



The Bell

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FIRST
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A monthly newsletter

Worship in October

Sunday October 5 9:30 AM World Communion Sunday

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer
Faith Sharing ~ "What's Mine is Yours"
Text ~ Genesis 1:26-29, 2:15, Psalm 8
Communion

Sunday October 12 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller
Faith Sharing ~ "Life is a Gift"
Text ~ Genesis 2:4-3:7

Sunday October 19 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz
Faith Sharing ~ "Return to Me"
Text ~ Malachi 1:6-14, 3:6-12

Sunday October 26 9:30 AM Celebration/Reformation Sunday

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson
Faith Sharing ~ "Joyful Feasting: the Ten-Percent Party"
Text ~ Deuteronomy 14:22-15:11

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Points of Interest

Deacon's Potluck
moved to Oct. 26.

Choir to rehearse in
multi-purpose room
every fourth
Wednesday due to
healing service in
sanctuary.

Fall Bazaar...

WE NEED YOU! To be exact, your time and talents. The Presbyterian Women have begun planning for the annual Fall Bazaar which will be held on Wednesday, November 12th. From 11 am to 7 pm. Kathi Mandelert is the 2008 Chairperson assisted by Sue Maitland and Barbara Meredith.

We invite your participation in this event. We would encourage donations of baked goods, candy, hand-crafted items, knitting and quilting projects, items for the kitchen shop, vintage items for the boutique and books, such as coffee table books and fiction and non-fiction in good condition. Sue Maitland is looking for unique and creative items for the silent auction.

We also invite you to come and help out for an hour or two manning one of the various areas. Jinx Smith is our volunteer coordinator. Give her a call at 723-7521 if you would like to be put on the schedule. Men are welcome too!

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
Kitchen Shop—Susan Boyer	Raffle – Kathi Mandelert
Silent Auction – Sue Maitland	Books—Verene Crane and Evelyn Jenson

A barbecue 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 and will prepare their popular ham loaf and scalloped potato meal.

Raffle items this year are a beautiful handmade quilt which was made by one of our members and the American Girl doll Ruthie. Ruthie is Kit's best friend and is dressed in an outfit inspired by the 1930's. She is accompanied by a purse and her "Really Truly Ruthie" book.

For your shopping convenience, there will be a central checkout where you can pay for all your purchases at once. Exceptions are meal and raffle tickets. Baskets will be given out at the door along with a sales slip that will be filled out as you shop.

Memorials and Gifts

(Through Sept. 21)

Food Pantry

Dick & June Kemp
Amy Horak
Marlys Daniels

Deacons Fund

Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh
Hess Morrison
Dan & Ida Simonson
Gail Willi
Andy & Patti Robarge
Chuck & Marge Nichols
Paul & Wynne Cook
Barbara Wilcox
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson
Anne Welke

Flowers

Amy Horak
Richard & Ruth Rosenow
Chuck & Chris Norseng

Per Capita

Jack & Carol Ament

Peacemaking Offering

Roger & Patty Stiles

Pastor's Perspective

Books for implementing change in a congregation often read like technical manuals. Consultant's reports are more personal and church-specific, yet the trajectory is similar: "Define the problem/need, seek congregational input, get leaders on board, draft vision and purpose statements, alter course/staff/funding, start new ministries."

Deeper reading and personal experience reminds that how change happens is as equally dependent on feelings as facts. How do church members feel about living with the past/present and about a new direction? Take a moment here and name your feelings as our congregation strives to *set a new course*.

Together, like students in a beginning art class, our leaders are sketching a picture of a journey from point A to point B. We are making a roadmap and marking the steps along the way. The session (church board) has begun in earnest and we will see evidence of progress in the coming weeks. Having a plan is critical. All good organizations have one and adapt as needed.

But few, if any, congregations can walk unscathed through the minefield of feelings generated by individuals and families imagining and experiencing change. With planning to change comes dealing with feelings.

A congregation in transition requires specialized care. It seems almost trite to say that the most effective way to lead most people through change is to love them, to provide a sensitive, caring, non-anxious presence. That is easier said than done when the leaders and the pastor are in the throes of change themselves. We all find ourselves walking an uneven path. Sometimes we fall down, emotions fly. We do get up again, shake off the dust and try again. We all

need to be aware of and attend to the emotional part of change.

Here are a few guidelines in working with and through the emotional content of changing our congregation's identity and direction:

- One is to speak the language of emotion. It is for many of us a foreign language. We may never become fluent in it, but we must at least become conversant. We learn it as we grow in awareness of our own feelings. We work to become more sensitive to the emotions of others. We can all strive to be honest about our feelings. We can practice speaking the truth in love.
- And the language of emotion goes beyond words. Its vocabulary includes presence, touch, and body language. Sometimes a hand squeeze can say better than words, "I understand and I'm here for you." Showing up for a worship service or church activity that you do not like is like that hand squeeze.
- Another key to establishing a caring presence is offering prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for everyone in the congregation including those who you disagree with and are disappointed in, and those who are agitated and disaffected. In the emotionally charged environment of change, prayers for others are often forgotten.

I ask you now to pause again and try to be as clear as you can about your feelings about "church" and what stirs them. Then remember that we are all seeking to please only God first. Then you might consider sharing your feelings with the appropriate people. This will go a long way toward building up a thriving church. That is where we are headed. Let's all work to make it happen. God is drawing us toward Him.

Thanks for listening, praying and thinking with me,

Barry Boyer, pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 4:00 pm-Confirmation & Combined Youth Grp 5:30 pm-Family Meal 6:30 pm-Choir	2 12:00-Men's Lunch 7:00 pm-Worship & Music Team (9:30 Worship Service)	3 7:00 pm-Youth Group to Chi-Hi football game	4
5 World Communion Sunday 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest 10:30 am-Fellowship	6 9:00 am-Staff Mtg 10:00 am-Counting Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team	7 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 7:00 pm-Fireproof Discussion @ Boyers	8 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 9:00 am-Art Group 4:00 pm-Confirmation & Combined Youth Grp 5:30 pm-Family Meal 6:30 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Comm Team 6:30 pm-Personnel Mtg	9 7:00 pm-Worship & Music Team	10 Wedding Rehearsal	11 9:30 am-Deacons 2:00 pm-Sweeney/Zank Wedding
12 9:30 am-Worship 10:30 am-Fellowship	13 8:00 am-Organ Workshop 9:00 am-Staff Mtg 10:00 am-Counting Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team 6:30-Clinic Board	14 11:00 am-Finance Team 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic	15 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 9:00 am-Art Group 4:00 pm-Confirmation & Combined Youth Grp 5:30 pm-Family Meal 6:30 pm-Choir	16 9:30 am-Pres. Women Mtg & Bible Study 7:00 pm-Presbyterian Men	17	18 6:00 am-6:00 pm— Stewardship Prayer Vigil
19 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest 10:30 am-Fellowship	20 9:00 am-Staff Mtg 10:00 am-Counting Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team 7:00 pm-Worship Leaders	21 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic 7:00 pm-Session	22 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 9:00 am-Art Group 4:00 pm-Confirmation & Combined Youth Grp 5:30 pm-Family Meal 6:00 pm-Care, Share, Prayer 6:30 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Comm Team	23	24	25
26 Celebration Sunday 9:30 am-Worship 10:00 am-Faith Quest 10:45 am-Deacon Sponsored Church Pot Luck	27 9:00 am-Staff Mtg 10:00 am-Counting Team 6:15 pm-Praise Team	28 4:00 pm-The Open Door Clinic	29 6:30 am-Optimist Brkfst 9:00 am-Art Group 4:00 pm-Confirmation & Combined Youth Grp 5:30 pm-Family Meal 6:30 pm-Choir	30	31 Sr. High Youth to Clearwater Forest 4-8 pm-Boys Soccer team food drive	October 2008 <u>(Page 4)</u>

October Schedules

October 1-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00– Heintz Family
5:30 Family Meal will be prepared by the team of Patti & Andy Robarge and Melyssa Heintz. The menu is Baked Potato Bar.

October 5– Sunday

Ushers—
Ann & Dave Gordon
Communion Servers—
Erik Anderson, Sonia Anderson, Tim Anderson, Bob Denman, Reid Kennedy
Fellowship Hosts—
Deb & Jim Bieging
Nursery—
Bob & Lindsey Wundrow
Flower Providers—
Gail Willi for all the good things God gave me on this day.

October 8-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00-Linden Family
5:30 Family Meal will be prepared by the Youth Group—All are welcome!

October 12-Sunday

Ushers—
Susan, Peter & Laurel Boyer
Fellowship Hosts—
TBD
Nursery—
Sara Abendroth & Lauren Koepke
Flower Providers—
David & Patricia Gutknecht in celebration of their 50th anniversary today.

October 15-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00-Lynch Family
5:30 Family Meal will be prepared by the team of Julie & Eric Haglund and Cheryl Hubman. Menu is Mexican.

October 19-Sunday

Ushers—
Eric & Julie Haglund
Fellowship Hosts—
TBD
Nursery—
Alice Schmidt & Hannah Koepke
Flower Providers—
Bob & Barb Meredith in grateful appreciation for the prayer chain team.

October 22-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00-Stafford Family
5:30 Family Meal will be provided by the team of Presbyterian Women serving barbecues.

October 26-Sunday

Ushers—
Jeff & Deb Buckli, Hess Morrison
Communion Servers—
Dave Gordon, Jan Hilton-Koepke, Sue Maitland, Joe Mandelert, Ruth Rosenow, Barb Shorrel
Fellowship Hosts—
Deacon's Pot Luck
Nursery—
Sara Abendroth, Erika Cooley
Flower Providers—
Marlys Daniels in celebration of all the wonderful things happening in this church family!

October 29-Wednesday

Snacks at 4:00-Beighley Family
5:30 Family Meal will be provided by Marlys Daniels & Diane Commerford serving Chili.

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CHOOSE A FAVORITE HYMN

We would like to invite everyone to choose a favorite hymn or praise chorus to be sung in church Sunday mornings. We will do our best to feature these hymns. Please sign up below. This will be a wonderful way for you to participate in our Sunday morning services. Please list hymn or praise chorus and sign below.

My favorite hymn is _____.

You may mention my name along with the singing of this hymn
_____.

I would be willing to tell everyone why I love this hymn
_____.

Thank you for adding to the worship ministry of First Presbyterian Church. It is sincerely appreciated.

Paul Kosower - Minister of Music

Barry Boyer - Pastor

Please put forms in offering plates on Sunday or drop off at church office.
Thank you!

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

Holly Gintz, treasurer

Jeff Teubert, custodian

Jim Mandelert, technical elder

Sara Abendroth, Barbara Meredith,

Caregiver leaders

Jeannette Miller, worship team leader

Kathi Mandelert, Bell editor

Sara Abendroth, child care coordinator

Marlys Daniels, Presbyterian Women

Pat Linden, Presbyterian Men

Margi Kohl, church librarian

Susan Boyer, Esther Frazier, Lorraine Gilbertson, Tom & Jo

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Barb Smith

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Verene Crane

Dick Kemp

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Margi Kohl

Barb Meredith

Patti Robarge

Patty Stiles

Brief Notes

DEACON'S FUND LOW, HELP NEEDED

The Deacon's Fund (formerly Pastor's Discretionary Fund) has helped many people in recent months and our supply of funds is perilously low. We have helped with a bus ticket, rent, a motel room for transients and homeless folks, phone bills, \$20 gift cards to Gordy's, gas, a portion of an electric bill . . .

Some gifts have come in the past two weeks. More are needed to sustain the fund. Your gifts have always made this a wonderful ministry opportunity for us all. If you give cash, please use the gift envelopes in the pew pockets and mark the box that says "Deacon's Fund." Checks can go in the same envelope and write the check to "First Presbyterian Church" and put "Deacon's Fund" in the memo space on the lower left corner of your check. Thank you.

FALL HARVEST FOOD DRIVE (Now through - Oct 12)

Our Faith Quest students are helping to fill our Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church.

Boxed or bagged food items are needed in addition to canned foods: Mac & cheese, hamburger helper, pasta salads, pasta casseroles, bags of plain pasta and/or cereal.

Please bring your donations to church and put them in the decorated grocery cart in the church Narthex. Many appreciate your contributions; many offer their thanks!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." -Matt 25:35

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

to church member Barbara Taylor and her family upon the death of her daughter, Tricia Melcher, 38, on June 27. While many church members were aware Barbara's loss and responded with sympathy and support, we failed to announce this in the bulletin and the BELL. Our deepest apologies to Barbara and her son, Peter, and his family, who occasionally worship with us.

CARE, SHARE AND PRAYER

Resumed last Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will continue to meet the 4th Wednesday of each month with Bonnie Gullickson as leader. If you cannot attend, but would like prayers said, leave a message with Cherie or with Bonnie at 723-2076. Leave a message on the answering machine if Bonnie is not home.

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Youth director Ali Knoll and her husband Chris are expecting their first child in January. Their ultrasound last month revealed a healthy baby girl who will be expected to arrive about January 20, 2009. Please pray for Chris and Ali as they prepare to be parents and begin the amazing journey of parenthood!

WORSHIP AND PARTICIPATE

We encourage you to help us praise God through your participation of singing with the Celebration Singers, playing a musical instrument or singing a solo Sunday mornings during the service. Please call Paul Kosower, minister of music at 715-225-0278.

Thanks very much and we welcome your participation! ~Paul

Notes from around the church.....

Library News...

Dear Readers -I hope you all enjoyed Genesis Sunday as much as I did. We seemed enthusiastic and the drawings and clowns added a nice touch. It was just plain fun and, hopefully, informative. Next time I will win a prize.

Richard Frazier donated Backroads of Wisconsin, Your guide to Wisconsin's Most Scenic Backroads Adventures. The pictures are absolutely great. (32)

Great People of the Bible and How They Lived published by Reader's Digest was given to the library by Bob Denman. This title explains the book. Pictures and text are all excellent. (8)

Esther Frazier gave me The Raven's Bride by Elizabeth Crook. This is a novel about Eliza, Sam Houston's first wife. Esther says it's a good read. (FIC)

Thanks to our three donors. We appreciate their gifts.

Until next month, Happy Reading -
Your librarian - Margi Kohl

Spirit of Christmas...

The Spirit of Christmas of Chippewa County is a non-profit, tax exempt organization that receives and distributes Christmas gifts to families in Chippewa County who are in need. The SOC depends entirely on the generosity of the community for the donation of gifts and money to serve these families. Please consider helping meet the needs of these families in the following ways:

Gift donations, monetary donations, gift giving trees, sponsorship program and by volunteering.

For more information call the office at 720-1877 or Judy Sires at 723-0780.

CELEBRATION MUSIC SERIES - Sunday Afternoon Concerts at the Church

The Celebration Series is well under way. This season we plan to have the "Prevailing Winds", a fine woodwind quintet of which Tim Anderson's sister participates in, Singers Mitra Sadeghpour, Mark Mowry - UW - Eau Claire, Guitarist Greg Gilbertson, Organist Paul Kosower and a Music Sunday featuring our choirs and talent extravaganza from our congregation. Dates for these events will soon be posted. Please give of your support to these events by your participation and attendance. Gifts to help finance some of these events are gratefully accepted. Please see Paul or Barry if you wish to make a donation.

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