



# The Bell

February 2009

FIRST  
Presbyterian  
CHURCH

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A monthly newsletter

## Worship in February

### **Sunday February 1 9:30 AM**

#### ***4th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer  
Faith Sharing ~ "Meeting Jesus"  
Barry Boyer, Reid Kennedy preaching  
Text ~ Romans 12:2, John 1:43-52  
Gary Polden, Musician

### **Sunday February 8 9:30 AM**

#### ***5th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller  
Faith Sharing ~ "Meeting Jesus"  
Barry Boyer, Reid Kennedy Preaching  
Text ~ Romans 12:2  
Kathy Tanner, musician

### **Sunday February 15 9:30 AM**

#### ***6th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson  
Faith Sharing ~ "The New Commandment"  
Text ~ John 13:34-35  
Barb Sandford, Musician

### **Sunday February 22 9:30 AM**

#### ***Transfiguration of the Lord***

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz  
Faith Sharing ~ "Welcoming One Another (Part 1)"  
Text ~ Romans 15:7  
Communion. Gary Polden, musician

### **Wednesday, February 25 6:20 PM**

#### ***Ash Wednesday Service***

Terri Koca preaching  
Communion

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#### **Points of Interest**

Annual Ski trip to Christie Mountain—Friday, Feb. 6

Congregational Meeting set for February 8. Don't forget the potluck also on that day!

## **Memorials and Gifts**

(Through Jan. 20, 2009)

### **Food Pantry**

Chuck & Chris Norseng  
Shaun & Angela Christensen  
Jon Behling & Sandi Frohling  
Roger & Mardi Lebeis

### **Deacons Fund**

Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh  
Bob & Barb Meredith  
Paul & Wynne Cook  
Mark & Marci Myrman  
Barry & Susan Boyer

### **Flowers**

Richard & Ruth Rosenow  
Mark & Marci Myrman  
Barry & Susan Boyer  
Barb MacNaughton

### **Memorials**

Lorraine Gilbertson  
George & Sara Abendroth  
Vance & Margi Kohl  
Lucia Gaspar  
Dan & Karolynne Duffenbach  
Althea Kearney  
Hess Morrison  
Roger & Mardi Lebeis  
Al & Margi Namejunas  
Gail Willi  
Steve Playter & Jinx Smith  
Jim & Deb Bieging  
Amy Horak  
Bob & Ginny Koepsel  
Gary & Barb Shorrel  
Mark & Marci Myrman

### **Endowment Fund**

Anne Welke  
Ray & Pat Andress  
Dale & Mavis Babbitt  
Susan Maitland  
Dick & Julie Stafford  
Bob & Lea Dirks  
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson

## **Mortgage Retirement Fund**

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson  
Jodi & Scott Meyer  
Joe Mandelert  
Dick & June Kemp  
Dick & Julie Stafford

## **Christmas Joy Offering**

Paul & Bev Ippel  
George & Sara Abendroth  
Pat Hedrington  
Bob & Verene Crane  
Steve & Laurie Lindsay  
Ken & Karen Beighley  
Bob & Lea Dirks  
Eric & Julie Haglund  
Corine & Earl Boos  
Barry & Susan Boyer  
Kathy & Randy Facklam  
Reid & Lisa Kennedy  
Erik & Traci Anderson  
Dan & Karolynne Duffenbach  
Amy Horak  
Nathan & Nicki Fleming  
Tim & Sonia Anderson  
Jim & Kathi Mandelert  
Marlys Daniels  
George & Peggy Fleming  
Evelyn Jenson  
Mark & Marci Myrman  
Roger & Patty Stiles  
Lorraine Gilbertson  
Joyce Connolly  
Jim & Deb Bieging  
Paul & Wynne Cook  
Nancy Wilcox-Horner  
Gary & Barb Shorrel  
Barry & Susan Boyer  
Dick & Esther Frazier  
Tim & Sonia Anderson  
Mike & Barb Tzanakis  
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson  
Ron & Alice Schmidt  
Bob & Ginny Koepsel  
Vance & Margi Kohl

Jayson & Barb Smith  
Peter Boyer  
Dan & Karolynne Duffenbach  
Bob & Barb Meredith  
Chuck & Marge Nichols  
Barb MacNaughton

## **Per Capita**

Rick & Jan Koepke  
Mark & Marci Myrman  
Susan Maitland  
Dave & Ann Gordon  
Roger & Mardi Lebeis  
Jon Behling & Sandi Frohling  
Eric & Julie Haglund  
Al & Margi Namejunas  
Paul & Wynne Cook  
Chuck & Chris Norseng  
Ruth Jean Crane  
Vance & Margi Kohl  
Richard & Ruth Rosenow  
Steve Playter & Jinx Smith  
Roger & Patty Stiles  
Anne Welke  
Gail Willi  
Robert & Joanne Hoover  
Peter Boyer  
Dick & Esther Frazier  
Dick & June Kemp  
Bob & Ginny Koepsel  
Hess Morrison  
Barbara Sutherland  
Lorraine Gilbertson  
Dick & Julie Stafford

## **FINANCE TEAM NOTES from Barb Shorrel (404-7404 or bshorrel@charter.net)**

- The entire amount of \$172,966 from the 2008 estimate of giving cards for the Operating and Mission Fund was paid in full and more!
- Of the dollars pledged to the Mortgage Retirement Fund in 2008, 98% of the total was paid.
- Unplanned giving (no card turned in) totaled \$15,610.
- The Session at the request of the Personnel and Finance Teams approved a 2% increase in Pastor Boyer's and our 3 staff members' salaries.
- The Session approved the 2009 budget prepared by the Finance Team.
- The unspent mission money for 2008 will be rolled over to be used by the Mission Team in 2009. This totals \$4925.
- The total amount from the 2009 estimate of giving cards that were returned is \$218,172.
- Read more in the Annual Report.

## Pastor's Perspective

“Our vision is to *meet Jesus* and help others do the same. Knowing Jesus and becoming more like him is the desire of our hearts and minds. There are millions of people, young and old, who yearn for healthy relationships and a reason to hope. Being generous with our time, talent and tithes, and telling others of our experience with Jesus, is our way of helping.” This is how I began my December BELL column.

It is just a few months ago that we claimed “*meet Jesus*” as our congregation’s vision for the future. This is our call to open more doors and to move ahead in faith and hope. Meeting Jesus is already shaping our worship, our choir, our session and deacons, our Presbyterian Women and Men, our Faith Quest, our staff, our shepherds and our whole church family. We are enjoying the blessing of enabling and encouraging each other to come face-to-face with Jesus through music, worship, meetings, fellowship, Bible study and small groups? And we ask ourselves, *Am I meeting Jesus?* I have claimed him as our Lord and Savior, but am I getting to know Jesus? How is Jesus an integral part of my daily living?

In the mid-January Transformation Newsletter, Reid Kennedy shared an article by Nancy DeMoss, [Transformation: How Does It Happen](#). It is about personal transformation; spiritual change. It is about the way of meeting and coming to know Jesus.

On Feb 1 and 8, during worship, Reid Kennedy and I are going to share some of our experiences in *meeting Jesus*. We are going to use the DeMoss article as a basis for our faith sharing. There will be copies of it in the worship bulletins on those Sundays. If you still have yours at home, read it

again before worship on the 1<sup>st</sup>. It is two pages and on green paper.

Reid and I find ourselves looking back and looking ahead on the path. Sometimes it is pretty bumpy with twists and turns. But it is a path we believe in and we have a Savior that beckons. Notice it will be about *meeting Jesus*. It is not about having met Jesus, but about meeting him and meeting with him. This happens as we learn more about him in scripture and in prayer. It is about building a relationship with the only one who loves unconditionally. It is about learning to forgive; learning to live with hope; to live without fear. Meeting Jesus; knowing Jesus; following Jesus – this frees us to live more like the true human being God created us to be. We have kind of messed that up and Jesus is the way back.

DeMoss says in her article, “The ultimate issued in life is what or whom do we worship. The process of true change takes place as we are weaned from our love and worship of self, pleasure, and this world; and our hearts become devoted to Christ.”

We are really looking forward to sharing with you on these two Sundays, February 1st and 8th. We might have time for some discussion, too.

- Barry Boyer

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## The Bell

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### To my church family:

Thank you for the hugs, memorials, visits, helping in the kitchen and just being there for our family at the time of Mom's death.

God love you ~~ Bonnie Gullickson & Family

### Thank you....

to everyone for your encouragement, prayers, and cards, flowers, luncheon visits, dinners, gifts of support and love! I am blessed to have such a wonderful family and so many grand friends! Every day I hear from you all and it's a good day!

Peace and joy, hugs ~~ Cherie Andringa

### 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*

*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*

*Susan Boyer, Esther Frazier, Lorraine Gilbertson, Ginny*

*Koepsel, Margi Kohl, Hess Morrison, Steve Playter, Jackie*

*Reich, Jinx Smith, Barbara Taylor, 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*

# February Schedules

## **February 1– Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Roger & Patty Stiles,

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Chris & Chuck Norseng

### **Nursery—**

Wynne Cook, Jamie Ostrom

### **Flower Providers—**

Donor Opportunity

## **February 4-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00—Beighley Family

5:30 Family Supper will be provided by  
Presbyterian Women.

## **February 8-Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Chuck & Chris Norseng

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Deacon's Pot Luck Meal

### **Nursery—**

Sandi Frohling & Lisa Tzanakis

### **Flower Providers—**

Vance & Margi Kohl for blessings received.

## **February 11-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00—Kennedy Family

5:30 Family Supper will be provided by  
Wynne Cook's team with a menu of  
macaroni & cheese.

## **February 15-Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Paul & Wynne Cook

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Parry Stiles, Corine Boos & Barb Meredith

### **Nursery—**

Gary Reich & John Heintz

### **Flower Providers—**

Mark & Marcie Myrman

## **February 18-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00—Tzanakis Family

5:30 Family Supper will be provided by  
Marlys Daniels and Dianne Comerford—the  
menu is chili.

## **February 22-Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Al & Margi Namejunas

### **Communion Servers—**

Ron Schmidt, Barb Shorrel, Sonia Anderson,  
Tim Anderson, Jon Behling, Bob Denman

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Susan Boyer

### **Nursery—**

Bob & Lindsey Wundrow

### **Flower Providers—**

Bob & Barb Meredith in honor of Kameri  
Jo's birthday.

## **February 25-Wednesday**

### ***Ash Wednesday***

5:30 Fish Fry supper—Suggested donation is  
\$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under  
12.

6:20 pm—Ash Wednesday service with  
Trinity Methodist congregation.

**Ushers—**Dick & June Kemp, Roger &  
Mardi Lebeis, Corine Boos.

### **Communion Servers—**

Dave Gordon, Eric Haglund, Reid Kennedy,  
Jan Hilton-Koepke, Sue Maitland,  
Bruce Miller

## **Brief Notes**

### **'THE SHACK' DISCUSSION BEGINS JAN 30 AT MCDUGALLS'**

A discussion guide is available at the welcome center. Pick one up today and come to Bill and Deb McDougall's (8406 163<sup>rd</sup> St – 726-0602) at 7:00 next Friday evening for some good conversation around this amazing book. Look up "The Shack" on the internet and just note the way it has touched others. It is a story about loving relationships and the central character is a man. His name is Mack. If you still need a copy, they are available at Borders and on Amazon.com.

Please let Bill and Deb know if you are coming so they can plan for space and refreshments.

### **GREG GILBERTSON, GUITARIST, IN CONCERT HERE, FEB 8**

As a teenager, Greg played his guitar in our church's production of "Godspell." Now, at 30, he is an inspired master of a guitar style called "fingerpicking." He recently won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in an international competition held in Kansas. He lives in Chippewa Falls. He plays locally and has toured in the East and West.

He has agreed to be part of our Celebration Music Series and will play here on Sunday, Feb 8, at 4:00 p.m. He will talk about his journey from "Godspell" to the present. He is a man of faith and will bear witness as he plays. There are no tickets but donations will be welcomed. Check out his website at [greggilbertson.com](http://greggilbertson.com). You will find him on YouTube, also, and can listen to him play.

### **AGNES' TABLE THANKS YOU!**

Once again a great hard-working group from our church family has helped to meet the needs of the community. On December 18, Margi Kohl, Jon Beighley, Julie and Eric Haglund, Ann Welke, Bonnie Gullickson, Ginny Koepsel, June and Dick Kemp, Marlys Daniels, Diane Comerford, Barb Meredith and Donaby Henton prepared and served a fine meal. Our Presbyterian Women's group donated the funds. Thank you for following Jesus' directive to feed the hungry – you have helped to make our world a better place.

~ Holly Gintz, coordinator

### **PER CAPITA IN 2009 - \$25**

All members in every Presbyterian Church are asked to pay a per capita assessment at the beginning of each calendar year. This year it is \$25. The amount covers administrative costs for our presbytery, synod and general assembly. This is assessed to every congregation. Please make your check a total for each member in your household. Write the check to "First Presbyterian Church" with "per capita" in the memo space. Envelopes for per capita are provided in your offering envelope box. Gift envelopes in the pew pockets can also be used. We pay over \$6,000, so we are helped a great deal when everyone takes their share.

### **THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION**

Is extended to the family of Tom Knoble, who passed away December 26 after a lengthy illness. Also to the family of Elaine Hedrington Thompson, mother of Bonnie Gullickson and Pat Hedrington, who passed away on January 19.

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

### Annual Ski Trip...

Wax your skis—It's time for the annual Ski Excursion to Christie Mountain! The date is Friday, February 6 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Look for the signup sheet in the Narthex. Chili and hot chocolate will be provided. Ski rental and lift ticket is \$17; lift ticket only is \$14.00; board and lift is \$27.00. Tubing is group rate by the hour. Kids under ten ski free. We will be leaving from the church at 4:30 pm and car pooling to the ski hill. If you have questions, call Pat Linden at 577-0016.

### Coming Soon...

The results of one transition project—

Have you ever forgotten someone's name? Have you every wondered if the person you don't remember seeing before is a visitor? Can't remember the name of one of the children who go to our church?

Help is on the way. Nametags are being made for all members and visitors. Watch for the announcement of the beginning of this transition to make our church even more welcoming then we have been.

### Ash Wednesday Fish Fry...

Yes, the Presbyterian Men will be serving their famous fish fry dinner Wednesday, February 25, beginning at 5:30. The usual great menu of baked beans, bread and dessert will be served. Suggested donation of \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids under 12. The folks from Trinity Methodist will be joining us for both the meal and the Ash Wednesday service which starts at 6:20, with Pastor Terri Koca preaching.

### Camp Chrysalis...

All Presbyterian Women: Presbyterian Clearwater Forest is having their biannual Women's camp retreat; Camp Chrysalis. In the past, we have had some small groups of women attend from our church. If anyone is interested in attending this year, please contact Melyssa Heintz either by phone 456-9192 or by e mail: bobandmel4@aol.com . The dates are February 20-23rd. The cost is between \$110 and \$160, depending on your housing options. It is a great opportunity to connect and network with Christian women of the Midwest. You do not need to be Presbyterian to go, so if you have a friend in the area that would like to attend with you, the more the merrier!

### Presbyterian Men's Group...

The Presbyterian Men's Group has been meeting monthly on the first Thursday for noon luncheon and discussion to create a Handyman Support Group.

Our aim is to assist the members of our church with activities they find difficult. At this point we don't have a definite list of what we can do to help our parishioners. We are open to suggestions from the congregation. Ideas from you are welcome—call Bruce Miller, 720-9458, or Louis Rogers, 7626-9435, and we will be glad for your input.

One event arising in the next month is the conversion of television broadcast to a digital format, and if you have antenna reception (instead of cable or satellite) and a television set not able to handle the digital system, you need to have a converter "box" to allow reception of the signal. Our Handyman Support Group could assist you in setting this up. For this effort, you could contact the Mandelerts, either Jim or Joe.

Presbyterian Men—if you haven't checked out our luncheon group, come to the all-purpose room on the next Thursday for lunch, 12-1 PM.