



# The Bell

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## New Orleans Mission Group Ready to Go

The New Orleans Mission crew will meet on Sunday, Sept 30 at 4:30 P.M. in the library. The group will review all travel plans and assess personal gear needed for work and camp living. Sue Maitland has good information to share after a visit with Kris Schilling from Rice Lake. Kris has stayed at the same Luling camp that our group will use.

Twelve members and friends of our church are going to spend a week in New Orleans to assist with clean-up and reconstruction. They will leave October 14 and return late on the 19th. Members of our church are Tim Anderson, Erik Anderson, Jim and Deb Bieging, Sue Maitland, Laurel Boyer and, Barry and Susan Boyer. Friends are Peggy Nitz of Rice Lake; Bev Schultz, Stanley; LaVonne Ellingson, St. Paul, and Mary Ann King of Zion Methodist in Chippewa Falls. Peggy is a travel agent and has made great arrangements to fly; shortening the trip by two days while allowing the group to get in a full five days of work.

Members are paying part of their costs. Presbyterian Women are making a very generous contribution to the mission.

The group will stay in a work camp hosted by a Presbyterian church in Luling, Louisiana. Ten to twelve hour workdays are the norm. Tasks include cleaning up after Katrina and helping rebuild homes. Members are stretching and exercising in anticipation of the hard work.

The work camp is one of five in the Gulf Coast area organized and supported by the national Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

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### Points of Interest

**The Harvest Food Drive has begun!**  
Faith Quest will be collecting bags of food from Sept. 23 through Oct. 14. There will be a shopping cart in the Narthex to place bags of food.

**Memorials and Gifts**

(Through Sept. 21)

**Deacons Fund**

Roger &amp; Mardi Lebeis

**Food Pantry**

Laura Stearns

Tom &amp; Jo Knoble

**Peacemaking Offering**

Dick &amp; Anne Welke

Roger &amp; Patti Stiles

**Flowers**

Gary &amp; Barb Shorrel

Amy Horak

**Youth**

Ali Knoll

Kathy &amp; Randy Facklam

**Disaster Fund**

Susan Maitland

Erik &amp; Traci Anderson

Jim &amp; Deb Biegging

Gail Willi

Presbyterian Women

**Designated Gifts**

Chuck &amp; Chris Norseng

**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. PW is still in need of a Kitchen Shop Coordinator.

- Bakery – Marlys Daniels
- Boutique – Marcie Myrman
- Candy Shop – Jeannette Miller
- Crafts – Ann Gordon
- Garden Shop – Jackie Reich and Evelyn Jensen
- Kitchen Shop
- 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. Jinx Smith is the volunteer coordinator and will be calling for workers.

A Planning Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Church Library. Anyone wanting to help with the Bazaar is invited to attend.

**Goodsearch Update...**

So now not only do we get a penny each time we use GoodSearch, shopping online can earn us money, too! I opened up the GoodSearch page and saw this little box that says something about earning money for your charity while you shop, so I clicked on it. There are TONS of businesses (Target, Walmart - even eBay - just to name a few) that give rebate checks to charities who use GoodSearch.

So next time you're shopping online at Bestbuy.com or eBay, launch the link from the GoodSearch homepage and the youth mission trip will get a nice rebate check for every purchase! Free money...imagine that?!?

Please utilize this awesome resource to help us raise money for the youth mission trip to Atlanta!

*Peace + Love - Ali*



Contact Ruth Rosenow if you are interested in pledging or walking.

Lace up your walking shoes on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and join the **CROP WALK** in an effort to end hunger here and around the world.

## Pastor's Perspective

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#### Why are you going to New Orleans when there is plenty to do here?

The theme of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program is "Out of Chaos...Hope."

Hope is a spiritual commodity in short supply in the long-impoverished and recently devastated portions of New Orleans. The energy and commitment of people coming from all over North America has been the brightest spot in the lives of many in the city.

Our group takes with us the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. We will share it through physical labor and listening, prayer and presence. We will come back with an enlarged and personal experience with poverty and despair. Many who return from New Orleans are led to greater involvement in local ministries striving to meet the needs of the poor in spirit. We ask your prayers that we will make an effective contribution toward lightening the load that remains in the Crescent City.

Our group of twelve is grateful to Presbyterian Women for their generous contribution to this trip.

It frees up church mission funds to meet additional local needs.

Group members are Erik Anderson (co-leader), Tim Anderson, Deb and Jim Bieging, Barry, Susan and Laurel Boyer, Lavonne Ellingson, Mary Ann King, Sue Maitland, Peggy Nitz and Bev Schultz.

#### I hear some names of our funds in our church are changing? How can I keep up?

We have four major ways of keeping track of money at the church. We all give to the general fund which keeps us going everyday. Many of us give to the capital fund to reduce the mortgage and take advantage of some mission opportunities. We have an endowment fund that receives special gifts that are invested with proceeds being spent for special projects. And we have restricted funds, such as memorials, flowers, and food pantry; where money come in and goes out irregularly. Restricted funds are kept in a separate account that gains some interest.

So, here is what is changing, what is not. Good stuff to know!

2007		2008
General Fund	becomes	Operating and Mission Fund
Capital Fund	becomes	Mortgage Retirement Fund
Restricted Funds	stays	Restricted Funds
Endowment Fund	stays	Endowment Fund

#### Why is the mission funding component being dropped from the Capital Fund next year?

December 31, 2007 marks the close of our second three-year Capital Fund campaign.

We have been very successful in reducing our mortgage for renovating our church.

The session has asked that there be another Capital Fund campaign, but for only one year.

It will be called the Mortgage Retirement Fund. Then, beginning in 2009, mortgage payments will become an item in our Operating Fund.

So, to answer your question, it was decided that the 2008 Mortgage Retirement Fund campaign will be strictly for the purpose of paying down our mortgage. There will be no mission-funding component.

In our three-year campaigns, 2002-4 and 2005-7, a mission-funding component was included on the advice of our campaign consultant, the James Company. This is typically included in church building fund campaigns.

Its effect is to invite more participation in giving. Some people do not give to just "bricks and mortar." They like to know that at least some of their contribution is going help others.

The session wants to narrow our focus on the mortgage retirement and begin to rebuild awareness of our mission funding which has always been a part of our General Fund. We are doing this, in part, by renaming the General Fund. It will now be the Operating and Mission Fund.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 2007</b>  (Page 4)	1  6:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:00 pm-Youth Leadership	2  10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer)	3  6:30 am-Optimist 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr. High Youth 5:00 pm-Combined Ygrp 6:30 pm—Celebration Singers	4  12 Noon-Men's Luncheon	5	6  9:30 am-Communication Seminar
7  9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest & Children's Choir 10:30-Fellowship 11:00 am-Shepherds	8  6:00 pm-Drawing Grp 6:00 pm-Youth Leadership 6:30 pm-Clinic Board 6:30 pm-Youth Band	9  10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 7:00 pm-Care, Share, Prayer	10  6:30 am-Optimist 9:00 am-Painting Grp 11:30 am-Staff Lunch 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr. High Youth 5:00 pm-Combined Ygrp 6:30 pm—Celebration Singers	11	12	13  9:30 am- Communications Seminar 9:30 am-Deacons 10:00 am-Youth Highway Cleanup
14  9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest & Children's Choir 10:30 am-Fellowship Mission Trip to New Orleans leaves	15  6:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:30 pm-Youth Leadership 6:30 pm-Youth Band	16  10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer)	17  6:30 am-Optimist 9:00 am-Painting Grp 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr. High Youth 5:00 pm-Combined Ygrp 6:30 pm—Celebration Singers	18  9:15 am-PW/Bible study & monthly meeting  7:00 pm-Pres. Men	19	20  Stamp Camp
21  9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest & Children's Choir 10:30 am-Fellowship 1:00 pm-Crop Walk	22  11:00 am-Finance Team 6:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:30—Youth Leadership 6:30 pm-Youth Band	23  10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 7:00 pm-Care, Share, Prayer 7:15 pm-Worship Leaders	24  6:30 am-Optimist 9:00 am-Painting Grp 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr. High Youth 5:00 pm-Combined Ygrp 5:30-Family Supper 6:30 pm—Cele. Singers 7:00 pm-Youth Worship	25  8:00 am-Staff Meeting	26  PNW Meeting in Eau Claire	27  PNW Meeting in Eau Claire  1:00 pm-Youth Halloween Bash 7:00 pm-Mercy Me Concert
28  <i>Celebration Sunday</i> 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest & Children's Choir 11:00 am-Deacons Potluck/Celebration Dinner	29  6:00 pm-Drawing Group 6:30 pm-Youth Leadership 6:30 pm-Youth Band	30  10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic (Sanctuary open for prayer)	31  6:30 am-Optimist 9:00 am-Painting Grp 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr. High Youth 5:00 pm-Combined Ygrp 5:00 pm-Youth Service Project 6:30 pm—Cele. Singers			

# October Schedules

## **October 3**

**Snacks @ 4:00**—Heintz Family

## **October 7**

**Ushers**—

Paul & Bev Ippel

**Communion Servers**—

Barb Smith, Dave Gordon, Sue Maitland,  
Joe Mandelert, Ruth Rosenow

**Fellowship Hosts**—

Chuck & Chris Norseng

**Nursery**—

Patti & Hannah Robarge

**Flower Providers**—

Dick & June Kemp in honor of the birthdays  
of Dick Kemp and Bailey Misura.

## **October 10**

**Snacks @ 4:00**—Tzanakis Family

## **October 14**

**Ushers**—

Dave & Ann Gordon

**Fellowship Hosts**—

TBD

**Nursery**—

Ruth Rosenow, Christine Tzanakis

**Flower Providers**—

David & Patricia Gutknecht in honor of their  
49th anniversary, family and blessings.

## **October 17**

**Snacks @ 4:00**—Facklam Family

## **October 21**

**Ushers**—

Mark & Marci Myrman, Larry Annett

**Fellowship Hosts**—

TBD

**Nursery**—

Sara Abendroth

**Flower Providers**—

Paul, Phil & Brad Cook for Wynne's  
birthday and the joy she gives us.

## **October 24**

**Snacks @ 4:00**—Linden Family

**Family Supper**—Spaghetti Supper served  
by Barb Smith, Jon Behling, Sandi Frohling,  
and Eric & Julie Haglund.

## **October 28**

**Ushers**—

Dave & Teri Cihasky

**Communion Servers**—

Tim Anderson, Erik Anderson, Larry Annett,  
Bob Denman, Dave Gordon, Sue Maitland

**Fellowship Hosts**—

Celebration Sunday Deacon's Putluck

**Nursery**—

Janinne Kauffman & Olivia Linden

**Flowers Providers**—

Chuck & Chris Norseng for the gift of Liam  
and Luca and their first birthday on Oct. 29.

## **October 31**

**Snacks @ 4:00**—Lynch Family

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### October Birthdays & Anniversaries

		13	Julie Haglund
		16	Joyce Pugh
6	Richard Stafford Jr. Dick Kemp	18	Sally Glasener
7	Janice & Herman Smith	20	Virginia Koepsel Wynne Cook
8	Eleanor Owen Hess Morrison Phil Cook	21	Kathy & Mark Borofka
		23	Dick Welke Meghan Cihasky
9	Marge & Chuck Nichols David Crane	27	Mark Myrman Jean Lewis
10	Joanne & Robert Hoover	29	Liam & Luca Norseng
11	Mary & Steve Hoepner	31	Barbara Sutherland Jack Ament Marlys Daniels
12	Margy Kohl Patricia & David Gutknecht Jan Silloway		

### 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	

## Brief Notes

- ❖ **The worship leaders' team** has agreed to restructure itself to be more intentional about prayer, scripture study and supporting each other in personal concerns and joys. Their ministry task is to be more effective and creative in worship planning and leadership for our church. They are meeting twice-a-month.
- ❖ **The new noon men's group** is organizing itself around the principles of a Christian small group. At their meeting on Sept 6, they agreed to make prayer, scripture and sharing (no easy assignment for men!) a part of each meeting. One member shared the importance of the church's help in a time of great need and how this has drawn him closer to Jesus and the church.
- ❖ **Susan Boyer** is inviting a small group to form around the ministry of caring for our sanctuary and preparing the space and furnishings for services. Bible study, prayer and sharing will be a part of their gatherings.
- ❖ **Two groups** in search of a leader are communications and a healing service team. Pastor Boyer is the early contact person for these emerging groups.
- ❖ **Dick Kemp** will serve as moderator of the Board of Deacons. Beryl Ouimette has recently resigned from the position and from the board for reasons of poor health. We are sorry to lose Beryl's insight and wisdom in this ministry of pastoral care. The Nominating Committee is now searching for a deacon's candidate to present to the congregation for election.
- ❖ **The session** has voted to recommend to the congregation that the size of the session be increased from nine to twelve elders. A letter will be sent to the congregation explaining the change and announcing the date and time of the meeting. It is tentatively set for Sunday, October 7, immediately following our worship service.
- ❖ **Fall Church Directory**—Updated church directories are available in the narthex. Please take your copy home. The directory includes church office and leader contacts, mailing addresses, phone numbers, known e-mail addresses, nursery volunteer schedule, the youth directory with calendar, Wednesday snack schedule, usher/greeter schedule, the Presbyterian Women monthly assignments and serving Sunday morning fellowship instructions. Directories not picked up will be mailed at a cost of .75 each.

### **Address Changes..**

Ali Knoll  
[ali@faithinthestorm.com](mailto:ali@faithinthestorm.com)

### **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.

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

### Library News...

Dear Readers - Don't you just love Wisconsin weather? Is this Indian Summer? I lost a few plants that one really cold night but the ones I remembered to move are okay. I love fall and winter so I'm okay with whatever comes.

Ruth Jean Crane donated a copy of *Light from Heaven* by Jan Karon. FIC This is the final novel in the Mitford Series that so many of us enjoyed so much. However, the good news is that Karon is now writing a new series, still featuring many of the same characters. The series is called *The Father Tim Novels* and the first book is *Home to Holly Springs*. I think it is due out very soon. I'm anxious to read it.

Barry has given us three very practical and useful books. *What the Bible is All About* is written by Henrietta C. Mears. She gives a clear, concise overview of the Scriptures, includes a time line, maps and other study helps. You'll find it in section 5.

*Margin* by Richard A Swenson, M.D. is a very timely book. I like the description on the back of the book. Part of it is: Overload is not having time to finish the book you're reading on stress. *Margin* is having time enough to read it twice. Overload is fatigue. *Margin* is energy. Section 15.

We've been talking so much recently about healing that Bartow's *Healing Handbook (Your Personal Guide for Health and Wholeness)* is of great interest. Also section 15. My own family has been concentrating on praying for the healing of two teenagers battling unusual health problems. I've just been reading chapters at random but I recommend it.

Enjoy fall and take time to read. I always keep at least two books going and, at the moment, have a whole shelf waiting for me to read. That's what winter is for.

Happy reading - your librarian - *Margi Kohl*

### Interpersonal Communications Seminar First Presbyterian Church Multipurpose Room

Two identical seminars  
Saturday 10/6/07 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Saturday 10/13/07 9:30-11:30 a.m.

“I know you believe you understand what you think I said but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.”

We all think we are good communicators. Unfortunately good communicators are not born but are people who work at it and use some very basic tools.

The seminar will review some basic things about communication and tools to help you be a good communicator in all aspects of your life.

Dave Gordon will be our guide. He is an experienced teacher in developing communication skills. The two-hour seminar is being offered twice in the hopes that one of the dates will suit your schedule. Pick one and come review, or learn anew, some communication skills.

### PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

October Luncheon Meeting – 10/4/07  
12:00 Noon – Fellowship Hall

We now have 15 men committed to meet (barring a conflict) the first Thursday of each month. Come join us as we pray, learn, share and plan together. We already have some good ideas – be part of it! See you October 4. ~ Yours Truly, George Abendroth