



The Bell

January 2010

FIRST
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CHURCH

The Bell
A monthly newsletter

Worship in January

Sunday January 3 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer
Faith Sharing ~ "Star Gifts"
Text ~ Matthew 2:1-12
Communion ~ Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday January 10 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller
Faith Sharing ~ "Born Again"
Text ~ John 3:1-17, Romans 6:4-11
Communion ~ Gary Polden, musician

Sunday January 17 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson
Faith Sharing ~ "Do You Have Spiritual Gifts?"
Text ~ 1 Corinthians 12:1-7
Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday January 24 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz
Faith Sharing ~ John Stedman, preacher
Gary Polden, musician

Sunday January 31 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer
Faith Sharing ~ "Life of Faith is Not a Solitary Life"
Text ~ Romans 12:3-13
Gary Polden, musician

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Points of Interest

Please pick up your offering envelopes

Youth off to Snow Camp

Ukrainian dinner set for Jan. 9 at Notre Dame.

Notes from around the church.....

Note of Thanks

Once again, thank you to those wonderful hard working Christian folks who followed the Lord's directive to feed the hungry. Our Presbyterian Women's group funded a fine meal for Agnes Table on December 17th, which was cooked up and served by Anne Welke, Barb and Bob Meredith, Donaby Henton, Jaime Ostrom, Julie and Eric Haglund, Larry Wallenstein, Jean and Gene Peissig, Dianne Comerford, Patty and Roger Stiles, Barry Boyer and Marlys Daniels. You are caring members of our community.

~ Holly Gintz, coordinator

Christmas Greetings from the Open Door Clinic

Christmas is a time to celebrate, but it is also a time of thanksgiving. It is a fitting time to thank all of you at FPC for housing the Open Door Clinic. Your willingness to share this beautiful space with others is appreciated by both the volunteers and the patients. May this Christmas bring joy and peace to you all.

~ Deb Biegling, Open Door Clinic

End of Year Contributions

All 2009 contributions must be postmarked or delivered to the church office by December 31, 2009 to be included on your 2009 statement. If you have questions please call the church office and talk with Cherie Andringa, our office manager.

2010 Offering Envelopes in Narthex

The 2010 contribution envelope boxes are ready for each family to pick up and use in financial support of our church. Please pick up your box soon. There is considerable expense in mailing them out if they are not picked up.

Thank you ~ Cherie Andringa, office manager

Thank you

Thank you to so many for your condolences and prayers, spoken and written, for our family at the time of my mother's death.

~ Sincerely, Susan and Barry and the family of Gail Diers

Memorials and Gifts

(Through Dec. 21)

Food Pantry

Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh
Karla Stein
Dick & Julie Stafford
Roger & Jane Whiting

Mortgage Retirement Fund

Joe Mandelert
Dick & June Kemp
Dick & Julie Stafford

Deacons Fund

Mark & Marcie Myrman
Erna Rath
Jim & Kathi Mandelert

Designated Gift

Chuck & Chris Norseng

Endowment Gifts

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson
Anne Welke

Per Capita

Barb Wilcox
Evelyn Jenson
Lorraine Gilbertson

Flowers

Barbara MacNaughton-Bernhardt
Jim & Kathi Mandelert
Gary & Barb Shorrel
Richard & Ruth Rosenow
Dave & Ann Gordon
Barb Sutherland
Paul & Wynne Cook
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson
Ron & Alice Schmidt
Roger & Patty Stiles
Jon Behling & Sandy Frohling
Mark & Marcie Myrman
Barb Wilcox
Tim & Sonia Anderson
Bob & Verene Crane
Dick & Julie Stafford
Dave & Pat Gutknecht
Bob & Barb Meredith
Roger & Jane Whiting
Jo Knoble
Jayson & Barb Smith

Christmas Joy Offering

Bob & Lea Dirks
Chuck & Chris Norseng
Evelyn Jenson
Barry & Susan Boyer
Jo Knoble
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson
Vance & Margi Kohl
Richard & Ruth Rosenow
Gene & Jean Peissig
Bob & Barb Meredith
Dick & Esther Frazier
Bob & Ginny Koepsel
Anne Welke
Dave & Ann Gordon
Marlys Daniels
Roger & Patty Stiles
Dick & June Kemp

Pastor's Perspective

Back by popular demand, this column has become a regular January BELL feature. Below you will find a list of openings for statements that are important for relationship success. Many are oriented specifically to a couple's intimacy. But this kind of clarity is important for families, small groups, churches, the workplace and in community service. Teaching children to use "I" messages such as these can be a boon to better communication in the home. The list was compiled by Dr. Susan Campbell, author of The Couple's Journey and Beyond the Power Struggle.

Dr. Stephen Haugck, founder of Stephen Ministries, is also a proponent of "I" messages. In his book Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be An Assertive Christian, he champions "I" and "I want..." messages. All in pursuit of clear and direct communication. Not mean or selfish or aggressive, but clear, assertive. Many of us can admit that we fall short. As we take responsibility for communicating clearly with our spouses, our children, our fellow students and co-workers, our friends and family we will find a more fulfilling and healthier life style. We will become more like Christ. "I" messages are universally recognized as the place to start. They mean that we are responsible for our thoughts and feelings – no one else. Blaming is minimized. It can be hard to be assertive, especially if we've grown up in a passive environment. Please look closely and try a couple out today.

I see what you mean / I see your point / I understand how you could feel that way

You may be right I'm sorry

Tell me more about why you feel (think, see it) that way

Can we start (this discussion) over? Can you forgive me?

I didn't mean to hurt you...what I wish I had been able to tell you is ...

Please tell me what's going on inside you / Do you want to talk?

I'm feeling afraid I'm feeling insecure

I'm feeling a need for reassurance

I'm feeling amorous / turned on / sexually aroused... how about you?

I don't know what I feel/want...I need some time to sort it out

I need some time before I respond to you

I need your sympathy / support / understanding

I need your help / advice / counsel

I need you to put your arms around me and comfort me

I'd like you to just listen to me, without trying to help or solve anything

I feel so good when I'm with you

I think you're wonderful / magnificent / beautiful / handsome/ smart / witty / sweet

I like the way you move / think / smile / touch me / look at me / hold me

I need some time alone / some quiet time

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Brief Notes

Per Capita In 2010 - \$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 also \$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.

THREE ON TEXAS MISSION TRIP, TO BE COMMISSIONED

Barb MacNaughton-Bernhardt, Dan Duffenbach and Erik Anderson will be leaving for a week-long mission trip to the Galveston area next Saturday, Jan 9. Our session has designated mission funds to support them in their work. Assistance toward expenses has been granted, and we are sending gift cards along to be used to help in the purchase of materials. We will send them off with prayers and "laying on of hands" during worship January 3rd.

UKRANIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

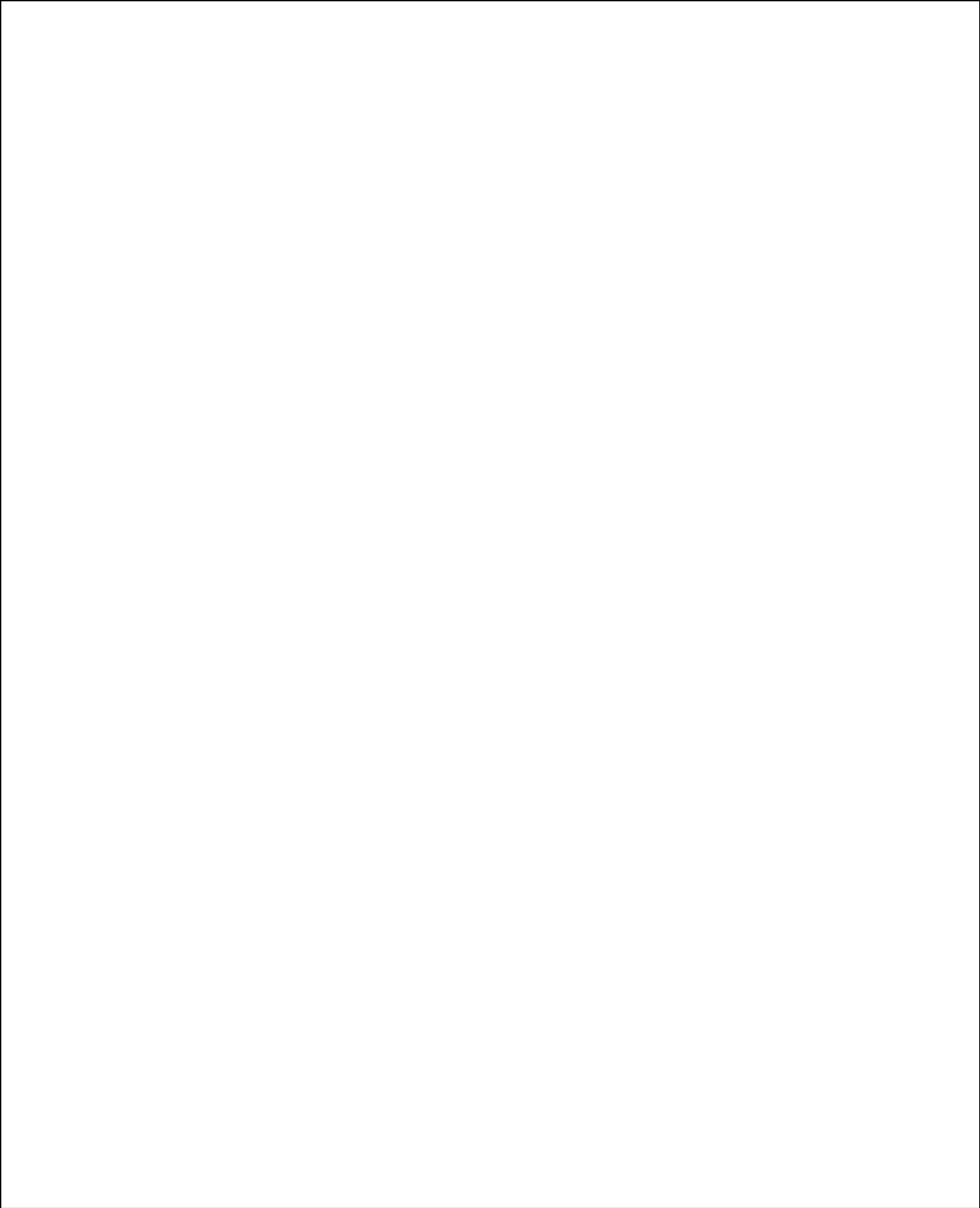
Chalice of Mercy presents our 3rd annual Christmas dinner Saturday, January 9 at Notre Dame Parish Life Center, 117 Allen St. Chippewa Falls, from 6:30-8:30 pm. You'll experience Ukrainian food and culture and we'll prepare 12 different dishes for you. You'll learn about our mission work in Ukraine to help the poor hospitals, and about our first container shipment of medical equipment and supplies. Please help us make a difference in a former Soviet Union country. Adults-\$17, children under 12-free. Table of 8-\$100. Chalice of Mercy is a non-profit charitable organization with 501(c) status. All profits go directly toward our mission. Call 715-456-4187 or 715-559-1013 with any questions.

MISSION TRIP TO THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO - There will be a youth mission trip to Thunder Bay, Ontario, August 1 - 6, 2010 for youth grades 7-12. This trip is through YouthWorks and more information can be found on their website (www.youthworks.com). This is an excellent opportunity to be part of a life-changing, relational ministry. We are going to have a great time doing great good so we hope you will join us. Contact Noelle Chaltry, 456-2684 for more information and to sign up

SNOW CAMP RETREAT - All youth in grades 6-12 are invited and encouraged to join us as we travel to Presbyterian Clearwater Forest for the Snow Camp Retreat weekend January 22 -24. We have been told to expect broom hockey on the lake, snowshoeing, singing by the fire, worship and lots of fun! The cost is \$75 for the weekend. An additional chaperone/driver is needed for the trip. Please contact Noelle Chaltry, 456-2684, for more information.

WINTER ITEMS NEEDED

We're asking for donations of winter "warmwear" for the patients of the Open Door Clinic. New or gently used scarves, hats, mittens and gloves for all ages can be placed in the colorful hamper in the Narthex coat closet. This is not only for holiday cheer, but also for warmth through the winter. Thank you! ~ Wynne Cook, *Mission committee member*



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Who gets a box of envelopes?

Each member household and each confirmed youth has been assigned a box set of envelopes.

What's in the box?

There is one envelope for each Sunday and one for our five special offerings throughout the year. There is also an envelope at the end of January for your **Per Capita Apportionment**.

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What about designated gifts?

If you give to one of the designated gifts such as Flowers, Food Pantry, and Special Offerings, please write a separate check for each and designate the particular fund on the memo line of your check.

We are called to support God's work through us, His church. You can start today by picking up your envelopes in the Narthex of the Church and by using them regularly throughout the year. **If you have not responded to the fall stewardship campaign, please reconsider.**

~ Thank you ~*Your Finance Team*

If you have any questions please call one of the finance team members; Barb Shorrel. Dave Gordon, Barry Boyer, Cherie Andringa, Holly Gintz.

Finance News

Barb Shorrel

Our street assessment bill has come in and good news, it is lower than expected. How often does that happen? God is looking out for us for sure.

We owe \$7,583.93 on the Central Street repair. We will be paying this bill in February. If you wish to contribute to the Street Assessment Fund, please do so by February 1st.

The Session approved the 2010 budget. We will be continuing to fine tune it as we close out the 2009 budget year. Be sure to read your annual report for more information. We also will have more details for you in the February Bell.

We welcome Esther Fraser and Chuck Norseng to the Finance Team. We also would like to thank Corine Boos for joining the Financial Review Team, Class of 2011. We appreciate your willingness to serve.

SAMmy's - If you haven't come yet to SAMmy's we would love to have you join us in the New Year! Every week the lesson stands alone, so you can join us anytime you are free. SAMmy's is an interdenominational Bible study for mothers of all ages (expectant moms to Grandmas). Please join us on Thursdays from 6:30-8. Most weeks childcare is provided for a small fee. Call Noelle Chaltry with any questions at 456-2684.

Support the Youth Mission Trip - The Youth Group will be selling fair trade, organic coffees, teas, and chocolate in an effort to raise funds for their August mission trip to Thunder Bay. We are doing this through the Equal Exchange's Interfaith program. The items will be available to purchase during Noelle Chaltry's office hours and during fellowship on Sundays. Please support both fair trade and our youth's efforts.

Like to ski?

Plans are in the works for a ski trip to Christie Mountain on February 13th. Watch for more details.

