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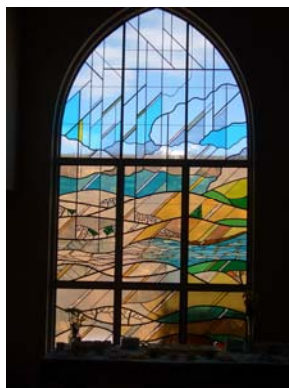
## Thoughts after a Session Meeting... Focus on communications

We have been talking about communications recently. Barry has written about a need to improve communications. We now have a great web site, the Bell is being reformatted and the bulletin has added pages to list what is going on at church.

It is important for us to know about the diverse activities of First Presbyterian. During our last session meeting we talked about another important aspect of communications. That is the need to speak up. It is easy to get into a mode of complaining to friends behind the scenes. The session wants to hear about your concerns and suggestions. Session meetings are open and we invite all to come and speak up. We also are willing to take your concerns and suggestions to session. In order to do that we will ask you if it is all right to identify you as the person who spoke to us. If it is ok than we will be happy to take your thoughts to session. We want to respect confidentially but are not willing to take concerns and suggestion forward anonymously.

A good rule is "If your are not willing to speak up and be part of the solution then you give up your right to complain." Being open and willing to be part of what's going on at church is critical to our transformation,.

Dave Gordon



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### Points of Interest

Fall Bazaar set for  
November 14

Youth worship service  
412 scheduled for  
November. 28

**Memorials and Gifts**

(Through Oct. 23)

**Deacons Fund**

Roger & Mardi Lebeis  
 Barry & Susan Boyer  
 Chuck & Chris Norseng  
 Chuck & Marge Nichols  
 Dick & Anne Welke  
 Jim & Kathi Mandelert  
 Eric & Julie Haglund  
 Dave & Anne Gordon  
 Ron & Alice Schmidt  
 Doug & Bonnie Gullickson  
 Mark & Marci Myrman

**Endowment Gift**

Dick & Julie Stafford

**Peacemaking Offering**

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson  
 Pat Hedrington  
 Evelyn Jensen  
 Althea Kearney  
 Susan Maitland  
 Bob & Barb Meredith  
 Barbara Wilcox  
 Ellen Devine  
 Tom & Jo Knobler  
 Hess Morrison  
 Northwestern Bank  
 Helen Barnes  
 Paul & Wynne Cook  
 Richard & Esther Frazier  
 Eric & Julie Haglund  
 Karla Stein  
 Amy Horak  
 Vance & Margi Kohl  
 Roger & Mardi Lebeis  
 Mark & Marci Myrman  
 Chuck & Marge Nichols  
 Chuck & Chris Norseng  
 Patricia Pople  
 Gary & Barb Shorrel  
 Barbara Taylor  
 Dick & June Kemp  
 Bob & Virginia Koepsel  
 Al & Margi Namejunas

**Flowers**

Rick & Jan Hilton Koepke  
 Kathy & Randy Facklam  
 Paul & Wynne Cook  
 Roger & Jane Whiting  
 George & Peggy Fleming  
 Dick & June Kemp  
 Paul & Wynne Cook  
 David & Patricia Gutknecht  
 Jim & Kathi Mandelert

**Disaster Fund**

Tim & Sonia Anderson  
 Barry & Susan Boyer

**Memorials**

Dick & June Kemp

**Fall Bazaar...**

The Presbyterian Women have begun planning for the annual Fall Bazaar on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Kathi Mandelert is the 2007 Chairperson assisted by Sue Maitland and Barbara Meredith.

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
- Garden Shop – Jackie Reich and Evelyn Jensen
- Kitchen Shop—Jan Hilton Koepke & Barb Shorrel
- Raffle – Kathi Mandelert
- Silent Auction – Sue Maitland

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.

A handmade quilt and a Shirley Temple Doll will be raffled off

Church members are encouraged to donate handmade items for the Bazaar including the Silent Auction. Contact Kathi Mandelert, Sue Maitland or Barbara Meredith for more information.

**PW Monthly Assignment List...**

There has been some confusion about the purpose of the monthly assignment list. Fellowship is now being done on a sign-up basis. The lead people for each month are encouraged to pass the sign-up book around for fellowship hosts. The monthly assignment list is a guideline for serving funerals. In the event of a need for a funeral lunch, the lead person for the month plans the lunch, calls the people on the list for workers and for food donations. This list will also be used by the shepherds when there is a need for meals for church members who are ill or recovering from surgery.

## Pastor's Perspective

### Pastor's Response

#### **There seem to be some strong feelings surfacing about music in our church these days. What's going on?**

A lot of us don't see eye-to-eye on church music. In many disagreements in a church, people focus on staff members and see them as battling, rather than take responsibility as a board (session, in our case) and a congregation for honest dialogue about hopes and dreams for the future of their church. Some of that conversation is taking place in the worship team and in transformers meetings. The session is already helping and will be moving to take more responsibility. It is important for everyone to understand that there are very diverse opinions about church music throughout our congregation. Some strongly favor traditional hymns and classical music. Others strongly favor what is called contemporary church music. And, I daresay, the majority appreciate having both, during worship services. That is normally called a blended service – where the traditional is honored and the contemporary is welcomed. Then there is music for a youth service (see below). I think we need to find ways for joyful expression of all kinds of music.

Paul Kosower, our music minister, and I, are meeting this week to begin anew in working for better communication and seeking some harmony in this matter so that we can have a hand in leading our congregation into a healthy future.

#### **I heard our youth had a special worship service. What's that all about?**

Yes, there was a special worship service for youth on Wednesday, Oct 24. It was planned by our youth and Ali Knoll, our youth leader. Some other youth helped and many youth from the community attended. Several adults from our church were there, too.

There was a band with Alex Beighley playing guitar and Jeremy Facklam, the drums. Among the singers were Erika Cooley, Jenna Facklam, Olivia Linden, Jaime Ostrom, John Lynch and Ali. There were prayers and Ali brought a message.

The service was built around a theme of music. They

showed a video in which a pastor talked about God as composer of the music of our hearts and of the universe. He said we could choose to be in or out of tune with God. Ali spoke about music as well and it all came together as a challenge to follow and obey God – to be in tune with God.

They made great use of our new laptop computer and video projector with slides and song lyrics projected upon a screen. It was an effective preview of how useful our new video projection system will be when installed.

Church adults in attendance there spoke well of the service, and the experience, and join in inviting you to attend a service in the future – the fourth Wednesday of each month.

#### **We just voted to increase the session size from 9 to 12 members. Is that really necessary?**

It should help in the operation of our church. We are looking to draw into the session (our church board) more of the vital functions of our church.

For years, the session has been built around the concept of providing support for the various ministries and groups in our church. To this end, the session has had only four teams – property, personnel, finance, and planning/mission. Each team has two elders and sometimes additional members from the congregation. Worship, music, education, and youth ministries, for example, have only reported to the session occasionally. And so, session members have not been asked to responsible and accountable for the primary work of the church.

Now, with additional members, the session will reorganize to bring more oversight and leadership to our several programs. We also want to be ready for our consultant's visit in March. Early thoughts are to have a new communications team to address communication needs as we move through a transformation process in coming years. The session is also discussing adding a worship and music team that will offer direction and support for our worship leaders group and our music ministry. Exactly how these will function will be considered at a session retreat on December 1. Other teams may be shifted or redefined, as well.

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### Welcome to new members...

Roger and Mardi Lebeis have recently joined the congregation. Roger is retired from the Northern Center where he was Speech Pathology and Audiology Director, Education Director and Case manager. Roger is presently on the board for the Chippewa YMCA. His hobbies include reading, football, exercise and travel, especially to visit Mardi's family on Vancouver Island.

Mardi is a registered nurse and currently works at St. Joseph's Hospital Home Hospice. She thoroughly enjoys being a mentor to a high school student. Yearly trips to visit family on Vancouver Island, British

Columbia are greatly enjoyed. Mardi's hobbies include counted cross stitch, crocheting, walking and decorating.

### Address Changes....

Patty Stiles new e-mail:  
pansys@centurytel.net

Pat Hedrington  
5685 Trailwinds Dr. #731  
Ft. Myers, FL 33907

### Reminder:

Letters to the Editor are welcome. Share your viewpoint and concerns. Send an e-mail to park140@charter.net or drop in the Bell box in the workroom.

### Church Staff

Barry Boyer, pastor  
Tim Anderson, clerk of session  
Cherie Andringa, office manager/financial secretary  
Paul Kosower, minister of music  
Ali Knoll, Youth director  
Becky Hager, Karolynne Duffenbach, children's ministry  
Janinne Kauffman, children's choir dir.  
Holly Gintz, treasurer  
Joe Gunn, custodian  
Jim Mandelert, technical elder  
Sara Abendroth, Barbara Meredith, Caregiver leaders  
, worship team leader  
Kathi Mandelert, Bell editor  
Sara Abendroth, child care coordinator  
Marlys Daniels, Presbyterian Women  
Pat Linden, Presbyterian Men  
Margy Kohl, church librarian  
Barb Smith, music librarian  
Susan Boyer; Esther Frazier, Lorraine Gilbertson, Ginny Koepsel, Tom Knoble, Margi Kohl, Hess Morrison, Steve Playter, Jackie Reich, Jinx Smith, Barbara Taylor, office assistants

### Church Board

Tim Anderson	Erik Anderson
Larry Annett	Bob Denman
Dave Gordon	Susan Maitland
Joe Mandelert	Ruth Rosenow
Barb Smith	

Barry Boyer

### Board of Deacons

Verene Crane	Dick Kemp
Hannah Koepke	Barb Meredith
Patty Stiles	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November</b> <b>2007</b>  (Page 4)				1 12:00 noon-Men's Luncheon	2 12:00 noon-Bandy Book Meeting	3 12-5 pm-yG Movie day for Guys
4 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest & Children's Choir 10:30 am-Fellowship 12-5 pm-yG Movie day for Gals	5 11:00 am-Finance Team 6:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:00 pm-yG Leadership 6:15 pm-Praise Team 6:30 pm-yG Band	6 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer) 7:00 pm-Worship Leaders	7 6:30 am-Optimist 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr High yG 5:00 pm-Combined yG 6:30 pm-Celebration Singers	8 6:30 pm-Crop Walk	9	10 9:30 am-Deacons 11:00 am-yG Families leaf raking @ Bernhardt's
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# November Schedules

## **November 4**

### **Ushers—**

Susan & Peter Boyer, Laurel Boyer

### **Communion Servers—**

Barb Smith, Tim Anderson,

Joe Mandelert, Ruth Rosenow

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Holly Gintz, Karen & Alex Beighley

### **Nursery—**

Chris Norseng, Jo Knoble

### **Flower Providers—**

Marcie Myrman in honor of Mark Myrman's birthday.

## **November 7**

**Snacks @ 4:00**—Stafford Family

## **November 11**

### **Ushers—**

Eric & Julie Haglund

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Margi Kohl & Marge Nichols

### **Nursery—**

Barbara Paterick, Erika Cooley

### **Flower Providers—**

Chuck Norseng, for all my blessings.

## **November 14**

**Snacks @ 4:00**—Cooley Family

## **November 18**

### **Ushers—**

Jeff & Deb Buckli, Hess Morrison

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Kathi Mandelert

### **Nursery—**

Sara Abendroth, Jenna Facklam

### **Flower Providers—**

Randy & Kathy Facklam in grateful appreciation of blessings in 21 years of marriage.

## **November 25**

### **Ushers—**

Bob & Melyssa Heintz

### **Communion Servers—**

Joe Mandelert, Erik Anderson, Larry Annett,

Bob Denman, Dave Gordon, Sue Maitland

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Susan Boyer

### **Nursery—**

Sara Abendroth, Lauren Koepke

### **Flowers Providers—**

Julie and Dick Stafford—grateful for a wonderful family thanksgiving.

## **November 28**

**Snacks @ 4:00**—McDougall Family

**Wednesday Nite Supper**—Susan Boyer and Lisa Kennedy with a surprise menu.

## Brief Notes

- ❖ **THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO** Elaine Thompson on the death of her husband Gerald Thompson.; to the family of Berniece Jeschke, a former member who passed away recently; to Annie Waxler Strader upon the death of her father, Brent Waxler; to Erna Rath upon the death of her brother, Ted.
- ❖ **CHECK CHURCH WEBSITE FOR CALENDAR INFORMATION**  
We are working hard to make our church website the place for church calendar information. See our new website at [www.fpcchippewafalls.org](http://www.fpcchippewafalls.org). We all need to email any church calendar additions or changes to Eric Haglund at [haglunderic@hotmail.com](mailto:haglunderic@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **NEWS & REMINDERS MUST BE IN OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY A.M**  
We want the congregation to know about everything that is happening in the church. Please get your information to the church office by Wednesday morning. Email is the preferred means of delivery. To Cherie - [fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net), Also, please get in the habit of emailing to Eric for the website and Kathi for the BELL at the same time. Group all three: BULLETIN, BELL, and WEBSITE under the name CALENDAR, and send your news and calendar items simultaneously.  
CALENDAR: Cherie – [fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net)  
WEBSITE: Eric – [haglunderic@hotmail.com](mailto:haglunderic@hotmail.com)  
BELL: Kathi - [park140@charter.net](mailto:park140@charter.net)
- ❖ **CROP WALK A SUCCESS**  
On October 21, there were 109 people who came out to walk the Crop Walk. Walkers collected \$6100 in pledges on Sunday and more pledges are still coming in. Our church raised \$1,032! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this a successful event. We are looking forward to next year! - Ruth Rosenow & Jackie Reich

## Men's Group News...

This summer was a great time to rest. Fall is here . God calls . In Sept 4 men from Pres men played in Good news prison fellowship golf fund raiser at Wild Ridge Golf course we raised over \$1200. George Abendroth, Joe Mandelert ,Eric Anderson (out with bad back was replaced by Vance Kohl) and Pat Linden played the beautiful course, had a great lunch and listened to testimonies of how God has changed prisoners lives.

The Optimist breakfast crew was treated to a brunch at Sweetwater's restaurant as a Thank you to all the hard work for funding most of our mission projects. We will be looking to have a work day or night in Nov. to help develop the Youth Group's new digs. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Pat 723-6830 or Chuck 726-1838.

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

### Library News...

Dear Readers - I either love my computer or hate it with little or nothing in between. Right now, I hate it. I had typed my whole article, hit "save draft" and away it went -- who knows where? So, I'll start over.

We were fortunate to have been given many books recently and we thank the donors. Jan Hilton-Koepke gave us *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. I haven't read the book but I've seen the movie and thought it was very good. Find it in (FIC.)

Also given to the library is *If It Could Happen Here, Turning the Small-Membership Church Around* by Jeff Patton. I know several members of our congregation have read it and found it very interesting. (14)

Kathi Mandelert brought in a large box of books given to her by a neighbor. Three of the books are for children. They are *First Bible Stories*, *My First Study Bible* and *The Picture Bible*. *The Picture Bible* is written in comic book form but holds traditional stories. (26) The other books include *Living Miracles, Stories of Hope from Parents of Premature Babies* edited by Kimberly A. Powell and Kim Wilson (15); *The Church Divided* written by numerous authors (14); *Becoming a Spirit-Led Mom* by Quin Sherrer and Ruthanne Garlock (19); *How to Find God* (4); *Celebrating Jesus 2000* (4); *The Passion of Jesus Christ* by John Piper (6); *Margin - Restoring Emotional, physical, Financial and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives* by Richard A. Swenson, M.D. (15); *Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow (18); *The Everyday Guide to the Bible* (5); *Your Finances, God's Promises* (18); *For Better or For Best* by Gary Smalley (15) and *101 Ways to Romance Your Marriage* by Debra White Smith (15).

Anne Welke brought in an even larger box of children's books and they look super. I'll be

getting them on the shelves and enlarging the children's books department. They aren't all religious books but they are good stories with a lesson in them, plus a few activity books. I'll start listing them next month.

Thank you so very much to all who donated books. I wish I had time to read more of them. If there is something you'd like to recommend, please do so.

Happy Reading! - Your Librarian, Margi Kohl

### Thanks from the Open Door Clinic...

The second day of my new job as clinic coordinator, I was giving a tour to a woman from St Joseph's hospital who was writing an article about the Open Door Clinic. I lost track of how many times she made comments such as "The church lets you use all of this space!" "The church let you put up walls!" (She was referring to the room in the basement where we keep medications.)

She was clearly impressed with the generosity of our church. She also was impressed with the clinic set up. She said she had heard about the clinic but did not expect it would be so extensive.

Perhaps some of us who have been working in the clinic for the last 18 months are guilty of taking for granted the generosity of our congregation. I know by looking at it through the eyes of someone seeing it for the first time, I too was impressed by what our congregation is doing for the community.

So because it may be a little overdue - Thank you from the patients and volunteers of the Open Door Clinic.

*Deb Biegging*

By the way, we have now had over 1500 visits by over 530 different patients!