



The Bell

July 2010

FIRST
Presbyterian
CHURCH

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A monthly newsletter

Worship in July

Sunday July 4 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Gene Peissig
Gary Polden, Musician

Sunday July 11 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Art Schunk
Faith Sharing ~ "Three Gifts of Marriage to the Spiritual Life"
Text ~ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Proverbs 27:6
Gary Polden, musician

Sunday July 18 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz
Faith Sharing ~ "What Makes God Angry?"
Text ~ Amos 8:1-12, Luke 10:38-42, Col. 1:15-28
Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday July 25 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller
Faith Sharing ~ "Faithfulness, Devotion, Knowledge of God"
Text ~ Hosea 1:2-10
Gary Polden, musician

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*General Assembly July
3-10 in Minneapolis*

*Wednesday evening
worship begins July 7*

*Jean Peissig begins as
church librarian*

Do you enjoy decorating for the seasons?

If so, please consider this proposition. The Operations Team discussed making our outside entry ways more appealing. We felt that one of the easiest ways to do this was to decorate both Central Street entrances and the one by Gordy's lot. For example, it would be nice to have a pot or pots of flowers at each door this summer. But why stop with just summertime plantings? We could have decorations appropriate to the seasons. It would add a welcoming touch to these areas and would complement and expand the welcoming atmosphere created by our Usher/Greeter teams.

If you are interested in being a part of a team to accomplish this mission, please call me, Barb Shorrel at 404-7404. I will be the catalyst to get the team together. We do have some money available to fund this project.

So, why a team?

We are encouraging team development in our church. When we work with a team we have others to help us with the tasks. The burden of a task is not on our shoulders alone. The goal of the team is not only to complete a task, but to foster and develop relationships that bring us closer together. And we have an excellent role model in this—Jesus himself. He assembled his team of apostles who he trained and sent out to create other teams to spread the Good News. And he never sent them out alone. So, if you aren't part of a team at our church, consider joining an existing one or create a new one. Look at your spiritual gifts. What sort of team could benefit from your particular gifts and talents?

Memorials and Gifts

(Through June 22)

Food Pantry

Larry & Linda Annett
Bob & Lea Dirks
Jim & Debra Biegling

Mortgage Retirement Fund

Dick & June Kemp

Flowers

Paul & Bev Ippel
Dave & Ann Gordon
Dick & June Kemp
Barry & Susan Boyer
Jason & Kathryn Sullivan
Joane Knoble

Deacons Fund

Althea Kearney
Jim & Kathi Mandelert
Art Schunk & Joyce Pugh
Erna Rath

Endowment Gifts

Bob & Verene Crane
Bruce & Jeannette Miller
Gene & Jean Peissig

Pentecost Offering

Barb Meredith
Amy Horak
Dave & Ann Gordon
Joe Mandelert
Ellen Devine
Tim & Sonia Anderson
Barry & Susan Boyer

Marlys Daniels
Bob Denman
Dave & Ann Gordon
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson
Evelyn Jenson
Joane Knoble
Vance & Margi Kohl
Bob & Virginia Koepsel
Wayne & Kathy Manning
Mark & Marci Myrman
Chuck & Chris Norseng
Richard & Ruth Rosenow
Ron & Alice Schmidt
Richard & Julie Stafford
Mike & Barb Tzanakis



TRANSFORMATION NOTES: June 15, 2010

Abbreviated agenda was followed due to a small number that were able to attend this meeting.

Status of Spiritual Gifts Inventory Project – suggestion was to explore our Spiritual Gifts further during a summer Wednesday night worship service.

Visiting Project – Approved extension of report until July 31st from the group involved with further development of our youth programs.

Roundtable discussion covering the feasibility of a Wednesday night worship service. It would start Wednesday, July 7th at 6:30pm. We would like the potential to continue throughout the year – Fall, Winter & Spring worship time 6:00pm.

SESSION NOTES: June 20, 2010

Approved second worship service to be held Wednesday night starting on July 7th at 6:30pm. Our new Sunday education hour, starting September 12th will be called *Faith Connect*, this is for all ages and will start at 9:00 am.

Approved use of the church building by jail ministry to form a group of recently released inmates and church men, Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm. We will be looking for a couple of church men to become involved with this mission.

A request was presented to the Session that “Welcome Stoles” be worn by Ushers in lieu of the Usher designated name tags. These would assist visitors in knowing who to address their questions to and would also be a reminder that when we usher we make every effort to offer our assistance to all. Request declined, the concern will be forwarded to Roger Lebeis to address with the Usher leaders.

There will be a church service at First Presbyterian on July 4th, 8 seats are still available on the bus to General Assembly in Minneapolis that day.

Reminder of Session retreat at St. Bede’s October 9th

Notes submitted by Jan Hilton Koepke – Communications Committee & Session Member

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Gulf Oil Spill (church involvement) mid-June report

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and other ministry programs of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) continue to monitor the situation in the oil spill situation in the Gulf of Mexico. PDA's protocol when disasters occur in a region of our church, is to contact the middle governing bodies in the geographic area of the disaster and respond to the needs which they identify.

Weekly joint conference calls are being held with all presbyteries that border the Gulf of Mexico and staff in offices PC(USA) program staff. Offices represented on the call include [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#), [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#), [Presbyterian Self-Development of People](#), [Presbyterian Washington Office](#), [Environmental Ministries](#) and [Theology and Worship](#). The presbyteries and programs are still working to identify and catalog needs to which it may be appropriate to respond. Plans have been made to include our ecumenical partner, Church World Service on the next conference call to help determine a broader faith-based response.

One area of need that has been identified is emotional and spiritual care-giving for affected families. A team from Alaska who lived through and learned from the oil spill in that region has been working with one of the affected presbyteries to share their learnings and provide empathetic support.

Please consider the following points as you pray for families affected by this disaster and wonder how you can respond.

- The nature of the damage done by an oil spill is different from the damage caused by other disasters such as hurricanes and floods. How the spill affects personal property and people's livelihoods may require a different type of assessment and/or response.
- The actual clean-up effort is dangerous. We do not want to expose untrained volunteers to that level of toxicity. Nor do we have the capacity to train a large number of people in those skills.

Member News ~ ~

Baptisms ~

*Skilar Marie Brummond, daughter of Mickael and Tiffany Brummond

*Elsa Edith Haraldsson Norseng, daughter of Anders Haraldsson & Elizabeth Norseng

2010 High School Graduates ~

Erika Cooley, Eric Heintz, John Lynch, Jaime Ostrom, Katelyn Page

Phone # ~

Jason Sullivan 715-440-6011

Dale & Mavis Babbitt were removed from membership rolls at their own request

From the Finance Team

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...” 1 Peter 4:10

Submitted by Barb Shorrel

The Finance Team met on June 10. The table below provides a summary of the report presented to the June Session meeting. If you wish further explanation, please call Barb Shorrel at 404-7404.

Financial Summary of Income and Expenses: May 2010

Month of May, 2010		Year-to-date 2010	
Beginning Balance 5/1/2010	\$10,412.43	Beginning Balance 1/1/2010	\$18,237.55
Income for the period (+)	¹ <u>\$16,401.79</u>		² <u>\$96,691.43</u>
Subtotal	\$26,814.22		\$114,928.98
Expenses for the period (-)	<u>\$19,137.77</u>		<u>\$107,252.53</u>
Ending Balance 5/31/2010	\$7,676.45	Ending Balance 5/31/2010	\$7,676.45

¹ This figure includes \$9,791.66 transferred from the Restricted Fund Prepaid Pledges in April, 2010.

² This figure includes \$10,016.66 transferred from the Restricted Fund Prepaid Pledges since 1/1/2010.

(Note: Prepaid pledges are those paid in 2009 intended to support the 2010 Operating Mission Budget.)

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Other Finance News

PER CAPITA: Just a reminder to all members who have not paid their per capita share to do so. It is \$25 per confirmed member. All of this money is forwarded to our Presbytery, the Presbytery of Northern Waters, for their operational expenses. If you have paid this, it will show up on your 6-month statement coming in July.

Just a reminder: Invoices will be paid every other Wednesday beginning on June 23. Please plan accordingly. On Wednesday, June 30, only payroll checks will be issued.

We are still looking for someone who feels that their gifts can best be used by serving on the Finance Team.

SET FREE IN CHRIST

Thanks to our local jail chaplain, Cliff Wolterstorff, and Pat Linden, we have begun to host of group of men recently released from jail. The small group is meeting in our library on Thursdays. The men have come to believe in Christ as their savior with the help of Chaplain Cliff and Christian men volunteering in the jail. Our church was chosen as a location to meet because of our central location in the downtown and the familiarity that many have with our building because of other services here. Two or three men from our church are needed to participate and show our support. Please contact Pat or Barry Boyer if would like to volunteer. Men in the group want to be a part of the community and are willing to help In many ways. Life skill training in a safe and sober setting is something we can offer.

Our Presbyterian Men's group has been a staunch financial supporter of the jail chaplaincy for many years. I think we are ready to take the next step and get personally involved. Thanks Pat and Cliff for providing us this opportunity. – *Barry Boyer*

Notes from around the church.....

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP HERE, JULY AND AUGUST Come and see!

Some have wished that we could have a mid-week service, especially during the summer. Weekends are busy and many are away. Could we offer something less formal with a chance for discussion?

So we are excited to offer a Wednesday evening worship service. We will meet in July and August at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The first service will be July 7. The 30-40 minute service will include scripture and a message (video or spoken), discussion (optional), music, and prayer. Pastor Boyer and others will be involved in leadership.

Children are welcome and we will work on ways to include them in the service. Neighbors and your summer company are welcome, too.

REMINDER - Save your Gordy's receipts and bring them to church on Sunday.

You may drop them in the slot in the Tower in the narthex named "Gordy's Receipts."

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We maintain an active food pantry here at the Church. **Donations of non-perishable food items are needed on a regular basis.** The Food Pantry 'collection bucket' is in the narthex.

At this time boxed or bagged food items are needed:

Mac & cheese, hamburger helper, pasta salads, pasta casseroles, bags of plain pasta and/or cereal.

~ Many appreciate your contributions; many offer their thanks!

CHANCEL FLOWER DONORS

To honor or celebrate people and events we offer the opportunity to purchase flowers for the chancel each Sunday. The cost is \$30, payable to the church. To claim a Sunday for flowers, please sign up in the Flowers Book, or call the church office, 723-5717. The Flowers Book is found at the welcome center or the table in the hall by the offices.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesdays, 8:00 am

Write or e-mail information to:

Cherie Andringa

fpc1admin@sbcglobal.net

BELL DEADLINE

the 20th of each month

Write or email information to:

[Kathi Mandelert](mailto:KathiMandelert)

park140@charter.net

CHURCH WEBSITE & CALENDAR INFORMATION

www.fpcchippewafalls.org

New Librarian ~

Jean Peissig has agreed to be the new church librarian. She comes into the job with ambition, enthusiasm and good ideas to improve the library. Please support her. She will be accepting appropriate books in good condition and will probably write for the Bell occasionally when she gets things settled. *~ Margi Kohl*

UNDIES AND SOCKS NEEDED

Gifts of new underwear and socks for homeless people are being invited by organizers of the General Assembly meeting in Minneapolis in early July. This is the biennial national gathering of Presbyterians. The national body of Presbyterian Women is spearheading this collection. The items will be distributed to homeless shelters throughout the Twin Cities Metro Area in mid-July. Let's take some of our early gifts to the national gathering beginning next week and then continue to gather undies and socks throughout July and give what we have accumulated in the latter part of the month to Harmony House here on Bay Street. A laundry basket will be in the narthex to receive your donations.

Vacation Bible School 2010 will be Out of This World!

Galactic Blast is launching August 15th and you don't want to miss it! We are inviting all children 4 years old-5th grade to be part of the excitement!

At Galactic Blast, your children will become cadets on the starship Galactic Praise as we learn more about our wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent, awesome God!

Mark your calendars to enjoy this cosmic adventure here at:

First Presbyterian Church

August 15th-19th

5:30pm-8:00pm

(meal served 5:30-6:00)

Watch your mail for more information and check us out at:

www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/FPC

Message to the World

In all my years of living there are a few observations about life that I am honored to share with you.

Start every day by saying this out loud "This is a day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it" You'll be amazed at how this improves your attitude.

Understand that the people you love the most won't live forever, so make the time to show them your love today.

We become a sum of our decisions, so do your best to make good ones.

People that you are about may hurt you or let you down when you need them the most. Forgive them.

Have the courage to follow you dreams and be willing to go the distance to achieve them. There is honor for those who succeed and for those who fail.

Tell Procrastination that it will have to wait until tomorrow.

Play to win. But most importantly, Play!

Remember that your plan is not always God's plan, so consult him often, pay attention, and learn to appreciate change.

Live and love by examples.

Don't take yourself too seriously. We are all proof that God has a sense of humor.

From: Great Book of Life