



The Bell

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Update on the video-in-sanctuary process.

First let me give you a thumbnail sketch of what we are going to get. There will be two electrically operated screens mounted on moveable frames placed on either side of the chancel area. The frames will swing out with inside edges of each getting close to the sides of the organ case. The screen will drop down with the bottom about seven feet off the chancel floor. When the screens are not in use, they will be rolled up in their case and moved along the walls. They will be painted the same color as the walls to blend in.

A new video console will be built to replace the audio console in the back. It will extend a twice as much as the old console from the side wall of the choir alcove. A new floor standing cabinet will be built to house the usher materials. It will be placed on the back wall near the window behind the old audio console.

Two projector shelves will be mounted on the bottom side of the big sanctuary beams near the back and will be painted to match to color of the walls. The wiring to the projectors will be hidden by custom made wooden fascia trim.

The design of the screen system is nearing completion. Vendors have been selected to fabricate the metal frame parts and paint them to hold the screens. Many parts for the system like the projectors and main electronic equipment are here and all other parts will be on order shortly after the New Year. Construction of the console will start then too.

Installation of the system will start in January and hopefully be completed in February. Implementation of this new system will be slow as there is lots of software work to be done like getting the hymns in the system. Fortunately the Presbyterian national office has much of this material on CDs that we can use directly.

The whole idea here is to enhance our worship experience in an appropriate way. It has been shown that just getting the words to sing by up on a screen improves the comprehension and volume of the congregation. We on the video team are eager for feedback and there will be meetings to share concerns during the implementation phase.

Individuals are going to be needed to run the system once we are going. The actual work of setting up for worship is not that hard. Following along is important as there needs to be a click of the mouse at the right time to advance the words.

Jim Mandelert
Technical Elder

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Points of Interest

Survey due Jan. 9

Per capita is \$25 for 2008

Youth Worship
Service will be held on
Jan. 30—family supper
will be served.

Memorials and Gifts

(Through December 18)

Deacons Fund

Linda Schreiber

Food Pantry

Tom & Jo Knoble

Steve Playter & Jinx Smith

Designated Gift

Chuck & Chris Norseng

Christmas Joy Offering

Fred & Barb Cook

Dick & June Kemp

Roger & Patty Stiles

Barb Wilcox

Jon Behling & Sandi Frohling

Jim & Debra Bieging

Barry & Susan Boyer

Peter Boyer

Paul & Wynne Cook

Tom & Jo Knoble

Vance & Margi Kohl

Bruce & Jeannette Miller

Mark & Marci Myrman

Richard & Ruth Rosenow

Flowers

Steve Playter & Jinx Smith

Bob & Virginia Koepsel

Paul & Wynne Cook

Ellen Devine

Dave & Ann Gordon

Doug & Bonnie Gullickson

Tim & Becky Hager

Bob & Melyssa Heintz

Tom & Jo Knoble

Roger & Mardi Lebeis

Bob & Barb Meredith

Mark & Marci Myrman

Chuck & Chris Norseng

Dick & Julie Stafford

Roger & Patty Stiles

Barb Wilcox

Marcia Wirt & Donaby Henton

Fred & Barb Cook

George & Sara Abendroth

Dave & Patricia Gutknecht

Hess Morrison

Paul & Jan Kosower

Hear the word in a new way

By steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

Prepare your heart and mind for Sunday worship — listen to the weekly Revised Common Lectionary podcast of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Hear ancient words speak in new ways for your ongoing encouragement and instruction.

Each podcast includes four readings for one of the Sundays or festivals of the church year: an Old Testament reading, a psalm, an epistle and a Gospel reading. A prayer from the *Book of Common Worship* illuminates the lessons for the day. Subscribe to “Hear the Word” or download past episodes.



Return your demographic survey by January 4, 2008

Pastor's Perspective

Last January, I shared these statements necessary for relationship success. A few are very oriented to a couple's intimacy. But most work 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.

Effective communication is critical in churches. Many of us can admit that we fall short. If we (I include myself) can all take responsibility for communicating directly with the appropriate people, we will be a healthier and happier congregation. "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. Please look closely and try a couple out today.

I'm sorry

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

You may be right

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

Can we start (this discussion) over?

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

Can you forgive me?

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 love 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 feel so good when I'm with you

I need some time alone / some quiet time

We will always face challenges in our church life, some of them quite emotional. We will all be invited to expand our comfort zones as we seek to grow spiritually and open ourselves to new ways. Not everyone will agree. Healthy relationships are the foundation of our well-being.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2008		1 Office Closed	2 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst	3 12:00 pm-Men's Lunch 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic	4	5
6 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest 10:30 am-Fellowship	7 11:00 am-Finance Team 3:00 pm-Drawing Grp 6:00 pm-Sr High yG Leadership 6:15 pm-Praise Team 6:30 pm-yG Band	8 10:00 am-Support Staff 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 7:00 pm-Care, Share, Prayer	9 6:30 am-Optimist Bkfst 9:00 am-Painting Grp. 4:00 pm-Confirmation 4:00 pm-Sr. High yG 5:00 pm-Combined yG 6:30 pm—Celebration Singers	10 7:00 pm-Worship Leaders	11	12
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and concerns. Send an e-mail to
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**Please pick up
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are in the Narthex.**

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Brief Notes

- **THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...**

is extended to the family of Art Bernhardt. Art died at Luther Hospital on Thursday, December 20th. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, January 5 at 12:00 p.m. Visitation will be at our church for two hours before. A luncheon will follow the service. Sympathy is also extended to the family of Dick Welke who passed away on Dec. 13. Services were held here on Dec. 17th.

- **PER CAPITA IN 2007 - \$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 \$25. The amount covers administrative costs for our presbytery, synod and general assembly. This is asked of each member of 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 are glad to pay this support for our connectional church. You should know, however, that it totals over \$6,000. **Your fellow church members are encouraged and grateful when you and yours contribute your share.**

- **SESSION DECIDES ON FLAG USE**

Member Dale Babbitt has spoken eloquently on service to country on last Memorial and Veteran's Day. He challenged the session (church board) to return the American and Christian flags to the chancel of the church.

Both have been absent for many years. The purpose has been to focus our worship on the one God of all nations and peoples. The cross is present on the communion table. The session voted at its November meeting to change its policy regarding display of the United States flag in our sanctuary. It will now be shown in the chancel on the Sundays nearest Memorial, Independence and Veteran's Days. We are grateful for the freedoms we enjoy in our country and for the many who have served to defend our freedom. We believe that on those Sundays, when our hearts are particularly warmed to national memories and sacrifice, the U.S. flag has a special place in our worship.

- **STAFF SURVEY**

Please remember that the staff survey is due in the office on Jan 6. It is not much fun over the holidays, I know. Sorry for the timing. Your participation is critical to the success of the consultation. I have a copy with me at all times, so any questions, give me a call. I will be in Iron River Thursday and Friday. My cell number is 715-456-4197. It does not serve our purpose to spin your answers. Please be clear and honest in the perspective sections. Thank you and Happy New Year. Barry

Notes from around the church.....

Library News...

As I write this, it isn't Christmas yet but Kathi tells me Christmas Day will be past before the Bell comes out. So, I hope your Christmas was all you wanted it to be and that 2008 will be a great year for you. As for me, I'm not much of a shopper and had "sticker shock" when I saw what things cost these days. And does everything have to be electronic? And what happened to getting ONE gift from your parents and grandparents? Am I old or what? I do look forward to family time and church services.

No one gave us any books this past month so I went into the library last Sunday and picked out a few I think I'd like to read if I ever catch up on my to-read list. Either I was in a light mood or wanted to get into one as I chose Help, Lord! I'm Having a Senior Moment by Karen O'Connor, Barbara Johnson's Living Somewhere Between Estrogen and Death (for women only) and Becky Freeman's Still Lickin' the Spoon. All are very fast, fun reading. Shelf (18.)

Happy New Year to you all - see you in church!

Your librarian - Margi Kohl

REMINDER: Annual report deadline, Monday, January 14, 2008 Please submit your annual report to Cherie, our office manager via email to: fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net, no later than Monday, January 14, 2008. If you do not have access to email please submit your report on a computer cd or thumb/flash drive with a printed copy of your report. If you do not have access to a computer please submit your written report.

2007 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DONATIONS

Just a reminder that all 2007 donations to First Presbyterian Church need to be received no later than December 31. If you mail your contribution, it must be postmarked by Dec. 31. All donations postmarked or received after December 31 will be posted in the tax year of '08.

MISSION CONSULTATION SET FOR JANUARY

Participants from diverse constituencies will discuss future opportunities A mission consultation in Dallas next month will include representatives from diverse Presbyterian organizations and constituencies as well as leaders from the PCUSA's international partner churches. Titled "Consultation on the Worldwide Mission of the PCUSA," the Jan. 16-18 gathering stems from a 2006 General Assembly action that called for a meeting of World Mission staff, Validated Mission Support Groups and others to discuss mission history, practice and theology. However, the rate of change in mission practices and the opportunities and concerns that prompted the meeting, says Hunter Farrell, director of World Mission, convinced the moderator and the General Assembly Council staff that a broader-based meeting is needed.

Participating in the group will be representatives from mission networks, Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, the Outreach Foundation, the Medical Benevolence Foundation, the General Assembly Council (GAC), mission professors, presbytery partnerships, mission pastors, the Presbyterian Global Fellowship, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, the Witherspoon Society, immigrant churches, World Mission Initiative, the Advisory Committee on the Constitution, Young Adult Volunteers, Presbyterian Women, large churches, Joining Hands Against Hunger, global partner churches, mission co-workers, and the staff of the GAC and the Office of the General Assembly. Presenters and topics include Scott Sunquist, a mission professor at Pittsburgh Seminary, "Continuity and Change in the Landscape of God's Mission"; Sherron George, a mission co-worker in Brazil, "Partnership in a New Century"; Setri Nyomi, general secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, "Mission in Unity"; and Bill Young, executive director of the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, "Emerging Roles of Mission Initiators and World Mission." The participants will produce a written report at the conclusion of the event.