



The Bell

February 2010

FIRST
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A monthly newsletter

Worship in February

Sunday February 7 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson
Faith Sharing ~ "How do I Uncover My Spiritual Gifts?"
Text ~ Romans 12:3-8
Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday February 14 9:30 AM

Hymn Sing!
Transfiguration of the Lord
Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller & Gary Polden
Text ~ Matthew 17:1-9
Communion ~ Gary Polden, musician

Ash Wednesday February 17 6:20 PM

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer
Faith Sharing ~ Rev. Teri Koca, guest speaker
Communion
Gary Polden, Musician

Sunday February 21 9:30 AM

Lent 1
Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson
Text ~ Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12
Faith Sharing ~ "Spiritual Gift Inventories: A Tool in Transformation"
Communion ~ Barb Sandford, musician

Sunday February 28 9:30 AM

Lent 2
Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz
Faith Sharing ~ "A Special Way to Read the Scriptures: Lectio Divina"
Text ~ Mark 1:9-15, Mark 4:26-34, Mark 6:1-6
Communion ~ Gary Polden, musician

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Points of Interest

Deacons Pot Luck is
Feb. 14

Sign up for Christie
Mountain Ski Trip on
Feb. 12

Ash Wednesday Fish
Fry and service is
Feb. 17

CARE-LINK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

A renewed partnership based on an ecumenical coalition of Chippewa Falls area churches will soon be opening its doors. This vital partnership will be known as the new CARE-LINK and the intent of this ministry is to help people needing emergency assistance with one-time immediate needs. This includes, but is not confined to gas, food, utilities, rent, and networking with area social services. The CARE-LINK effort will be housed out of First Presbyterian Church-Chippewa Falls. Its doors will be open on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons for a period of three hours (subject to change as the ministry evolves).

As a participating congregation we are required to provide a number of volunteers to this effort. Presently, congregations are gathering a list of interested people who may be able to volunteer one or maybe more days a month as intake volunteers. A CARE-LINK coordinator will be responsible for training and scheduling all volunteers. Intake volunteers will gather general information, listen to the request and determine need among other basic tasks. If you are interested in hearing more about CARE-LINK and/or possibly volunteering for this community effort please contact Jon Behling after service or @ 828-5115 or email at Frobe@wwt.net.

*“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it,
when it is in your power to act.
Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Come back later; I’ll give it tomorrow,’
when you now have it with you.”
-Proverbs 3:27-28*

Memorials and Gifts

(Through Jan. 19)

Food Pantry

Jeff & Deb Buckli
Linda Schreiber
Dan & Ida Simonson
Bridgette Stafford

Mortgage Retirement Fund

Dick & June Kemp

Deacons Fund

Linda Schreiber
Roger & Mardi Lebeis
Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh
Jim & Kathi Mandelert
Jake Dohm

Designated Gift

Ron & Alice Schmidt
Anne Welke

Undesignated Gift

Dorothy Mundt
Allen & Lois Van Cleve

Endowment Gifts

Bob & Verene Crane
Steve Playter & Jinx Smith

Per Capita

Corine & Earl Boos
Dick & June Kemp
Susan Maitland
Joe Mandelert
Steve Playter & Jinx Smith
Gail Willi
Ruth Jean Crane
Amy Horak
Bob & Ginny Koepsel
Vance & Margi Kohl
Mark & Marcie Myrman
Bruce & Mary Rosenau
Rich & Ruth Rosenow
Anne Welke
Bob & Lea Dirks
Dick & Julie Stafford
Dick & Esther Frazier
Mike & Barb Tzanakis
Roger & Mardi Lebeis
Roger & Patty Stiles

Flowers

Kathy & Randy Facklam
Barry & Susan Boyer

Disaster Fund

Reid & Lisa Kennedy
Gary & Barb Shorrel
Susan Maitland
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson
Barry & Susan Boyer
Anne Welke
Holly Gintz
Kathy & Randy Facklam

Christmas Joy Offering

Hess Morrison
Barbara Sutherland
Dick & Julie Stafford
Jon Behling & Sandy Frohling
Bob & Verene Crane
Catherine Drace
Kathy & Randy Facklam
Norm & Mary Ellen Keller
Rick & Jan Koepke
Pat Linden

Pastor's Perspective

Haiti, Haiti, Haiti Our Hearts Break for the Haitian People

We can't begin to know the poverty, long-standing oppression and, now, physical devastation and loss experienced by 3 million people. It takes an earthquake to even acquaint most of us with the hardship of the poor in Haiti, a country not that far from the Florida coast. We go to play in Jamaica; several pro ball players come from just across the border in the Dominican Republic; and squeezed in between is Haiti, perhaps best known for Papa Doc and Baby Doc, ruthless dictators.

We have friends who wait to adopt children. We pray for them and theirs. And we send money. We can and we do.

In just two weeks (as of Jan 25) you have sent over \$2,000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. Please *see below* for continued opportunity to give through PDA. I have no doubt that, from our church members alone, several thousand more has gone to the Red Cross and other appeals.

Soon our children and youth will begin to assemble baby and hygiene kits to be forwarded to PDA for direct shipment to Haiti. When Noelle develops this opportunity and makes it known, let's jump in help in this way too.

And pray: pray for recovery; pray for all the military and aid personnel from dozens of countries helping there now; pray for the families you know who await their adoptive children; pray that good planners and ethical developers and contractors will gather to bring help and hope to the people and their country; and pray that many will know the love of God in Christ as they mend and grieve and mend and grieve.

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Instructions to give:

"The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding in Haiti. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has already sent funds and is working in cooperation with our many partners on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies. [You](#) may give to the ongoing relief by writing your check to "First Presbyterian Church" and putting "Haiti Relief" in the memo space at the bottom left corner. You may also give by credit card by going to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website at pcusa.org/pda. There should be a brief article with a green rectangular button "Give" at the bottom. Click on it and follow the instructions."

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"God of compassion, please watch over the people of Haiti, and weave out of these terrible events wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been affected by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted; guide us as a church to find ways of providing assistance that heals wounds and gives hope. Help us to remember that when one of your children suffers we all suffer. Through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen."

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Brief Notes

It's time to sign up for the annual trip to Christie Mountain!

This trip is open to all, and we hope as many people as possible will join in the fun! We have received special rates, which you can check out on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will be going on February 12th, leaving at about 4:00pm. You must sign up no later than February 3rd. Contact Noelle, 456-2684 if you have questions

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate

Many of you had the chance to sample and enjoy one of our fair trade coffees from Equal Exchange last week (if you missed it please try some this week). This will be an ongoing fundraiser for our Youth Group in order to raise funds for our mission trip and support fair trade at the same time. We appreciate the support we received so far and look forward to your continued support. There are some new products coming in and if there is something in particular you would like to see please let us know.

~ Noelle Chaltry, CYMD

JOIN MILLIONS OF OTHER AMERICANS AND SING!

Choral singing is a thriving form of artistic expression in America, from concert halls to church choir lofts. The Chippewa Valley Community Chorus will begin its 33rd year with another glorious season of music, including portions of Carmina Burana, new works by local composer Jerry Way and favorite spirituals. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7:30PM - 9:30PM. New members are welcome through February 1st. Performances are scheduled for Saturday March 13th at 7 PM & 14th at 3 PM. Rehearsals and Concerts will be held at the Chippewa Valley Cultural Association /Heyde Center for the Arts, 3 South High St, Chippewa Falls.

Bring a friend or two who also like to sing. There is a \$25.00 membership fee. Visit our website at thevcc.blogspot.com for details or call Jan Adams (715) 726- 1136.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTING TEAM

Reminder - Please use separate checks when contributing to the Operating Mission Fund, Restricted Funds and/or the Deacon's Fund. ~Thank you, Cherie Andringa & Esther Frazier.

SPRING CHURCH DIRECTORY

An updated church directory will be available in March to all members and friends of the church. **If you have had a change to your information, updates or corrections should be directed to the church office via the church office e-mail at fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net or phone 723-5717.** Cherie or one of our office volunteers will help you.

You won't want to be without the information listed in this directory. Listed you will find addresses and phone numbers of members, attendees, and friends including church staff and leaders. This spring directory also includes an on going church activities calendar, Nursery schedule, Youth Directory & calendar, Wednesday Snack Schedule & Supper Schedules, Prayer Chain & Caregiving Team contacts, Usher/Greeter Schedule, the Celebration Music Series schedule, The Open Door Clinic Board Members, and the Presbyterian Women Monthly Assignments & serving fellowship instructions.

During the month of March the directories will be in the narthex on a table. **Please pick up your copy when they are available.** You may make deliveries for family and/or friends who cannot join us at the church.

Notes from around the church.....

PLEASE SUBMIT BULLETIN INFO TO THE OFFICE BY WED, 8 A.M.

We want the congregation to know about everything that is happening in the church. Please get your information for the weekly bulletins to the church office by Wednesday morning. Email is the preferred means of delivery. To Cherie - fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net

Also, please get in the habit of emailing to Eric for the website and Kathi for the BELL at the same time.

CHECK CHURCH WEBSITE FOR CALENDAR INFORMATION

We've worked hard to make our church website the place for church calendar information. See our website at www.fpcchippewafalls.org. We all need to email any church calendar additions or changes to Eric Haglund at haglunderic@hotmail.com

Group all three: BULLETIN, BELL, and WEBSITE under the name CALENDAR, and send your news and calendar items simultaneously.

CALENDAR: Cherie: fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net

Pot Luck February 14...

Don't forget the Deacon-sponsored potluck will be held on February 14 after the church service. It will be combined with a reception for recent new members. Try to be there. The food is always great and the company can't be beat. If you can come but can't furnish food, that's fine. There is always plenty. Using crock pots has really improved our serving.

If you can come early to help set up (8:30 a.m.) and/or stay late to help clean up, it will be greatly appreciated. It is a big job and the Deacons will thank you for anything you can do to help.

~ Margi Kohl, Deacon Secretary

Thank you...

I'd like to thank pastor Boyer and the many members of the congregation for their prayers, cards and visits during my recent recovery from heart surgery. In times of great physical distress it buoyed my spirit to be part of such a supportive Christian community.

~ Larry Annett

GROWTH GROUP FORMING, CALLED ENVISIONING TEAM

A group charged with looking ahead for our church is meeting bi-weekly at 5:15 on Thursdays at a local restaurant (we are trying several). It is called the **Envisioning Team**. So far, members are Julie Stafford, Barb Shorrel, Melyssa Heintz, Reid Kennedy, Noelle Chaltry, Ruth Rosenow, and Barry Boyer. More are welcome, so please talk with a group member if you would like to come along.

We will be working to imagine what our church can be like in 3,5, 10 years. What will our mission (s) be, how can we grow spiritually and in number; what kind of staff would we like to have;

We have become a much stronger congregation with great leadership arising in the past 18 months. We are in a good place to begin looking ahead – put the dreams and ideas out there – see if they match up with values, beliefs, vision and mission – how and where is God leading us?

Our session is hard at work with more immediate plans and programs. Our deacons are working to take care of us in a pastoral way. The operations team is taking on some of the lesser and day-to-day concerns. The Envisioning Team will look down the road and share its thoughts with the session, the deacons and the congregation. Come and think with us. We will meet bi-weekly for several months, if not more.

Your “Someday” is Now...

How can one ordinary person -- you or me -- make a positive difference in our community? One way is to become a Mentor. The steps are simple, the outcome could change a life. Spend 30 minutes, one day a week as a Mentor with the Chippewa Area Mentor Program. There are a number of students already waiting to be matched. Log in to see a list of students who are waiting for you cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/cvMentors.cfm. Take volunteering off your New Years Resolution List, call today 726-2400 ext. 2474.

Annual Thrift Sale

Will be held March 5th and 6th. You may bring your items to the PW room in the basement anytime before the sale. Only clean and working things, please.

New committee formed at FPC to oversee staff computer systems

At the request of the Operations Team a new committee has been formed at FPC. The Computer Services Committee was formed in January. The members of the committee are Rich Koepke, Cherie Andringa (representing the user community) and Gary Shorrel. Our goal is to ensure that the FPC staff has reliable computer systems for their daily tasks and that any problems that arise are dealt with in a timely manner.

We have contracted a professional computer services firm (Krista Computers Inc.) to :

1. Review our existing computer systems and network and make recommendations for a one-time "tune up". This will be taking place later in January or February.
2. Put in place a service contract with Krista for on-call emergency services.

We have already begun the process of upgrades, both hardware and software. Work room computer #2 was replaced (it died) with new and is the first computer with Windows 7 installed. We plan to replace all hardware with new and software with Windows 7 over the next two years. We have already begun to upgrade Microsoft Office applications to Office 2007. All staff computers will have Office 2007 installed soon.

The Computer Services committee reports to the Operations Team via meeting minutes. If you would like more information about our plans and progress please contact any member of the Computer Services Committee.

Gary Shorrel

Coming Soon!!

"THE TOWER"

No it is not another tower we're adding to the roofline of our building ... It is a four sided structure that will be the center for all our church communications. Like a kiosk in the shopping mall it dispenses free information encompassing all areas of our church family. You will find up to date articles, pictures, posters, meeting minutes, requests, etc. It will also house drop slots for Gordy's grocery receipts, ink cartridges and much more. Watch for it soon. (*The Communications Committee*)

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