



The Bell

June 2009

FIRST
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CHURCH

The Bell
A monthly newsletter

Worship in June

Sunday June 7 9:30 AM

Trinity Sunday

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer

Faith Sharing ~ "How Faith Comes"

Text ~ John 16:12-15, Deut. 10:12-22, Eph. 1:1-14

Communion ~ Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday June 14 9:30 AM

Graduate Recognition

Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller

Faith Sharing ~ "Stir Up One Another"

Text ~ Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Corinthians 13

Gary Polden, musician

Sunday June 21 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer

Faith Sharing ~ "Admonish One Another"

Colossians 3:16, Ezekiel 33:1020

Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday June 28 9:30 AM

Worship Leader Erik Anderson

Faith Sharing ~ Message by Erik Anderson

Gary Polden, musician

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Points of Interest

Deacon's Pot Luck is
June 14

Graduate Recognition
also June 14

Check out the Mission
Report to see where
funds are going

Memorials and Gifts

(Through May 19)

Food Pantry

Karla Stein
Jo Knoble
Bob & Lea Dirks

Flowers

Mark & Marci Myrman
Hess Morrison
Dick & Esther Frazier
Paul & Wynne Cook
Chuck & Chris Norseng

Per Capita

Erik & Traci Anderson
Marlys Daniels

One Great Hour of Sharing

Ron & Alice Schmidt
Evelyn Jenson
Bob & Verene Crane
Al & Margi Namejunas

Mortgage Retirement Fund

Dick & June Kemp

Deacons Fund

Erik & Traci Anderson
Presbyterian Men
Jim & Kathi Mandelert
Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh
Erna Rath

Pentecost Offering

Gail Willi
Dick & June Kemp
Roger & Patty Stiles

Address Change

Mitchell Mandelert is currently deployed to Afghanistan. He is at a base in Jalalabad. If you wish to send greetings, here is the address.

Mitchell Mandelert
HHD 759th MP BN
FOB Fenty
APO AE 09310

(Do NOT put Afghanistan in the address—security issue)

The Finance Team reminds you...

Yea! I think that summer might actually be possible. The days are getting sunny and warm and the buzz of lawn mowers can be heard in the neighborhood.

Summer is a time of going to the lake, taking vacations, and attending family events. It also means that we might not be attending worship as often as we normally do during the period from September thru May. We might also forget to write the check for our financial promise made back in November of last year. So this is a reminder to you to think of your church during the hectic times of summer. And because you may not be attending worship as often as you would like, make writing that check a time for a devotional. Here's a suggestion.

Before you write your check, think of the doxology that we sometimes sing at the Offering.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below."

Think of some of the blessings that you received this week and thank God for them.

If you are not feeling particularly blessed this week, ask God for what you need.

(Remember you have a church family—can we help? Are you afraid to ask?)

Ask God to help those who are in financial need.

Then make your gift ending your devotion with the following prayer.

Loving God, we give thanks for your voice that calls to us at baptism and never stops. May we continue listening to and responding to that call throughout our lives. We pray that each of your children may hear and recognize your presence, visible through the many gifts given to us by you. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray and give. Amen

May you grow many happy summertime memories.

~ Barb Shorrel

Pastor's Perspective

Rethinking Our Faith and Entering the Unending Conversation

Would you come and join me and Susan in a conversation about our faith? We will be gathering for a couple of hours on Monday evenings through the summer.

We are going to use Marcus Borg's [The Heart of Christianity](#) as the springboard for our conversation. He is a faithful Christian theologian who is writing in a way that opens a window and invites some fresh air into an often musty room of religious talk. He is providing meaningful underpinnings for the work of church consultants, change agents, the emergent church movement and a generation of enthusiastic new Christians. Many old Christians are experiencing new life in Christ, too!

Borg is a retired professor of religion and culture from the University of Oregon. He is forever meeting Jesus in new ways and invites us to do likewise. In collaboration with Tim Scorer, a Canadian Christian educator and retreat leader, he has created a resource that will be our guide for up to twelve weeks.

You will need a copy of the book, [The Heart of Christianity](#), to participate in the group. If you order today at Amazon.com you could have it by the second meeting. If you already have a copy, be sure to read or, for some, reread, the first couple of chapters right away.

From the guide, [Living the Heart of Christianity](#):

“We live in an exciting time in the life of the church. In the past few decades, an emerging vision of Christianity has begun to take root among both clergy and laity in traditional denominations like Presbyterians. It is a vision of Christianity that takes the Bible, God and Jesus just as seriously as did the earlier vision of Christianity. But the emerging vision removes the unnecessary intellectual stumbling blocks generated by the earlier vision. Rather than seeing the Bible as an inerrant or infallible divine product, it recognizes that the Bible is the product of ancient Israel and early Christianity.”

From his University of Oregon retired faculty biography:

“Borg sees philosophy as primarily concerned with the role of ideas in our lives. ‘Ideas matter,’ Borg says, ‘much more than we commonly think they do - especially our world-views and values, namely our ideas about what is real and how we are to live. We receive such ideas from our culture as we grow up, and unless we examine them, we will not be free persons, but will to a large extent live out the agenda of our socialization.’”

Come to our home beginning Monday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. We live at 1020 W Cedar. Telephone 723-3596; email Barry - boyerc25@sbcglobal.net and Susan - boyersg28@sbcglobal.net We will be Christian with each other.

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Barry Boyer

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Corine Boos

Verene Crane

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Patty Stiles

Anne Welke

June Schedules

June 7– Sunday

Ushers—

Team 2

Communion Servers—

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

Fellowship Hosts—

Barb MacNaughton-Bernhardt

Nursery—

Ruth Rosenow, Hannah Koepke

Flower Providers—

Bob Crane family in memory of Charles “Chuckie” Crane.

June 14-Sunday

Ushers—

Team 3

Fellowship Hosts—

Deacon sponsored pot luck

Nursery—

Barb Sutherland, John Heintz

Flower Providers—

Hess Morrison in celebration of the birthdays of Matt & Jason Buckli and the anniversary of Deb & Jeff Buckli.

June 21-Sunday

Ushers—

Team 4

Fellowship Hosts—

Barb Sutherland & Margi Kohl

Nursery—

Sara Abendroth & Erika Cooley

Flower Providers—

Dick & June Kemp in celebration of their 59th anniversary.

June 28-Sunday

Ushers—

Team 5

Fellowship Hosts—

Jeannette Miller & Sue Maitland

Nursery—

Bob & Lindsey Wundrow

Flower Providers—

Vance & Margi Kohl in celebration of their 51st anniversary on June 29.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries...

1-Alex Henton, Laurie Lindsay

2-Erik Anderson, Julie & Scott Johnson

4-Margi & Al Namejunas

5-Jason Buckli

7-Melissa Gutknecht, Deb & Jeff Buckli
Julie & Rees Anderson

8-Whitney Bernhardt

9-Anne Welke

11-Joann Guthrie, David Lynch,
Sara & George Abendroth

12-Al Namejunas

14-Marshall Norseng, Susan Gutknecht,

Mary Ellen Keller

15-Jeff Buckli, Sara & Matt Boughton

17-Barb & Jim Paterick, Mardi Lebeis

18-Jim Bieging, Karen & Ken Beighley

19-Mitchell Mandelert

20-John Heintz

22-Olivia Linden

23-Barb & Bob Meredith

24-June & Dick Kemp, Becky Hager,
Sue Maitland, Nathan & Nicki Fleming

26-Mavis Babbitt

28-Cheri Ouimette, Leslie & Steve Samse

29-Margy & Vance Kohl

30-Louise French

Brief Notes

DEACON SPONSORED POTLUCK

Mark your calendars for the Deacon-sponsored potluck on June 14. These have become very popular events. Presbyterians are good cooks, you know.

Please bring casseroles to church hot if at all possible. It's easy enough to keep them hot but when some have to be baked from refrigerated temperatures, it makes it difficult. Crockpots are a good idea and we'd like to have some warming trays if you have some to loan.

Please come and enjoy the wonderful food and the excellent company. And we won't turn down help for set up or clean up.

Thanks.

~ Margi Kohl, Deacon

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who had any part in the wonderful surprise bestowed upon me last Sunday! The treasure basket from the Choir, the season symphony tickets from Session, the festive cake served during fellowship –all special gifts from this fine church family. Having many fine voices in the choir has made accompanying them an honor these past 8 years! ~Holly Gintz

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

The Koepke Family would like to invite you to a Graduation Open House for Hannah and Lauren Koepke on Sunday, June 14th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm.

It will be held at our home, 17054 59th Avenue, Chippewa Falls 720-1826.

Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments and their preparation for college.

~ Rick and Jan Koepke

GORDY'S 1% REBATE IS 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. \$482.34 has been received so far this year.

GRADUATION: CHURCH TABLES & CHAIRS

If you would like to request use of the old church tables and folding chairs, stored in the basement, please contact Bob, our custodian, week day mornings, 723-5717, or email fpc1custodian@sbcglobal.net

~ Thank you.

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY LISTS

Several people have asked why the birthday-anniversary lists are not in the Bell each month. The answer is that there is not always space for the list. To solve this issue, a booklet listing the 12 months of birthdays and anniversaries will be printed and available in the church office after June 12. It will be updated on a yearly basis thereafter.

Notes from around the church.....

Library News...

Dear Readers - It's been a while since I've written for the Bell but here we go again. We've had quite a few anonymously donated books and we thank the donors. By the way, if you leave an unmarked book in the library long enough, it becomes an anonymous donation. If you do leave books for me there, please leave them in the white plastic basket and mark them for the library and from whom they come. If you hand a book to me on Sunday, please have it marked also. My memory is getting shorter and shorter.... Anyone else????

Anne Welke gave us Crazy About My Dog ('cause my K-9's a 10.) I shelved this as fiction as it's "cartoony" but not strictly for kids. It only took a few minutes to read and it's precious. (F) Thanks, Anne.

I had trouble with categories this week. I never claimed to be a "real" librarian, by the way, in case you hadn't guessed.

Jane Whiting gave us Joshua by Joseph F. Girzone. (3) Thank you, Jane.

Look for Anchors of Hope by Hal M. Helms (18), Gift of the Red Bird by Paula D'Arcy (NF), Chocolate for the Woman's Soul by Kay Allenbaugh (18), The Incredible Patience of God by Lane Adams (18), All You Who Labor by Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski (18), Brave New Family by G. K. Chesterton (19), The Way Home by Wayne Watson (12), Images of America Cambridge by William Kerrigon (NF), The Garden of Faithfulness by Roy Lessin (12) and Stop E-Mailing Me and Can You Put Some More Money in My Account? (19)

I hope you find something here you can enjoy. I'm getting another large donation so there will be more in future weeks.

Enjoy spring - happy reading - Margi Kohl, Your Librarian

FPC's e-BELL

June, 2009

We are Looking for Your Email Address

We are planning to communicate timely, emergent happenings in the church with members & friends via email.

If we don't already have your email and you would like to be informed when these events arise, please update the church office: fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net or call 723-5717.

e-BELLS will be generated by Pastor Boyer. You may choose to opt out of these notices at any time.

Thank you. ~ Cherie Andringa, office manager

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We believe that welcoming Christ into our life is a personal decision that needs to be lived out in community

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Mission Report for FPC

By Jon Behling

In the numerous accounts about Jesus in the Gospel of John, the author speaks of the many signs of God in Jesus and also of signs of Jesus' humanity. In the depths of these accounts, we see Jesus acting as we hope we may act in such circumstances and we can catch a glimpse of what Jesus was like as a man. Does not each of us have a desire to act more God-like?

In our daily lives we are often reminded of the many needs within our community and the world as a whole. We as individuals, families, groups and our congregation as a whole have been involved in many accomplishments throughout the past year. The First Presbyterian mission team would like to celebrate our small accomplishments by listing some of our monetary/in-kind and volunteer accomplishments below. We hope you share our excitement in our congregation's mission efforts! The mission team would appreciate your input and expect to hear from each of you regarding your wishes for our future endeavors in the mission arena. Thank you!

\$8,000	General Assembly/Synod/Presbytery Mission
\$500	Stephanie Smith-Boys Orphanage in Accra, Ghana
\$2000	Leith and Carol Fujii- mission co-workers in Bangkok, Thailand
\$6,000	Deacon's Fund, a ministry to assist community members in need
\$ 200	Excellence in Education Banquet (Chris Facklam honored)
\$380	Faith Quest-Heifer International
\$400	Gideon's Bible distribution (special congregational offering)

In-kind donations:

\$11,000	Open Door clinic for space and resources
\$235	Sponsor: Ukrainian Health care fundraiser
\$750	First Presbyterian Food Pantry

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First Presbyterian Women's group

\$1000	Open Door Clinic
\$1000	Starting Points -Chippewa Falls homeless shelter
\$100	Manual School (Indian boarding school) New Mexico
\$500	Dakota Presbytery for Indian youth ministry
\$500+	Infant and toddler gift drive (Spirit of Christmas)
\$1,000	Starting Points - new Chippewa Falls homeless shelter
\$600+	Funding and volunteers for Agnes' table

Evening Men's Group:

\$1550	Jail and prison ministry
\$50	Gideon ministry
\$200	Youth Group activities
\$200	Teen Serve

Noon men's group

Handy man services (assistance to church members in need)-an ongoing effort

Annual golf outing – donations to local organizations such as Good News jail and prison ministry

We praise God for all of our congregation's mission efforts! Also, we know there are many other ongoing efforts within our congregation and apologize for any items we may have missed reporting!