



# The Bell

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A monthly newsletter

## Worship in November

### **Sunday November 1 9:30 AM**

#### **All Saints Day**

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson

Faith Sharing ~ "All My Heart, All My Soul"

Text ~ Mark 12:28-34, Deut. 6:1-9

Communion ~ Barb Sandford, Musician

### **Sunday November 8 9:30 AM**

#### **Stewardship Dedication**

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer

Faith Sharing ~ "Putting First Things First"

Text ~ Mark 12:28-34, Psalm 131

Gary Polden, musician

### **Sunday November 15 9:30 AM**

Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller

Faith Sharing ~ "Born Again"

Text ~ John 3:3-8, Romans 6:4-11

Barb Sandford, Musician

Blessing of the Quilts

### **Sunday November 22 9:30 AM**

#### **Christ the King Sunday**

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz

Faith Sharing ~ "Christ-The Lord of Truth"

Text ~ John 18:33-38; Rev. 1:4b-8

Communion, Gary Polden, musician

### **Sunday November 29 9:30 AM**

#### **Advent 1**

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer

Faith Sharing ~ "Discerning the Technology Spirits"

Text ~ Luke 21:25-36

Communion, Gary Polden, musician

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#### **Points of Interest**

Holiday Bazaar  
planned for Nov. 11

New ministry begins  
for Moms

Keep saving those  
Gordy's receipts!

## Stewardship News....

Make your commitment to the 2010 Operations and Mission Fund on **Sunday, November 8**. Bring your completed card to worship. We will collect them at the beginning of the worship service and tally the amount during worship.

Then join us for pumpkin pie during Fellowship Time. We will announce the amount from the cards at that time.

Can't make it to service on that day? Bring the card to the office or mail it to the church. We would like every household to return their card with the amount of their commitment by November 15.

Thanks for prayerfully considering this important part of our church life.

Your Stewardship Team,  
Barb Shorrel  
Chuck Norseng  
Ron Schmidt

### **Memorials and Gifts**

(Through October 20)

#### **Food Pantry**

Dick & Julie Stafford  
Karla Stein  
Shaun & Angela Christensen

#### **Flowers**

Gene & Jean Peissig  
Jeff & Deb Buckli  
Gail Willi

#### **Mortgage Retirement Fund**

Dick & June Kemp

#### **Deacons Fund**

Althea Kearney  
Anne Welke  
Presbyterian Men  
Erna Rath  
Jim & Kathi Mandelert  
Jon Behling & Sandi Frohling  
Evelyn Jenson  
Ron & Alice Schmidt  
Bill & Deborah McDougall

Marlys Daniels  
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson  
Vance & Margi Kohl  
Roger & Patty Stiles  
Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh  
Linda Schreiber

#### **Peacemaking Offering**

Chuck & Chris Norseng  
Dorothy Mundt  
Gary & Barb Shorrel  
Jim & Deb Biegig  
George & Peggy Fleming  
Vance & Margi Kohl  
Pat Hedrington  
Barbara MacNaughton-Bernhardt  
Ron & Alice Schmidt  
Jon Behling & Sandi Frohling  
Barry & Susan Boyer  
Adeline Brozak  
Bob & Verene Crane  
Marlys Daniels  
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson  
Holly Gintz

Amy Horak  
Joane Knobke  
Bob & Ginny Koepsel  
Sue Maitland  
Jim & Kathi Mandelert  
Bob & Barb Meredith  
Hess Morrison  
Dick & Julie Stafford  
Barbara Sutherland  
Anne Welke

#### **Memorials**

Joe Mandelert  
Roger & Patty Stiles  
Amy Horak

#### **Endowment Gifts**

Dick & Esther Frazier  
Richard & Julie Stafford  
Anne Welke

#### **Designated Gift**

Chuck & Chris Norseng

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## Pastor's Perspective

In his book, *Making All Things New*, Henri Nouwen writes:

“The spiritual life can be lived in as many ways as there are people. What is new and true in that life is that we are moving away from the many things to the kingdom of God. What is new is that we are set free from the compulsions of our world and have set our hearts on the only necessary thing.

What is new is that we no longer experience the many things, people, and events as endless causes for worry, but begin to experience them as the rich variety of ways in which God makes his presence known to us.

Indeed, living a spiritual life requires a change of heart, a conversion. Such a conversion may be marked by a sudden inner change, or it can take place through a long, quiet process of transformation. But it always involves an inner experience of oneness.”

Nouwen spent his life helping people respond to the universal “yearning for love, unity and communion that doesn’t go away.” He probed deeply at the meaning of living a spiritual life that embraces pain and suffering in ourselves and in the world, yet nevertheless gives us freedom to love deeply wherever we are.

The trajectory of his life is quite unusual and I have often wanted to share it with you.

What follows has been lifted, with editing, from Wikipedia.

**Henri Jozef Machiel Nouwen**, (1932-1996) was a Dutch-born Catholic priest and writer who authored 40 books on the spiritual life. His books are widely read today by Protestants and Catholics alike. *The*

*Wounded Healer, In the Name of Jesus, Clowning in Rome, The Life of the Beloved* and *The Way of the Heart* are just a few of the more widely recognized titles.

For almost two decades, he taught at the Menninger Foundation Clinic in Topeka, Kansas, and then at the universities of Notre Dame, Yale, and Harvard. His classes at Yale were the largest ever held on campus. He grew tired of academia and upward mobility and in 1986, after much soul-searching, he went to share his life with mentally handicapped people at Daybreak, a L'Arche community near Toronto. L'Arche is an organization of over 130 communities around the world where people with developmental disabilities live and share life together with those who care for them. While there Nouwen wrote about his relationship with Adam, a core member at L'Arche Daybreak with profound developmental disabilities, in a book titled *Adam: God's Beloved*. After a long period of declining energy, he died in September 1996 from a sudden heart attack.

The results of a *Christian Century* magazine survey conducted in 2003 indicate that Nouwen's work was the first choice of authors for Catholic and mainline Protestant clergy. One of his most famous works is *Inner Voice of Love*, his diary from December 1987 to June 1988 *during one of his most serious bouts with clinical depression*. If you are ever searching for a new source of challenge and inspiration in your spiritual journey, I commend to you, Henri Nouwen.

~ Barry Boyer

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### Church Board

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<i>Barb Meredith</i>	<i>Patty Stiles</i>
<i>Anne Welke</i>	

# November Schedules

## **November 1– Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Team 10—Verene Crane, Rich & Jan Koepke, Jan & Rick Silloway, Kathy & Mark Borofka, Melyssa & Bob Heintz

### **Communion Servers—**

Erik Haglund, Jan Hilton-Koepke, Reid Kennedy, Sue Maitland, Bruce Miller

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Jackie & Gary Reich, Margi Kohl

### **Nursery—**

Sara Abendroth

### **Flower Providers—**

Marlys Daniels in memory of Don who passed away 5 years ago.

## **November 4-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00-Facklam Family

Family Supper—Baked potato bar served by Melyssa Heintz and team.

## **November 8-Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Team 11—Barb & Bob Meredith, Bonnie & Doug Gullickson, Bob & Ginny Koepsel, Louise & Bill French, Tim Holmes, Connie Cooley, Shari & Jon O'Connell

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Mark & Marci Myrman

### **Nursery—**

Mardi Lebeis & Connie Cooley

### **Flower Providers—**

Pat Hedrington in celebration of Bonnie Gullickson's birthday and in honor of loved ones.

## **November 11-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00-Linden Family

Bazaar meal—Ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, beans, apple crisp.

## **November 15-Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Team 12—Anne Welke, Bev & Paul Ippel, Barb & Gary Shorrel, Laurie & Steve Lindsay, Deb & Bill McDougall

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Chuck & Chris Norseng

### **Nursery—**

Sara Abendroth & Karen Beighley

### **Flower Providers—**

Randy & Kathy Facklam in appreciation of all God's blessings in 22 years of marriage

## **November 18-Wednesday**

Snacks at 4:00-Lynch Family

Family Supper—will be prepared by Noelle and the youth group

## **November 22-Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Team 13—Patty & Roger Stiles, Julie Stafford, Mark & Marci Myrman, Maryellen & Norm Keller, Barb Paterick, Barb & Dick Hedrington

### **Communion Servers—**

Ruth Rosenow, Ron Schmidt, Barb Shorrel, Sonia Anderson, Tim Anderson, Jon Behling

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Kathi Mandelert

### **Nursery—**

Sandi Frohling & Lisa Tzanakis

### **Flower Providers—**

Jayson & Barb Smith in celebration of family and friends.

## **November 29-Sunday**

### **Ushers—**

Team 1—Ron & Alice Schmidt, Susan & Peter Boyer, Laurel Boyer, Ruth & Rich Rosenow, Dan & Karolynne Duffenbach, Julie & Rees Anderson, Marcia Wirt, Josh Ruhe

### **Communion Servers—**

Bob Denman, Dave Gordon, Eric Haglund, Jan Hilton-Koepke, Reid Kennedy

### **Fellowship Hosts—**

Open

### **Nursery—**

Susan Boyer & Makaya Ruhe

### **Flower Providers—**

George & Peggy Fleming in thankfulness for the blessing of our grandson Henry, our children and family, including our church family

## Brief Notes

### **Per Capita In 2010 - \$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 also \$25. The amount covers administrative costs for our presbytery, synod and general assembly. This is assessed to 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 pay over \$6,000 so we are helped a great deal when everyone takes their share.

### **First Presbyterian Men**

The First Presbyterian (evening) Men's Group Meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chippewa Family Restaurant at 7 P.M. Hereafter meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, at that location and time. ~ *Vance Kohl*

### **Thanks**

To my church family, I want to express my gratitude to all of you during the time of the loss of my husband and best friend. Your calls, cards, memorials, food, help, and sympathy were greatly appreciated. Earl felt very at home here in his adopted church. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. ~ *Jeannie Crane/Scholl*

### **Living Nativity**

Trinity Methodist Church invites you to participate in our Live Nativity on Sunday, December 13th. All ages are utilized, including infants. Contact the church office at 723-2806, [trinityumc@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:trinityumc@wisconsinumc.org) or Ron Woodruff at 2988-6091, [captron@woodrufffarms.com](mailto:captron@woodrufffarms.com).

### **The Open Door Clinic and Flu Season**

This year there is more interest than usual about flu because of the H1N1 strain (also called swine flu). I wanted to be sure that the congregation was aware that the generous donation of space for the Open Door Clinic is not putting church members at any increased risk. According to the CDC "Studies have shown that the virus can survive on environmental surfaces and can infect a person for 2 to 8 hours after being deposited on the surface."

That means that even the Wednesday morning breakfast crew can feel confident that they won't pick up virus from the patients here Tuesday night (unless they start before 4:30 am!). The most important thing we can all do to protect ourselves from getting sick is wash our hands with either soap and water or the alcohol hand gel.

If anyone has any questions, I would be happy to try and answer them. Also I did make a handout about what to do if you get flu like symptoms. They are downstairs on the table in the multipurpose room. Help yourself if you want one.

Thank you all for your support of the Open Door Clinic. ~ *Deb Biegling*

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

### REMINDER . . . .

**Save your Gordys receipts and bring them to church on Sunday.**

Save your receipts from Gordy's Country Market and Gordy's Ace Hardware, Chippewa or on the Lake. When we turn these in to Gordy's, we receive 1% of the total. That can add up to a very pretty figure on the income side of our budget. This money goes into the Operating Mission Fund.

A big thank you to Chris Norseng and the office volunteers who tally the donated receipts, which are submitted four times per year (March, June, September, and December). In September we brought in \$494.24. Thank you to all who contributed.

Here are some suggestions to help you remember to save those receipts and how to get them ready for Chris to tally.

- ❖ Have a designated place. When you come home from shopping, have a special envelope near where you put your groceries away (maybe on the fridge). Put the receipt in the envelope right away. (You can even use a recycled junk mail envelope—go green!)
- ❖ Please don't roll the receipts. They need to be flat so that they can be stacked.
- ❖ Make it a part of your grocery/hardware list.
- ❖ Periodically bring them to the church and put them in the basket in the narthex.

Submitted by ~ *Cherie Andringa, office manager*

### **Tis the Season Sunday...**

The Children and Youth Ministry team is in the process of planning an event for December 13th, "Tis the Season Sunday." We are planning to have many activities for all members to participate in and hope that everyone will join us. Anyone that is interested in helping plan this event, please contact Noelle Chaltry, 456-2684.

### **Hunting Season is around the corner...**

As you prepare for hunting season, keep in mind the Chippewa Area Mentor Program is also hunting for bucks (Male Mentors that is!). Our waiting list for male mentors continues to grow. Male Mentors are needed for students grades K-12 at all the Chippewa Area Public and Chippewa Area Catholic Schools. Please contact Janet Maier or Ashley Yakesh by phone 726-2400 ext. 2474 or email [camp@chipfalls.k12.wi.us](mailto:camp@chipfalls.k12.wi.us). You can also log on to our website <http://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/cvMentors.cfm> for more information.

## **SAMmy's (Strength Among Moms ministry)**

SAMmy's invites *you*, Expectant Mom, Mom and Grand Mom, to set aside all demands on your life for one evening each week. Refuel your spirit with lessons from the Bible, discussion, camaraderie and prayer. Sammy's consists of moms of *all* ages and at *all* stages of motherhood from expectant mommy to empty nester. We meet most Thursdays from **6:30 - 8pm**.

At SAMmy's, each study stands alone and is taught at the beginning of the meeting - no homework, no need to commit to every meeting although we hope you will *want* to be at every meeting!). The lesson is followed with a time for discussion and prayer. Visit us any time that Sammy's is in session. Invite your friends, neighbors, mothers or daughters! This is an exciting opportunity to grow closer to them as you & they grow closer to God.

For more information, and with any questions please call Noelle at 456-2684.

## **CARElink Update**

CARElink is an effort by several churches to do what we have been doing with our Deacon's Fund (formerly the Pastor's Discretionary Fund) and, hopefully, more. By pooling resources and volunteers we hope to offer assistance to more people. Particular needs include rent, fuel, gas for vehicles and groceries. This kind of assistance is not available from any other agency. And other important services provided by government agencies are shrinking as funding sources disappear.

There is a board of directors that is planning how it will work. Jon Behling, our mission team chair, is a member. Brad Crocker, pastor of Landmark Christian Church, is leading the group. The CARElink board hopes to have a dozen or more churches on board very soon.

Our session has approved the use of our facility as a home for CARElink. We would be the site for the distribution of assistance. Donations and volunteers from many churches, including ours, will make it work.

Several years ago there was a similar effort to create this shared ministry. We participated for awhile. But, without a board and a volunteer coordinator, it withered and died. This time a strong core of supporters is taking a different approach and hopes are high. If all goes well, it may begin operations in January.

CARElink will not distribute groceries. We still need to decide how or if we will continue our food pantry. We will need to have a few volunteers step up to help. The search for a volunteer coordinator continues. Perhaps you would like to be that person!

And we will need to continue our generous financial support of the Deacon's Fund. Money then would be forwarded to CARElink to continue our part in this most needed ministry.

## **Annual Holiday 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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, 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. New this year will be a "Go Green" booth, filled with items designed to reduce our use of paper products; for example, we will have a large selection of cloth napkins. Bruce Miller will be sharpening knives, so bring in your dull ones (you know you have some!)

Another new area this year will be for purses---both new handmade ones, plus new and gently used purses that you would like out of your closet. (Who hasn't made a purse buying mistake?)

We also invite you to come and help out for an hour or two manning one of the various areas. Margi Kohl is our volunteer coordinator. Give her a call at 720-8926 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
Go Green—Susan Boyer	Raffle – Kathi Mandelert
Silent Auction – Sue Maitland	Books—Verene Crane and Evelyn Jenson
Purse Boutique—Barb Meredith	

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 wool quilt with a cabin theme made by Presbyterian women, a full-sized plaid ragg quilt and the American Girl doll Julie, who also has a bike! The doll has been donated in memory of Esther Dorland.

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.

### **Candy Shoppe needs candy...**

It is officially fall as we see our beautiful leaves changing on a daily basis to give us the splendid colors to enjoy. Of course with all the changes it is a natural chain of thoughts that lead to our Holiday bazaar. I'm hoping you will set aside some time to make the homemade candies for our Candy Shoppe. Many of our bazaar shoppers come specifically for the fabulous candy you folks make and look for the varieties they enjoy. By the way, divinity and foam candy are two of the asked for types that we seldom have.

So this reminder is here to say **circle the date** of 11-11 and **bring y our candy** just after 9 a.m. We will give you a "sweet smile" and a **heartfelt thank you!**