



The Bell

May 2010

FIRST
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CHURCH

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A monthly newsletter

Worship in May

Sunday May 2 9:30 AM Confirmation

Worship Leader ~ Barry Boyer
Faith Sharing ~ "Built on a Rock"
Text ~ Matthew 7:21-29, 1 Peter 2:7-12
Communion ~ Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday May 9 9:30 AM Mother's Day

Worship Leader ~ Jeannette Miller
Faith Sharing ~ "Lectio Divina"
Text ~ John 1:1-28, Psalm 23
Communion, Baptism ~ Barb Sandford, musician

Sunday May 16 9:30 AM

Worship Leader ~ Gene Peissig
Faith Sharing ~ "Silence: Where Did it Go?"
Text ~ Mark 4:35-41, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Communion, Barb Sandford, Musician

Sunday May 23 9:30 AM Pentecost

Worship Leader ~ Erik Anderson,
Faith Sharing ~ "Jeannette Miller, Gene Peissig"
Communion, Gary Polden, musician

Sunday May 30 9:30 AM Trinity Sunday

Worship Leader ~ Holly Gintz
Faith Sharing ~ "Food is a Gift"
Text ~ Genesis 1:12:3, Psalm 104
Communion, Barb Sandford, musician

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Wednesday Nite meals
continue in May

New fall schedule for
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SESSION NOTES: April 25, 2010

- With Pastor Boyer's anticipated retirement in approximately 3 years, the members from Session, Envisioning Team and Operations Team will be meeting Sunday, May 2nd with Presbytery Exec Sharon Johnson and Committee on Ministry rep, David Butler to discuss concepts and processes for the transition in pastoral leadership.
- Carelink Update – Carelink is looking for volunteers and financial support from other parishes in the Chippewa Falls area.
- Session voted and approved the new Fall Sunday schedule: 9:00am Education for all ages and 10:15am Worship Service.
- Several of our church members have already taken their Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Session's goal is that everyone has an opportunity to take it in the next few weeks. Anticipated completion date is May 23rd. There will be a member of the Session available after service each Sunday in Fellowship Hall to assist with this.
- Margi Kohl was approved as treasurer for the Deacons.

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

Memorials and Gifts

(Through April 19)

Food Pantry

Linda Schreiber
Larry & Linda Annett

Mortgage Retirement Fund

Dick & June Kemp

Flowers

Barb Wilcox
Norm & Mary Ellen Keller
Barry & Susan Boyer
Roger & Patty Stiles
Bob & Lea Dirks
Barbara MacNaughton-Bernhardt
Richard & Ruth Rosenow
Anne Welke
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson
David & Patricia Gutknecht
Jim & Deb Biegung

Memorial

Linda Schreiber

Designated Gift

Presbyterian Men

One Great Hour of Sharing

Gary & Barb Shorrel
Barb Wilcox
Dick & Julie Stafford
Jim & Deb Biegung
Paul & Wynne Cook
Bob & Verene Crane
Ellen Devine
Bob & Lea Dirks
Kathy & Randy Facklam
Dick & Esther Frazier
Amy Horak
Reid & Lisa Kennedy
Joane Knoble
Joe Mandelert
Barb Meredith
Hess Morrison
Linda Schreiber
Lois Skoug
Steve Playter & Jinx Smith
Mike & Barb Tzanakis

Jon Behling & Sandy Frohling
Marlys Daniels
Doug & Bonnie Gullickson
Evelyn Jenson
Bob & Virginia Koepsel
Vance & Margi Kohl
Barbara MacNaughton-Bernhardt
Susan Maitland
Chuck & Chris Norseng
Richard & Ruth Rosenow
Barry & Susan Boyer
Norman & Mary Ellen Keller
Hess Morrison
Barbara Sutherland
Anne Welke

Endowment Gifts

George & Peggy Fleming

Deacons Fund

Erna Rath
Jim & Kathi Mandelert
Larry & Linda Annett
Paul & Wynne Cook

Pastor's Perspective

BIG CHANGE IN THE FALL: Education Hour and Worship Change

In just the last few months, amazing support has developed for the idea of a separate hour for education on Sunday mornings – starting this coming September. The envisioning team, the session, deacons, Presbyterian Women, and others see this as an important component of our transformation. It is totally consistent with our values, beliefs, vision and mission statement (see the statement elsewhere in the BELL). This commitment to a special time for education supports our growing claim to be a congregation with a vision to “*meet Jesus.*” As we live this out, and practice our values of loving God and neighbor, children, youth and adults will grow together in knowledge and mission attitude. Learning and praying together are so basic to changed lives and transformed churches.

With a separate hour dedicated to Christian education and faith formation, adults will be able to join our children in curricula geared for learning the scriptures, life applications and mutual support. There will be heartfelt discussions about the big questions in life such as those had in the recent series on “*Why Bad Things Happen.*” All ages will have the experience of being prayed for and cared for. We will make new friends. We will go deeper and further. Our faith, purpose and community will grow more defined. There are already adults who are asking for Bible study and growth group experiences. Prospective members have asked if we have these opportunities. An hour on Sunday morning is a great space to help this happen.

Teachers and children will be able to experience our full worship service. Teachers are expressing disappointment in missing the sermon. They and children are left without the sacrament of communion, which has become a regular part of worship for the rest of us. Furthermore we can look forward to having our children and youth be more involved with worship leadership including songs, scripture reading and creative prayers.

In many ways, this is an outgrowth of a commitment made a year ago to hire a children and youth ministry director. Noelle Chaltry has persistently advocated for a larger place for children, youth and education in our church family. She knows this ministry is vital for a church that has aged and desires to come alive with younger families.

At its April 25 meeting, the session (church board) voted unanimously to restore a separate hour for education and change the time our of morning worship service. Beginning on Back to Church Sunday, September 12, the new schedule will be as follows:

9:00 a.m. Education for all ages

New Sunday Morning Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship service

beginning September 12

Complementing this development is a plan to have coffee and treats available in fellowship hall throughout the morning on Sundays. A standing order with Gordy's will provide the food. Coffee would be prepared by 8:30 and an attendant will see that our needs are met throughout the morning. **We will no longer be asking members to prepare and provide the food.** Anyone wishing to add to what is provided, such as a birthday cake, is encouraged to do so. As we come to the summer months this idea may be implemented sooner than later.

Please continue praying with our leaders as we proceed with making major changes in how we do church on Sunday mornings. Church board (session) members are always available to discuss these changes and other joys and concerns. Their names are on the BELL cover. ~ by *Barry Boyer*

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Operations Teams **SMALL GROUP FORM- ING, MINISTRY WITH MILITARY VETS**

Those interested in forming a small mixed group for monthly prayer, meditation, sharing and outreach ministry to the Veteran's Hospital in Tomah, Wisconsin, please contact **Art Schunk** at 715-379-3950. We imagine having a couple of more folks from the group going down at least once a month to visit with the vets, inquire about their families, see if we can support them in any way.

Brief Notes

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EAT FOR FREE CLINICS

Eat for Free Clinics The Open Door Clinic in conjunction with the Eau Claire and Rice Lake free clinics is sponsoring Eat for Free Clinics on Monday May 6. On that day participating restaurants will donate 25% of their proceeds to the free clinic in their area. Chippewa County restaurants participating in the fundraiser include Chippewa Family Restaurant, Duncan Creek, Latigo and Lace (in Cadott), and Vallys at Timber Terrace. Consider eating out at a participating restaurant that day in support of Free Clinics. ~ *Deb Biegling*

GREAT SPEAKER AT WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

The Eau Claire Women's Connection, affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries, will host a Springtime Dinner at the Florian Gardens on Tuesday, May 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a wonderful dinner, stroll through the gardens, enjoy special features presented by four women's businesses and hear the delightful Humorist, Author and featured renowned Speaker MARY PIERCE!

This special event is for women of all ages. Pre-register with Judy Ramsey at ramseyj@uwea.edu or with Kathi Duax at kpduax@charter.net. Registration and advance payments are due by May 10. See you there!

FEEDBACK BOX -

You may have seen there is now a feedback box in the fellowship area. We would like to encourage you to share your thoughts, comments, praise, and suggestions with us. It is checked every other week by the operations team -

Dave Gordon, Ruth Rosenow and Barb Shorrel.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of a significant person, the Chippewa County Grief Support Group can help. The Grief Support Group offers the opportunity for participants to discuss and/or listen about adjusting to life without their loved one. The ongoing group sessions are free of charge and are facilitated by a collaborative group of local grief professionals. The group offers afternoon and evening sessions each month. For April, evening sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 12 and 26 in the St. Clare conference room at St. Joseph's Hospital. Afternoon sessions are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on April 14 and 28 in Room 232 of the hospital. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 723-3581 or 726-3540.

IMPORTANT CHANGE ___ PLEASE NOTE!

In last month's Bell there was a notice for the July fourth Sunday. After realizing how few of our congregation are planning to worship at the General Assembly service in Minneapolis, the worship leaders and session members announce the following plans.

Worship on July Fourth will be in our sanctuary at the usual time. Gene Peissig and Gary Polden will be conducting the service. Expect to sing many your favorite patriotic songs as we celebrate our nation's birthday and praise our Lord.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

By Barb Shorrel

March financial summary of the Operating & Mission Fund:

Month of March	Year-to-date		
Beginning Balance 3/1/2010	\$11,936.15	Beginning Balance 1/1/2010	\$18,237.55
Income for the period (+)	<u>\$16,017.51</u>		<u>\$55,774.00</u>
Subtotal	\$27,953.66		\$74,011.55
Expenses for the period (-)	<u>\$21,950.78</u>		<u>\$68,008.67</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/2010	\$6002.88	Ending Balance 3/31/2010	\$6002.88

At our April meeting we decided to move 1/6 of the prepaid giving from the Restricted Fund to the Operating and Mission Fund. Until this time we had not needed it in the Operating Mission Fund. We will continue to move amounts as needed to maintain our balance in the Operating Mission Fund checkbook. By keeping the prepaid giving in the Restricted Fund, we are able to earn a bit more interest.

Our policy is to pay any amount contributed the reducing the principal of our mortgage quarterly. As March was the end of the first quarter, that action was approved. At the end of March, we owed \$479,543.92 on the mortgage.

First Quarter 2010 Food Pantry Report

Submitted by Cherie Andringa, office manager

The Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church is open 10:00 am –12:00 noon each Tuesday & Thursday. Groceries from our pantry can be received three times in a six-month period by any one individual or family. The first quarter of 2010 we gave out 94 bags of groceries. In March the church partnered with Feed My People Food Bank where food purchases can be made at a reduced cost.

Non-perishable food items are always needed and appreciated. Recipients are graciously thankful.

Starting March 8, people with needs other than a bag of groceries were referred to CARE-Link which is now operating here at First Presbyterian Church on Mondays (9am-12pm) & Thursdays (12pm-3pm). Approximately 30 referrals were made through Food Pantry visits to CARE-Link the first month.

Our Food Pantry volunteers are Jackie Reich, Art Schunk and Dick Kemp and managed by Cherie Andringa. We are looking for additional help to sort, shelf, and/or pack bags for distribution. If you would like volunteer please call the church office.

Notes from around the church.....

A tribute....

Karla Stein frequently attended this church. She was never on time, she was always late, but she came. Many times she would make a contribution to the food pantry. She had many problems, but she was a friendly and caring person and had touched many lives. She introduced herself as Karla with a 'K'. She died unexpectedly and many of our members attended the funeral service conducted by Pastor Boyer. The memorial money which the family received was forwarded to the church along with a note "this is what Karla would have wanted." These monies have now been transferred to the food pantry fund—this is what we felt Karla would have wanted.

~ submitted by Esther Frazier

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Elsa Edith Haraldsson is listed incorrectly in the directory under Marshall and Aimee Norseng. Parents are Elizabeth Norseng and Anders Haraldsson, Gothenburg, Sweden.

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