



The Bell

August 2008

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The Bell
A monthly newsletter

Worship in August

Sunday August 3 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz
Faith Sharing ~ "Supply and Demand"
Text ~ Matthew 4:13-21
Communion

Sunday August 10 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson
Faith Sharing ~ "Our Doubt, His Hope"
Text ~ Matthew 14:22-33
Music by Chelsea Rosenow, Violin

Sunday August 17 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer
Faith Sharing ~ "The Wall"
Text ~ Matthew 15:21-28
Music by Tim Anderson, Flute

Sunday August 24 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ TBD
Faith Sharing ~ "Point of No Return"
Text ~ Matthew 16:13-20
Music by Barry Boyer

Sunday August 31 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ TBD
Faith Sharing ~ "The Things They Carry"
Text ~ Matthew 16:21-28

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Points of Interest

Deacon's Pot Luck on
August 10

Isabel Valente from
Portugal visits here on
August 25 & 26.
Portuguese meal is
planned for Monday,
August 25.

New Charge plan to
start for Gordy's

Summer Surprises!

Have you heard? In late August our congregation will be hosting a missionary from Portugal. Isabel Valente will be in our Presbytery sharing with us with us her mission experiences. She will be with us for several days. Isabel teaches history and drama in a public school in Portugal, but during summer vacation she does voluntary missionary work around the world. We are eagerly looking forward to having her with us for several days and have planned some unique events. The intent is to give the opportunity for many in our congregation to get to know her. Hopefully we will all gain a better understanding of the work being done by our missionaries in the field. Isabel will be staying with Alice & Ron Schmidt who did lived in Portugal for a few years.

These are some of our plans: *(take note, the plans listed below may be modified but we wanted to get this information out to everyone so they can plan ahead to be a part of this wonderful experience!)*

Monday August 25: the day will be spent with small groups of women that will help do the shopping and preparing of foods typical of the **Portuguese cuisine**. The highlight of the day will be a cooking class taught by Isabel and a dinner served of Portuguese foods with a chance to hear about her mission work. (There will be a charge of \$10 to cover the cost of this meal.) The details of the cooking demonstration and dinner will be given in more detail with a direct mailing. Do consider inviting friends from the community that would enjoy this event. What a unique way to share the “good news” of what

Christians are doing around the world! We do need to have advance ticket sales so we can plan accordingly on how much food to prepare.

Tuesday August 26: morning **Coffee with Senior Belles**, 9:30 the older women of our congregation will have their opportunity to talk with Isabel and enjoy a familiar coffee klatch setting. This event will take place in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday: **Popsicles & Praise** will be geared to the younger set. All the kids that have been a part of Faith Quest will be invited to have some fun with Isabel. She has done work with Bible schools and looks forward to this event with our younger set. The kids will receive an invitation in the mail which will give the details. Yes, we will have some popsicles for the kids to enjoy!

Tuesday : a visit to the Open Door Clinic to see some of the outreach of our congregation

Woven between these activities we will also show her our community to give her a glimpse of Chippewa Falls. On Wednesday morning we will say goodbye and take her to First Presbyterian in Eau Claire.

So circle these August 24 through 26 on your calendar and if you have any questions give a call to Alice Schmidt 726-9977 or Marlys Daniels 723-2851

Memorials and Gifts

(Through July 23)

Food Pantry

Tom & Jo Knoble

Deacons Fund

Dave & Ann Gordon
Chuck & Chris Norseng
Mark & Marci Myrman

Endowment Fund

Dale & Mavis Babbitt

Flowers

Barry & Susan Boyer
Roger & Mardi Lebeis
Dick & June Kemp
Vance & Margi Kohl

Designated Gift

Jim & Debra Beiging

Golf Outing...

On Thursday, Sept. 18 the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry will host a golf outing at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. This will be an 18 hole/4 person best ball scramble. Every two players have their own cart. Breakfast and silent auction at 8:00 am, Shotgun start at 9:00 am, lunch and awards ceremony follows the golfing at 2:00 pm. This is a fund raiser for the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry. For more information and to sign up, call Chaplain Cliff Wolterstorff at 726-4566.

Pastor's Perspective

One of several matters your session (church board of elders) is addressing now is spiritual formation, especially their own. They know that they must have a clearer understanding of their personal beliefs and practices to be effective leaders. More and more, they are engaging in times of prayer and scripture reading, giving and worshiping.

Very common language today describes a congregation and individuals as pilgrims on a spiritual journey. We are sojourners on our way toward a Holy Presence; to God as we have come to know God through the Son, Jesus Christ. We are saved to new life and living out our salvation. We are filled with the love of Christ and learning to pass it on.

Spirituality is a journey, much more than a destination. For congregations and individuals the journey takes many twists and turns. God's call and God's presence relate to each congregation and person for what they are – unique and special to God.

Each of you is unique and special to God. Our congregation is, too. As individuals, we can enumerate the many twists and turns of our lives over time. A congregation can, too. Our elders are working to understand themselves better in relation to God (one way of describing spiritual formation). They are also working to understand God's will for our congregation. It is challenging to do both tasks concurrently.

The session wants to help us see clearly a new direction but knows that it is not immediately obvious. Working with a consultant's recommendations is a new experience for all of us. Knowing that we will be a much different congregation in coming years raises many questions, fears and hopes. Listening for God's will in the midst of the clamor of worries and feelings of frustration is hard. Determining how to pace ourselves in discernment and action is a nagging companion.

The Scriptures and church history have left a witness that God leads a congregation with intentionality through (again and again) certain experiences, some joyful and bright; some sorrowful and dark – but through it all God leads. The entire Old Testament is a story of the journey that the congregation of Israel took into and out of slavery, through the wilderness wanderings, and finally, into the promised land. The story continues into the New Testament, where Jesus guides persons estranged from God, through resistance, persecution, trial and torture into and out of the wilderness of death and finally into resurrection and life.

Over the centuries the Church realized that its journey or story is much like the story of the Old Testament congregation, and much like that of Jesus. Our congregation, being a part of the Church, is in and of this epic story. A great spiritual guide, Henri Nouwen, says that "A story creates space. We can dwell in a story, walk around, find our own place. The story confronts but does not oppress; the story inspires but does not manipulate. A story that guides is a story that opens a door and offers us space in which to search and boundaries to help us find what we seek, but it does not tell us what to do or how to do it. The story brings us into touch with the vision and so guides us. As long as we have stories to tell to each other there is hope." (from *The Living Reminder*)

Through worship, spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, mission, meetings and prayer, we are writing new chapters for the story of the church. Let us pray that we will be in God's will in transforming to new life and ministry.

~Barry Boyer, pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2008 (Page 4)					1 9:00 am-Staff Leadership Development	2 8:30 am-Youth meet at church and leave for Atlanta Mission Trip
3 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	4 9:00 am-Counting Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team	5 9:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic	6 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 6:00 pm-Small Group 6:30 pm-Communication Team	7 12:00 noon-Men's Luncheon 6:00 pm-Wedding rehearsal	8 3:30 pm-Wedding Leah Gawin and Peter Brubaker	9 9:30 am-Deacons Youth return from Mission Trip pm
10 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-ALL Church Deacon Sponsored Potluck	11 9:00 am-Counting Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team 6:30-Clinic Board	12 9:30 am-Support Staff 11:00 am-Finance Team 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic	13 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 6:00 pm-Small Group	14	15 9:00 am-Staff Leadership Development and Appreciation Brunch	16
17 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	18 9:00 am-Counting Team 6:00 pm-Personnel Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team	19 9:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 7:00 pm-Session	20 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 6:30 pm-Communication Team	21 9:30 am-PW Meeting @Alice Schmidt's 7:00 pm-Presbyterian Men	22 9:00 am- Staff Calendar Review /Wrap up Genesis Sunday plans (Sept 7)	23
24 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship 31 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	25 Isabel Valente Here Portuguese Dinner 9:00 am-Counting Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team	26 Isabel Valente Here 9:00 am-Support Staff 9:30-Coffee w/Senior Belles 2:00 pm-Popsicles & Praise 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic	27 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst	28	29	30 4:30 pm-Wedding Dianne Luzinski and Larry Wallenstein

August Schedules

August 3

Ushers—Bob & Ginny Koepsel, Pat Hedrington

Communion Servers—

Tim Anderson, Larry Annett, Gail Buchanan, Bob Denman, Dave Gordon

Fellowship Hosts—

Margi & Vance Kohl, Marge & Chuck Nichols

Nursery—

Sara Abendroth, Jo Knoble

Flower Providers—

Ruth & Rich Rosenow in celebration of Chelsea's birthday.

August 10

Ushers—

Jinx Smith & Steve Playter, Dick & Esther Frazier

Fellowship Hosts—

Deacon's Potluck

Nursery—

Ruth Rosenow, Lauren Koepke

Flower Providers—

Chris Norseng in honor of Chuck's birthday today, for loving family, and for friends in this congregation.

August 17

Ushers—

Dan & Karolynne Duffenbach

Fellowship Hosts—

Sue Maitland, Bev Ippel

Nursery—

Janinne Kauffman, Katie Page

Flower Providers—

Jo & Tom Knoble, for church family.

August 24

Ushers—

Ken & Karen Beighley, Barbara Paterick

Fellowship Hosts—

Bonnie Gullickson, Barb Wilcox

Nursery—

Sonia Anderson, Hannah Koepke

Flower Providers—

Barry & Susan Boyer in celebration of Laurel's birthday.

August 31

Ushers—

John & Carol Ament, Jeff & Eleanor Owen

Fellowship Hosts—

Roger & Mardi Lebeis

Nursery—

Ann Gordon, Erika Cooley

Flower Providers—

Rich & Ruth Rosenow in celebration of Lindsay's birthday.

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Our church newsletter



Report from Church Staff

For the last few months church staff has been meeting on Fridays 9-10:00 am at the church. On June 13 staff meet at the church and discussed personal Spiritual formations. We briefly reviewed our practices –and talked about the how & why to keep God in our lives daily ... moment to moment.

In response to the Bandy Report and Session recommendations church staff have all read the full Bandy Report. We attended a staff meeting at the Boyer's home for a review of the Reports and recommendations on June 27. Ruth Rosenow joined us for the morning. She is on Session and the personnel committee chair. She helped us work through some of our questions and concerns. Others in attendance were Pastor Barry Boyer; Cherie Andringa, office manager; Becky Hager, Faith Quest co-director, Ali Knoll, youth director; Paul Kosower, music director; Jeff Teubert, Custodian.

Ali led our devotions. Becky's children were cared for by Jaime Ostrom, a church youth member at her home.

At the staff meeting we were asked to write down what we liked the most and what we liked least about the Bandy recommendations. All views were then

discussed. We discussed some of the Reports implications; and briefly reviewed what the Session has recommended we do with it.

Part of our time was spent reviewing the development of our core values. Each staff member was then asked to rank the "working" list of core values naming the top 5 on how we see church members living out their core values. Barry collected these lists.

At the end of the meeting Susan Boyer provided brunch with the help of John Heintz (their "slave" from the youth auction a couple of months ago). Brunch was wonderful! A big "thank you" to Susan and John".

Our July 11 meeting was our fall master calendar-planning meeting. We put all our fall and winter dates through December together on one calendar. Kathi Mandelert, Bell editor joins the staff for this meeting.

Our next two staff meetings we will meet to work on leadership development followed by a catered brunch on August 15.

Submitted by ~ Cherie Andringa, office manager & finance secretary

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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

Holly Gintz, treasurer

Jeff Teubert, custodian

Jim Mandelert, technical elder

Sara Abendroth, Barbara Meredith,

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Brief Notes

GREAT AGNES TABLE CREW - THANKS

First Presbyterian served at Agnes' Table on July 10th. The menu of tuna salad, corn bread, grapes, cantaloupe, carrots, pea pods, and ice cream bars went over well with the guests. We served almost 130 meals (a quiet night by current Agnes's Table standards) with the leftovers going to the summer lunch program. We had a great crew: Cherie Andringa, Jim Bieging, Corine Boos, Barry, Susan and Peter Boyer, Gail Buchanan, Lorraine Gilbertson, Hollybelle (aka Holly Gintz), Eric and Julie Haglund, Margi Kohl, Barb Meredith, and Chris and Chuck Norseng. Thanks to all.

"To our friends at the First Presbyterian Church—thank you so much for hosting Agnes Table. We appreciate your continued support~Sincerely, the staff of Starting Points.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

is extended to the family of Herman Smith. Herman died July 5th. He had lung cancer.

Pastor Boyer conducted the funeral in Palmyra, Missouri last Wednesday. Janice is grateful for your calls and cards.

And to Margi and Al Namejunas upon the death of Margi's father, Victor Mikkelson, 89. He lived in Sparta. Margi visited him often. They were very close.

And to the family of Bill Barnes. A funeral service was held at St. Charles. Bill's wife, Helen, was a member of our congregation. Helen died in February. Sons Hugh, Greg and Bill grew up in the neighborhood and are known by many here. Especially difficult losing both parents within 5 months.

Dear Friends,

Pete's mom, Rae Kampion, peacefully passed away Monday night, July 21st. Rae had been living in Chippewa Falls for 6 years and was almost 90 years old. Rae did not want a funereal or memorial service and we will honor her wish. Thank you all for your visits and prayers on her behalf over the last few years. They were a blessing to our entire family. ~ *Pete and Jane Kampion*

REID KENNEDY ELECTED ELDER

At a congregational meeting in early July, Reid Kennedy was elected as an elder and will serve on the session beginning immediately. He is filling the unexpired term of Larry Annett, who resigned due to job-related scheduling conflicts. We are glad to welcome Reid to the session.

WEDNESDAY NITE MEALS REVIVED

The session has approved a proposal to increase Wednesday Night activities, scheduling church meetings for that night and to bring back weekly meals. The youth group will reserve one Wednesday night each month for a meal just for youth and parents. Remaining Wednesday nights will be meals for all who wish to come. Past cooking teams will be contacted to encourage their participation again this season, and new cooking teams are welcome. If you wish to participate in some way, please call the co-chairs~Magi Kohl at 720-8926 (margikohl@hotmail.com) or Kathi Mandelert at 723-5992 (park140@charter.net).

Notes from around the church.....

Library News...

The 4th of July has passed and, to me, that means summer is on the down swing. I sat on the dock in perfect weather last night and read a not-so-good book. The fish interrupted me a couple of times but it was lovely. Reading with a book in one hand, a rod & reel in the other and a dog on my lap can be challenging.

This month we thank Erna Rath and a couple of anonymous donors for some very interesting looking books. I'm fascinated by a German-English and English-German Junior Classic Dictionary from Erna. My German is limited to Gesundheit and Dunkeschein and I couldn't find either so guess I don't spell them so well either.(2) Just Between God & Me, devotions for young adults by Sandra Drescher has daily devotions for a year. It's an old book and I'm not a "young adult" but the few I had time to read are very fitting for me.(12) One Bread, One Body Jubilee contains daily devotions for the Advent/ Christmas season. (12) Good News for Modern Man is the New Testament in Today's English Version. (4) The Sermon on the Mount by Clarence Jordan is shelved at (4).

Michael Phillips and Judith Pella wrote the Stonewycke Legacy which Ester Frazier has pronounced a good read.(FIC) The New Testament Bible Experience on cd is part of the donation from Mark Stiers at Borders and we thank him. It is shelved at (35.)

For those of you who enjoy fiction, look for Beverly Lewis' The Parting and The Forgiven. These two books tell of the courtship of Nellie Mae Fisher, an Amish young lady. Also, the Amish farmers are starting to demand tractors and other forbidden modern conveniences. I'm looking forward to reading these. (FIC) Tamera Alexander writes Rekindled. Ten years ago Kathryn Jennings made a vow, for better or worse. Her marriage has

not turned out as she hoped. Now her husband fails to return after a storm and she tries to keep their ranch. Her husband's hidden past reveals a truth that makes her wish she could turn back the clock. (FIC) These also are new books from Borders.

I still have three more fiction books to write about next time. I haven't had time to read any of them but I certainly intend to do so.

Happy reading! - Your librarian - Margi Kohl

LOCK DOORS, TURN OUT THE LIGHTS: LAST ONE OUT....

We need everyone's help in keeping the building secure. If you are the last one to leave the building on a Sunday morning or an evening meeting, please turn off the lights; lock the doors. Even if you are not sure if you are the last one, do so anyway. A good, strong, "Anyone Here?" can clear the way.

On Sunday mornings, it is usually the ramp doors that are left open. The others have been locked by staff. When the building is very quiet that is a good sign that lights can be turned off and the doors need to be locked.

If you don't know how, please call Jeff, 864-422 or Barry, 456-4197, for directions.

Address Changes...

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726-2089

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE FOR MAKING PURCHASES AT GORDY'S DOWNTOWN COUNTY MARKET OR GORDY'S DOWNTOWN TRU VALUE.

As reported in a previous edition of The Bell, we are changing the way we handle the Gordy's charge accounts. Please carefully read the following procedures that take effect on August 1. If you have any questions, please contact Cherie Andringa at the church office (723-5717) or Barb Shorrel (cell, 563-4731). Please let either Cherie or Barb know if you have any problems using these accounts. Thank you so much for helping us implement these procedures. We hope that this will lead to better accounting practices.

NOTE: If you are purchasing items for Presbyterian Men or Presbyterian Women, you have your own accounts. Please contact your treasurer for that information.

To all members of First Presbyterian Church:

We have chosen to no longer use the verbal charge number at Gordy's. Please follow the new procedure outlined below. Please help us by educating yourself about which budgeted line item your purchase(s) will be charged.

Copies of the budget will be included with the charge card. This information is needed to accurately complete the voucher. All purchasers of goods and services must submit a voucher to the Office Manager for all purchases.

To make a purchase at Gordy's County Market or Gordy's True Value, please follow one of the procedures listed below. If you are making a purchase for Presbyterian Women or Presbyterian Men, please see your treasurer for instructions.

Thank you.

Your Finance Team

How to make a purchase at Gordy's County Market or Gordy's True Value using the account charge card:

1. You will notify the Office Manager (Cherie) via phone, email, or by stopping in the office that you need the charge card. If you expect to pick up the card after office hours, you must arrange a pick up place and time with Cherie.
2. Be sure to know the answer to the following questions. If not, ask.
 - What is the line item of the budget for this purchase?
 - Will you need more than one voucher, one for the hardware store and one for the grocery store?
3. You will receive the card and a voucher in an envelope.
4. After you have made your purchases, fill out the voucher. Note the line item of the budget and sign your name on the receipt.
5. Return the charge card, the completed voucher, and the receipts signed by you to the church office in the envelope provided.
6. If the office is closed, put the envelope in the mail slot next to the secretary's door.
7. **Cards are not to be kept.**

How to be reimbursed for purchases made using your own funds for purchases:

1. Be sure to tell Gordy's that this purchase is for First Presbyterian Church and that this would be tax exempt. They have that number on file.
2. Make your purchases being sure to keep all receipts.
3. Obtain a voucher. (They are saved on the copier at church. However, if you are making purchases often, keep a supply on hand.)
4. Fill out the voucher completely. **Include each line item from the budget for the purchases made.** If you are unsure, please contact the Office Manager or a member of the Finance Team.
5. Sign the receipts.
6. Return the completed voucher and the signed receipts to the church office.
7. Vouchers submitted by 8:00 am on Tuesday will be paid Wednesday and in the mail on Thursday except holiday weeks. Please have your reimbursement requests in the office as soon as possible after the purchase so that any questions that arise may be resolved quickly.