



The Bell

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FIRST
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A monthly newsletter

Worship in October

Sunday October 4 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson

Faith Sharing ~ "What the Church Can Learn from Geese"

Text ~ Acts 2:42, Psalm 23, Eph. 4:17-24

Communion ~ Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday October 11 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer

Faith Sharing ~ "On Being Rich Toward God"

Text ~ Luke 12:13-31, Ecclesiastes 11

Barb Sandford, musician

Sunday October 18 9:30 AM

Hymn Sing

Worship Leader ~ Gary Polden

Faith Sharing ~ "The Stone Soup Story" ~ Jackie Reich

Text ~ Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 24, 1-6; Cor. 12:4-11

Gary Polden, Musician

Sunday October 25 9:30 AM **Reformation/Transformation Sunday**

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz

Faith Sharing ~ "Do I Really Need the Church?"

Text ~ Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:1-5

Gary Polden, musician

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Points of Interest

Deacon's Pot Luck is
Oct. 11

Oct. 18--Stone Soup
Sunday ~ Bring an
item for the Food
Pantry

Holiday Bazaar
planned for Nov. 11

Memorials and Gifts

(Through Sept. 20)

Food Pantry

Jo Knoble
Barb Wilcox

Flowers

Pat Hedrington
Steve Playter & Jinx Smith
Gail Willi

Mortgage Retirement Fund

Dick & June Kemp

Deacons Fund

Jim & Kathi Mandelert
Erna Rath
Reid & Lisa Kennedy
Linda Schreiber
Wayne & Kathy Manning
Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh

Peacemaking Offering

Dick & June Kemp
Richard & Esther Frazier
Roger & Patty Stiles
Pat Hedrington

Great Golf Outing

The golf outing/picnic Sunday, September 20, was very well attended. A big thank you goes to those who organized it and especially to the Abendroths for once again letting us use their beautiful home for the picnic. Congratulations to all the winners, but from the conversation, I believe all were winners. Weather was perfect, food was outstanding and the company couldn't be beat.

What's up with the Operations Team?

The Operations Team began meeting on August 24th. We meet every other week for an hour, usually on Mondays at 10:00 AM. So, what have we been doing and how has it helped our church?

Well, here is an example of how things can get done. Bonnie Gullickson had an idea one day that it would be nice to have a bench outside the entrance by Gordy's. She noted that sometimes you get there before the person with the key and must wait. She also saw that people who use the Open Door Clinic sometimes wait outside before the doors open. Wouldn't it be nice to have a bench there? So she approached Dave Gordon with the idea. We discussed it at our first Operations Team meeting. Barb Shorrel noted that there was a Restricted Fund labeled "Furniture" that has had \$212 in it for a long time. Why couldn't we use that? We all agreed so the Property Team was charged with buying a bench. It will be here soon.

We have also dealt with the issue of how best to protect us against the H1N1 virus. Have you seen the signs about covering your cough and hand washing? Soon you will see hand sanitizer bottles placed around the church. This is your Operations Team at work.

What ideas do you have? Are you confused about who you can share them with? Do you want to try something new, but don't know where to begin? Well, the Operations Team can help. We will listen to what you have to say and try to direct you to someone who can help you if we can't.

We are keeping minutes of all our meetings and we hope to have them in a 3-ring binder for anyone to view (with the exception of any personnel or private issues that may arise). We also hope to establish a special Operations Team email so that it will be easy for you to communicate with the team. These items will be coming soon.

In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact any one of the team members:

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Pastor's Perspective

*But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth,
where righteousness is home (2 Peter 3:13)*

“We long for a world where righteousness is at home. It is a world envisioned by the prophets and saints of every age. It is a vision reflected in Mary’s song (Luke 1:46-55) and is still the prayer on the lips of the faithful everywhere. We yearn for a world where justice, fairness, equality, goodness, integrity and well-doing are modeled in industry, government, school, home and individual life. Deep in our hearts we know that it is a way of living that will result in a profound sense of well-being and peace for everyone. However, much as we would like to, most of us do not have the wisdom or power to transform the world. But we do have the wisdom and power to permit God to transform us. In our lives, and now and then in the world where we live, righteousness will be at home. You and I can become those persons who carry these gifts of grace to the world.”

– by Reuben Job, from his coming book, *When You Pray*, Abingdon Press

Doesn't this just about say it all. Reading this I thought this one paragraph sums up all my big hopes and fears. I imagine they are everyone's'. Am I right? Aren't they yours, too? I just know they are.

Can we make manifest our wisdom and power in allowing God to transform us into instruments of his grace? Can we rein in our hostile and negative impulses and convictions? Can we allow God to transform our againstness into a forness for all of God's creation?

Pray with me this prayer:

Lord, we need to be remade in Your image.

You made us to love;

You made us to bloom with mercy;

You made us to be people of reason and compassion;

You made us to live in justice toward others;

You made us live in humble gratitude for the gift of life.

Lord, re-make us into Your likeness.

If our pride stands in the way of fruitful living, then humble us.

If fear keeps us from following You, then give us a faith that conquers fear.

If self-pity leads to despair, then turn our minds to the needs of others.

As we look into the mirror of our children, spouses, workmates, churchmates,
the drunk driver, the greedy and the mean-spirited; we see enough of ourselves to
know that we have ways we need to grow in grace
if we are to bear a healthy resemblance to You.

As we meet you and live with you and walk with you and eat with you
and pray with you and love with you and work with you and play with you and
cry with you and encourage with you and grow with you and die with you,
may we become wise and empowered to help transform a piece of your creation
into what you intended.

in Faith, with Purpose and for Community
Barry Boyer

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Brief Notes

The Open Door Clinic and Flu Season

This year there is more interest than usual about flu because of the H1N1 strain (also called swine flu). I wanted to be sure that the congregation was aware that the generous donation of space for the Open Door Clinic is not putting church members at any increased risk. According to the CDC "Studies have shown that the virus can survive on environmental surfaces and can infect a person for 2 to 8 hours after being deposited on the surface."

That means that even the Wednesday morning breakfast crew can feel confident that they won't pick up virus from the patients here Tuesday night (unless they start before 4:30 am!). The most important thing we can all do to protect ourselves from getting sick is wash our hands with either soap and water or the alcohol hand gel.

If anyone has any questions, I would be happy to try and answer them. Also I did make a handout about what to do if you get flu like symptoms. They are downstairs on the table in the multipurpose room. Help yourself if you want one.

Thank you all for your support of the Open Door Clinic. ~ *Deb Bieging*

Thank you

Thank you, all you wonderful church friends. After my recent surgery I got so many calls, cards, e-mails, prayers, good wishes that I was overwhelmed. And the meals were appreciated beyond words. Each meal brought in covered at least two meals and I honestly did not cook a real meal from August 16 to September 16, thanks to you and a daughter-in-law/angel. My first meal on September 16 was frozen pizza so Vance thanks you as much as I do. You are the greatest ~ *Margi Kohl*

Dinner to Host Mission Co-Worker from Guatemala, October 17th

The Missions Team invites church members and friends to dinner on Saturday, October 17th. We will meet Presbyterian Mission co-worker Roger Marriot. He is visiting churches in our presbytery, telling the story of his work in Guatemala. He also has a power point presentation on our denomination's World Mission initiative. He is among dozens of mission co-workers who are visiting churches through the U.S. in preparation for the World Mission Challenge in Cincinnati at the end of the month. Please come for a meal of tacos beginning at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Generous donations are welcome to cover meal expenses and to send Roger on with a gift to World Missions.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

Sunday, October 11, is another Deacon-sponsored potluck for the congregation following the worship service. Please try to come. This is a very popular event at our church. The food is always wonderful and it's such a good time to visit with and/or get acquainted with others.

If possible, bring any casseroles cooked through so we only have to keep them warm. Sometimes our limited oven space just can't handle those that need to cook as well as those that just have to be kept hot. Last time we found crock pots worked great.

If you can attend but it's inconvenient for you to bring food, please come anyway. We always have more than enough food.

The Deacons will be setting up that morning at 8:30 a.m. and would appreciate any help you can give us. Ditto for the cleanup after. Thanks.

~ *Margi Kohl*, Deacon Secretary

First Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust Fund

George Abendroth

Barry Boyer

Bob Denman

Sue Maitland

Ron Schmidt

Art Schunk

Julie C. Stafford – Chair
George Abendroth and Sue Maitland were absent.

The Endowment Trust Fund board met on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship hall. Art Schunk was introduced as the new Treasurer for the Endowment Trust Fund and thanks were extended to Dale Babbitt for his many years of service.

On June 29, **2009** there was a balance of \$76,375.47 in the New Covenant Fund at the Presbyterian Foundation. The amount has gone up and down due to the economy and the Stock Market. Since the total amount is below \$100,000.00 we can not designate any funds for Church request or needs until the market goes up.

The Rules and By-laws of the Endowment Trust Fund as of June 30, 2006 determined there be a Fund A which should maintain a balance of \$100,000.00. If there are earnings they will be divided into 80% and 20% categories each year and only interest from the 80% amount may be available for expenditures determined by the Endowment Trust Fund and approved by the Session for specific church requests. 20% will be maintained in Fund A

Money contributed to the Endowment Trust Fund goes into an account at the Northwestern State Bank and at this time we have \$942.12 in that account. We need at least \$500 to maintain our Checking Account. In ordinary times when the amount reached more than \$5000.00 it was sent to the New Covenant Fund at the Presbyterian foundation. Because of the economy the money has been kept here in Chippewa Falls.

Money contributed to the Endowment Trust Fund during this past year, was specifically designated to Fund A. As a result, in February 2009, Dale Babbitt purchased a 1year Certificate of Deposit at the Northwestern Bank in Chippewa Falls in the amount of \$9,700 at 2.7% interest. It will come due on February 24, 2010. The Board will decide at that time whether to send the money to the New Covenant Fund or reinvest it in another CD.

The purpose of the Endowment Trust is to provide a means of investment for the First Presbyterian Church of Chippewa Falls. Members are elected at the annual meeting for three year terms. This group (1) accepts gifts (2) collect income and (3) to invest and reinvest the funds (4)to add all or part of the income to the principal fund and to pay for requests made for the general church purposes or for such specific church purposes as the Trustees designate.

The Endowment Trust Fund was established on June 24, 1977.

Upcoming events--Stewardship

Our church's Stewardship Promise Drive to seek your financial support for the 2010 budget begins Sunday, October 18. On that day there will be a special children's sermon given by Jacquie Reich. We would like everyone to participate by bringing a non-perishable food to worship on that day. The food items will be donated to the Food Pantry. We are **not** asking for monetary donations for this event. We would like everyone to bring a food item. Then listen for the special message.

The Stewardship team will be sending out two mailings—the first is a personal message from Chuck Norseng which will be sent during the week on October 19th. The second will be sent during the week of October 25th. The second mailing will include the promise card where you will indicate how much you plan to give to the operation of your church in 2010. **Our goal is to have all cards returned.** So, if you do not return your card, **you will be called.**

On November 8th we ask you to bring your card to worship where we will dedicate them to the Lord's work at the beginning of the worship service. During Fellowship time we will have a special pumpkin pie dessert celebration to give thanks for all of God's gifts. At that time the Stewardship Team will announce the total from the 2010 Promise Cards. If you are unable to attend, we hope that you will mail the card in time to reach us by Friday, November 6.

As in all our church's endeavors it is important to pray for guidance and inspiration from the Lord, our God.

Lord, I pray that you will help me recognize how much that you have given me because you love me. Let me give thanks for this church community and its importance to me. I pray for guidance to become the person that I want to become. Help me to "[give where [I] want [my] heart to be, and let [my] heart catch up." Help me to trust in you as I consider my gift to my church. Lord, guide those who are charged with administering the gifts of this church community. With thanks and praise to you, O Lord, hear my prayer. Amen.

Quotation from *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life* by Mark Allan Powell, page 53.



Annual Holiday Bazaar

WE NEED YOU! To be exact, your time and talents. The Presbyterian Women have begun planning for the annual Fall Bazaar which will be held on Wednesday, November 11th. From 11 am to 7 pm. Kathi Mandelert is the 2008 Chairperson assisted by Sue Maitland and Barbara Meredith.

We invite your participation in this event. We would encourage donations of baked goods, candy, hand-crafted items, knitting and quilting projects, vintage items for the boutique and books, such as coffee table books and fiction and non-fiction in good condition. Sue Maitland is looking for unique and creative items for the silent auction. New this year will be a "Go Green" booth, filled with items designed to reduce our use of paper products; for example, we will have a large selection of cloth napkins. Bruce Miller will be sharpening knives, so bring in your dull ones (you know you have some!)

Another new area this year will be for purses---both new handmade ones, plus new and gently used purses that you would like out of your closet. (Who hasn't made a purse buying mistake?)

We also invite you to come and help out for an hour or two manning one of the various areas. Margi Kohl is our volunteer coordinator. Give her a call at 720-8926 if you would like to be put on the schedule. Men are welcome too!

The Bazaar will include the following venues. The coordinator for each venue is also listed.

Bakery – Marlys Daniels	Boutique – Marcie Myrman
Candy Shop – Jeannette Miller	Crafts – Ann Gordon
Go Green—Susan Boyer	Raffle – Kathi Mandelert
Silent Auction – Sue Maitland	Books—Verene Crane and Evelyn Jenson
Purse Boutique—Barb Meredith	

A barbecue lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 am; dinner will be served beginning at 4:30 pm. Bonnie Gullickson and Anne Welke are serving as coordinators and will prepare their popular ham loaf and scalloped potato meal.

Raffle items this year are a wool quilt with a cabin theme made by Presbyterian women and the American Girl doll Julie, who also has a bike! The doll has been donated in memory of Esther Dorland.

For your shopping convenience, there will be a central checkout where you can pay for all your purchases at once. Exceptions are meal and raffle tickets. Baskets will be given out at the door along with a sales slip that will be filled out as you shop.

Candy Shoppe needs candy...

It is officially fall as we see our beautiful leaves changing on a daily basis to give us the splendid colors to enjoy. Of course with all the changes it is a natural chain of thoughts that lead to our Holiday bazaar. I'm hoping you will set aside some time to make the homemade candies for our Candy Shoppe. Many of our bazaar shoppers come specifically for the fabulous candy you folks make and look for the varieties they enjoy. By the way, divinity and foam candy are two of the asked for types that we seldom have.

So this reminder is here to say **circle the date** of 11-11 and **bring y our candy** just after 9 a.m. We will give you a "sweet smile" and a **heartfelt thank you!**

October Schedules

October 4- Sunday

Ushers—

Team 6

Communion Servers—

Jan Hilton-Koepke, Reid Kennedy,

Sue Maitland, Bruce Miller,

Ruth Rosenow, Ron Schmidt

Fellowship Hosts—

Open

Nursery—

Sonia Anderson, Becky Hager

Flower Providers—

Matt, Jason, Jeff & Deb Buckli in celebration of Hess Morrison's birthday

October 7-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00-Lindsay Family

Family Supper—barbecues will be prepared by Presbyterian Women.

October 11-Sunday

Ushers—

Team 7

Fellowship Hosts—

Deacon's Pot Luck

Nursery—

Diane & Larry Wallenstein

Flower Providers—

Gene & Jean Peissig

October 14-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00-Heintz Family

Family Supper—Hot dog meal prepared by Susan Boyer, Karen Beighley and Holly Gintz

October 18-Sunday

Ushers—

Team 8

Fellowship Hosts—

Open

Nursery—

Bob & Lindsey Wundrow

Flower Providers—

Open

October 21-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00-Kennedy Family

Family Supper—will be prepared by Noelle and the youth group

October 25-Sunday

Ushers—

Team 9

Communion Servers—

Barb Shorrel, Sonia Anderson, Tim Anderson,

Jon Behling, Bob Denman, Dave Gordon

Fellowship Hosts—

Marlys Daniels

Nursery—

Sara Abendroth & John Heintz

Flower Providers—

Marci Myrman to celebrate Mark's 80th birthday

October 28-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00-Tzanakis Family

Family Supper—a Mexican menu will be prepared by the team of Julie & Eric Haglund and Barb Shorrel.