Obert and Ruth Voll.

## **April 15-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00—Lynch Family  
5:30 Family Supper will be provided by Julie and Eric Haglund and team with a Mexican menu.

## **April 19-Sunday**

**Ushers—**  
Team 8  
**Communion Servers—**  
Sue Maitland, Bruce Miller, Ruth Rosenow, Ron Schmidt, Barb Shorrel  
**Fellowship Hosts—**  
TBD  
**Nursery—**  
Larry & Dianne Wallenstein  
**Flower Providers—**  
Donor Opportunity

## **April 22-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00—Stafford Family  
5:30 Family Supper will be provided by Marlys Daniels and her team serving chili.

## **April 26-Sunday**

**Ushers—**  
Team 9  
**Communion Servers—**  
Sonia Anderson, Tim Anderson, Jon Behling, Bob Denman, Dave Gordon  
**Fellowship Hosts—**  
TBD  
**Nursery—**  
Mardi Lebeis & John Heintz  
**Flower Providers—**  
Roger & Patty Stiles in memory of Ara and Michael Stiles

## **April 29-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00—Beighley Family  
5:30 Family Supper will be a pot luck with chicken from Gordy's provided—bring a side dish or dessert.

## Brief Notes

**THANK YOU . . .** I want to thank all of you for your cards, good wishes, prayers, hugs, delicious food and other kindnesses while I was laid up after my surgery. The Sunday morning flowers brightened many days and we appreciated that as well. I was reminded how much better something as small as a one-line e-mail can make a person feel. The thought DOES count. God bless you all. - Margi Kohl

### **GORDY'S REBATE 1% ON GOING CHURCH FUNDRAISER**

Keep saving those receipts from Gordy's and turning them in at church. The collection basket is in the Narthex. Chris Norseng has volunteered to sort, count and turn them back to Gordy's who pay us 1% cash back. It is nice if the receipts are smoothed out a bit but we don't ask much more than that. Receipts for gas, liquor, cigarettes and most service desk purchases are not allowed but Chris will cull them out if they are turned in. This is an easy way to make a decent amount of money so I urge all of you to turn in your receipts and thank Chris for taking on this job. - Margi Kohl

### **SPRING CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Your updated church directory will be available Sunday, March 29. They are in the narthex on a table. Please take your copy home today. You may make deliveries for family and/or friend not here today. (There is considerable expense in mailing those that are not picked up) Any changes, updates or corrections should be directed to the church office via the church office e-mail at [fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net) or phone 723-5717. Cherie or one of our office volunteers will help you. Thank you to the office volunteers who helped with the directory. ~ *Cherie Andringa*



### **Do You Have A ½ Hour You Could Devote To A Child Who Needs A Friend?**

The Chippewa Area Mentor Program is looking for caring and dependable adults to serve as mentors for students in grades K-12 at all Chippewa Area Public and Catholic Schools. Mentors meet with students at school for a ½ hour one day a week. It doesn't take special skills to be a mentor-just a willingness to listen, offer encouragement, and share what you've learned about life. ~ To learn more about mentoring or to obtain an application, please log onto: [cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/mentor](http://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/mentor) or call 726-2400 ext. 2474.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find hope for a brighter future

## Notes from around the church.....

### Library News...

Dear Readers - Wasn't that a wonderful taste of spring weather? I'm not very ambulatory these days but enjoy looking out. I'm anxious to get out and feed my poor, neglected birds.

We had some nice donations to the library this past month. Lea Dirks gave us *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. He's the author of *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Thanks, Lea. (FIC)

Kathi Mandelert donated *Parenting Isn't for Cowards* by James C. Dobson. Can't argue with that title. (19) Thank, you, Kathi.

Also given to the library are *Integrity - Living the Truth*, ten studies for individuals or groups. By Carolyn Nystrom. (12) *All-Time Favorite Bible Stories of the Old Testament* by V. Gilbert Beers and Ronald A. Beers, *High Chair Devotions - God Cares for me!* by Marilyn Woody, *How God Gives Us Popcorn* by Henrietta D. Gambil are children's books, all shelved at (26.)

Stop in and look around. I know you'll find something you'd like to read.

*Happy reading - your librarian ~ Margi Kohl*

### “MISSION” THRIFT SALE

Our newly named church “mission” thrift sale was a huge success! The thrift sale committee is overwhelmed considering the amount of support given by you our congregation. What a fantastic group of helpers appeared and it was especially helpful having such a large group on Tuesday evening hauling the sale items from the basement to Fellowship Hall. Everyone worked long and hard and our church members gave generously of their time and donations. Our thrift sale is becoming a significant event for those who are in need of clothing, books, and gadgets for their homes. We received many thanks for one and all in our church. We know we helped many in need. Another plus is that we earned approximately \$2100 which will be used for our church missions.

Sincere thanks to all

*~ Patty Stiles and Marci Myrman, Co-Chairs*

### STAFF NEWS:

The session has approved hiring a new custodian. His name is Bob Lindsley. He began work on March 18. He will work each weekday from 7:15 a.m. until 10:45; and Sundays, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30. Bob will work an additional couple of hours a week for the Open Door Clinic.

Bob and his wife, Andrea, have an 11 year old son, Jacob. The family attends Chippewa Valley Bible Church. Jacob is a student at Christ Lutheran School.

As we approach the end of the school year, Becky Hager and Karolynne Duffenbach are coming to the end of their time as our Faith Quest coordinators. In January, they were willing to move from paid positions (very modest) to volunteer. This is in anticipation of new staff in a larger role with children and youth. They have been a great team and have sustained our Sunday School program through a time of quite low numbers. Fortunately, we have more infants and toddlers now than we have had for some time. With the new energy and excitement throughout the congregation, there is every reason to believe that we will have more families with children in the coming years. As we open our minds and hearts to God's leading, we will be empowered to touch the community and families with love and encouragement.

On Saturday, March 28, the Personnel team and several session members met to firm up plans for staffing our children and youth ministries. Others are working on a long-term solution for leadership in worship music. News about these plans will be announced very soon.

Cherie continues to mend from rotator cuff surgery. Recovery is slow with expected but unwanted discomfort. She is a hard worker and moves ahead with a good crew of volunteers, including Esther Frazier, Margi Kohl, Lorraine Gilbertson, Kathi Mandelert and Art Schunk.

### Address Change

Laurel Boyer e-mail:

laur.0825@hotmail.com (home)

## **Coming Soon! Heritage Sunday**

Early this summer our congregation will celebrate the Scottish Heritage of the Presbyterian Church. On May 31, the Sunday after Memorial Day weekend, our service will be focused on our origin in Scotland. There will be a kirking of the tartans in which we want everyone with any degree of Scottish heritage to take part. We are hoping to arrange for a bagpiper to be a part of our service. Many parts of the service will be patterned on the early Scottish service.

Are you wondering why we are putting a focus on our heritage at this particular time? Good question! The Presbyterian Women (PW) of both our church and the First Presbyterian Church in Eau Claire have been working for some time to restore the headstone for the grave of Charity McNair and son Addison McNair. The significance is that Rev William W. McNair, Charity's husband, founded both churches and for a time served both of them, commuting on a donkey between the towns.

Following our worship service on May 31st we will meet at Forest Hill Cemetery in Eau Claire and have an unveiling of the restored headstone. There will be a bagpiper to lead our procession and both pastors will be represented in the commemoration ceremony. After this we will enjoy a picnic at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Now here is how you can share in this memorable experience. We want everyone with Scottish heritage to wear their plaid that day. It can be a kilt, a skirt, a hat, a clan crest, or any other fabric of your clan's tartan. Also important for the kirking of the tartans is having all clans within our congregation represented. The clan tartans will be shown on the screens in the sanctuary during worship that day. To collect the information on your tartans, during the month of April, Bruce or Jeannette Miller will have a computer during Fellowship time and will do a search to locate each of your tartans. Then they will be recorded and featured on Heritage Sunday.

This commemoration celebration happens to fall on Pentecost. As Pentecost signifies the origin of Christianity, this is appropriate since Heritage Sunday celebrates the birthing in Scotland of our Presbyterian church. What is more appropriate than the wearing of the tartan to commemorate this event!

More information will be coming as the event gets closer. If you have suggestions or questions please contact Jeannette Miller, Worship Leader chair.

### **Chippewa Falls Mobile Meals...**

The Mobile Meals program in Chippewa Falls, which delivers meals to elderly and disabled shut-ins, was started by members of First Presbyterian Church. There are currently three church members on the board of directors. (Tom Knoble served on the board and as a driver for many years.)

There is a need for drivers, both regular and substitute— it only takes 45 minutes of your time each day. If you can help with this worthwhile program, call Jenny at 723-0486.

