

News From The Pews

News of the First Presbyterian Church

November 2009

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UPCOMING WORSHIP/EVENTS

November 1, 2009 – Memorial Sunday

Worship Services/Communion: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "The Hope of Heaven"

Scriptures: Isaiah 25: 6-9; John 11: 17-27, 32-44;

Revelation 21: 1-6

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November 8, 2009

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "What Shall We Offer to the Lord?"

Scriptures: Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-1; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark

12: 38-44

Rev. Bob Garrard

November 15, 2009

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "What is Your Power Base?"

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10; Hebrews 10: 11-25;

Mark 13: 1-8

Rev. Bob Garrard

November 22, 2009

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "Are You Ready For King Jesus?"

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Revelation 1: 4b-8;

John 18: 33-37

Rev. Bob Garrard

November 29, 2009 – First Sunday in Advent

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: "Clearing the Way"

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13;

Luke 21: 25-36

Rev. Roger Rapp



Pastor



It's Happening Right Here!

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O, Give Thanks...

*Thanksgiving Day
November 26, 2009*

Thank you for all of your cards and wishes of appreciation during Pastor Appreciation month! I cannot believe 9 years have flown by so quickly. It has been a great honor to be one of your pastors and a joy to grow with you in our faith in Jesus Christ!

Advent Candle Lighters and Old Testament Readers are needed! If you or your family would like to read the Old Testament Lesson and light Advent candles during worship services on November 30, December 6, 13, or 20 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. or on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., please see Bob Garrard, call the church office-638-3345, or sign up on the sheet posted on my office door.

Please read the stewardship information in the newsletter. Our Finance/ Stewardship Ministry will also be mailing our letters to you. Thank you for your faithful giving during tough economic times!!!

We have sold the house Myra George gave to us with a net result of \$135,500. Myra designated that one half goes to missions and the other half to Capital Expenses, especially upkeep of the building. Her gifts have been a special blessing in this time of our churches history. We will have a special congregational meeting on November 1st after the 10:30 a.m. worship service to approve the sale.

I will be on vacation November 23-30. I am going to Pittsburgh to celebrate my Dad's 90th birthday.

CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

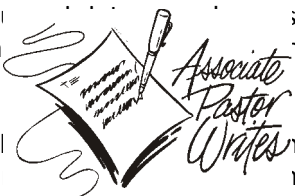
Have a thanksgiving blessed by God

Lee Stover, Brad and Javen Westby, Virginia Bohnenblust, Sherry Gardner and her husband, Mike Jones, joined the church on October 25th. Many of us have met Lee Stover, who recently moved here from Colorado to work with our youth. Lee, who was born and grew up in Colorado, is off to a great start with the kids, and is a pleasure to be around.

Brad Westby, and his fourteen year old son, Javen, joined the church October 25. Brad lists our Christian Education program, the friendly congregation, or spiritual attitude as the things that have attracted him to become a prospective member. Brad, who is 15 on December 30, is active with the Youth Group and helps with Sunday school.

Virginia comes to us from Laramie, WY where she had lived for forty years with prior residences in Kansas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. After her husband's death in 2006, they traveled extensively to places such as the British Isles, Hawaii, and took a train across Canada. Virginia's two sons, Kevin and Doug, also live in Cheyenne. Virginia's favorite hobby is music.

THANK YOU!



What a wonderful surprise to find, after a week's vacation visiting our son and family in Seattle, a number of cards of thanks and appreciation from members of First Presbyterian Church in recognition of Clergy Appreciation week. Thanks very much.

We continue to enjoy our time and ministry with you! Roger and Mary Rapp
Mike Jones and his wife, Sherry, Gardner, joined the church on October 25. Mike grew up in Vermont, which he says is like Wyoming in many ways. He is an engineer, and has been an active volunteer with a fire/rescue department in Colorado. Sherry is a clinical psychologist at F.E. Warren and, though she's only lived in Cheyenne for a few months, has already become active in the choir and the handbell choir. Both Mike and Sherry love to ride their bikes around Cheyenne. Mike enjoys fishing and Sherry is a harpist and a weaver. Both list our friendly congregation as something which attracted them to our church.



From Your Finance Ministry

Dear Fellow Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

Your Finance Ministry is keeping you up to date on the financial condition of the church. This is our report as of September 30, 2009.

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| •This is the money we anticipated coming into the church to date: | \$ 402,428.52 |
| •This is the amount of money we received: | \$ 354,908.60 |
| •This is the resulting income deficit: | (\$ 47,519.92) |

We thank you for the generous support you have given so far. As you can see, we need even more of your financial help to sustain our ministry of "Bringing People Together in Christ's Love." Please see the following Stewardship Letter and Pledge form.

Sincerely in Christ, Your Finance Ministry
Brenda Wilson, Chair
Deb Sanchez
Clint Jessen



First Presbyterian Church of Cheyenne
"Bringing People Together in Christ's Love"

This is our church's vision statement. It guides our lives as a healthy church working toward fulfilling the

vision God has given us. Our vision calls us to unite as a congregation in the giving of our time, talents and income.

As your Finance Ministry, we are asking for your support to help us live our vision and “Bring People Together in Christ’s Love” in 2010. We are seeking your financial support for the coming year.

We all share in the financial uncertainties and economic struggles of our times. In the face of these challenges, and with prayer and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are asking you to consider giving your gifts in response to the many blessings God has given and continues to provide to you.

We share with you the budget requested by each ministry in order to help our church fulfill our vision of “Bringing People Together in Christ’s Love.”

2010 Proposed Budget Requests:

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| ◆ Building and Grounds and Archives: | \$ 64,070.00 |
| Maintaining and caring for God’s house of worship and the land around it. | |
| ◆ Christian Education: | \$ 16,333.00 |
| Educating people of all ages and nourishing us in our faith in Jesus Christ through study and activities. The MOPS(Mothers of Preschoolers Program) was added on this year!! | |
| ◆ Worship and Music: | \$ 9,516.00 |
| Celebrating the grace, love and fellowship of our Triune God through the scriptures, sacraments and music. | |
| ◆ Missions: | \$ 49,163.00 |
| Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ on a Presbytery, National and International level. | |
| ◆ New Life: | \$ 5,500.00 |
| Encouraging and nurturing “new life” among the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. | |
| ◆ Personnel **: | \$ 346,524.00 |
| Supporting and encouraging the staff of the church spiritually, educationally and fiscally. | |
| ◆ Finance and Administration: | \$ 29,780.00 |
| Being good stewards of our finances, coordinating the activities of the church, and caring for members. | |
| ◆ Deacons: | \$ 18,380.00 |
| Reaching out to give Christ’s care and fellowship to our members, and to our community missions. | |
| ◆ Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: | \$ 15,000.00 |
| We will be seeking an Associate Pastor in 2009 to help us fulfill our vision in serving Jesus Christ. | |

Total Requested Budget for 2010 **\$ 554,226.00**

**Note, this budget reflects only four months of a called full-time associate pastor’s salary since our best guess is that we will not have one on board until September. Session has set aside funds for the associate pastor’s position that will last us about 1.5 years. We will keep you informed during 2010.

Sincerely in Christ from Your Finance Ministry,
Brenda Wilson, Deb Sanchez and Clint Jessen

2010 ESTIMATED PLEDGE OF GIVING
To Support Our Vision of
“Bringing People Together in Christ’s Love”

Through the First Presbyterian Church of Cheyenne, Wyoming

In II Corinthians 9: 7-8, 11-12, 15 the Apostle Paul wrote:

7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

- ◆ Please complete the following form, and bring the letter to Church on Dedication Sunday, November 15, 2009.
◆ If you are unable to attend Dedication Sunday, please mail back the ESTIMATE OF GIVING in the envelope provided before November 15, 2009.

Thank you for your generosity and giving in faith.



MY ESTIMATED PLEDGE OF TOTAL GIVING FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2010 IS

\$ _____.

NAME(S) _____

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Submitted by Peggy Williams

More information about John Calvin as the Reformed world celebrates the 500th anniversary

of his birth.

DID YOU KNOW: Like most other Protestants, Calvin allowed divorce, but only as the result of adultery or desertion. However, since separation was deemed illicit and cruelty was excluded as grounds for divorce, wives were generally required to remain with abusive husbands.

Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* has remarkably few allusions to women's subordination and lacks the traditional vilification of Eve for humanity's fall into sin. In several other ways the teaching of the *Institutes* turns away from the medieval tradition, and even from earlier reformers, regarding women.

For example, Calvin acknowledged women's service as deacons in the early history of the church, caring for those in need. He also argued that biblical advice for women to cover their heads and be silent in church belongs to the realm of human governance, not eternal divine law, and can be adapted as required for the benefit of the church. He was well aware that the Bible needs to be read in its historical context, and that culture changes over time.

In practice, Calvin recognized the right of women to exercise legitimately inherited civil authority. He collaborated with French noblewomen who were attempting to advance the Reformed movement. He acknowledged that God has often called women for special tasks. In his pastoral work he emphasized that God would give them strength for faithful witness.

This information was taken from October 2009 issue of Presbyterian Today.

Don't forget to put your pennies in the Pennies for Stained Glass jar toward the rear of the sanctuary. We aren't able to empty the Penny Jar very often but when we do, we usually find \$100.00 or so. We need to continue saving our pennies as this fund goes toward any maintenance or cleaning needed on our beautiful windows. Try putting your age in pennies every year on your birthday.

If you are interested in serving on the Archives Committee or just helping with some of our projects, please contact any of the following members.

Paula Qualls	638-8805	Ralph DeWyke	632-8210
Mel Qualls	638-8805	Glen Oslund	638-8884
Frances Creech	638-3787	Peggy Williams	634-0147

***REMEMBER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM AS WE
JOURNEY FORWARD MAKING OUR OWN HISTORY.***

Women of First Presbyterian Church

Submitted by Naomi Allen



Presbyterian Women will be asking for donations in November for the Thank Offering. There will be envelopes placed in the pews for this donation. 15% of the offering will go to Presbyterian Ministries here in Cheyenne, and the rest will be sent to help women and children in the world. We hope our congregation is able to support this mission.

The first week in December we will be sponsoring the "Warm Tree." A tree will be set up in the parlor. Warm gloves, mittens, scarfs, hats, caps, ear muffs, etc. that keep a person warm will be placed on the tree. These warm items will be delivered to needy families in the community.



This year we are sponsoring a December Brunch on December 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. A musical program will be presented at the brunch by members of our church. We hope to see many happy faces at this event.

♪♪ Notes & Church News ♪♪

CHEYENNE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Our church hosted families from the Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network (CHIN) from October 25 through November 1. Thanks to everyone who helped with this rotation!



Let mutual
love continue.
*Do not neglect to
show hospitality to
strangers, for by
doing that some
have entertained
angels without
knowing it.*

Hebrews 13:1-2

We also want to thank the Deacons for their spiritual and financial support of CIHN. They have given us money to help with breakfast and lunch as well as emergency money for unplanned events. Thanks to Friendship Mariners, too, for agreeing to take each Wednesday every time our church is the CIHN host. During the 24-hour period, they provide dinner, the evening host and the overnight host.

Our final rotation this year will be during Christmas week, Dec. 20-27. We will have information for that event in early December.

Sue Riske, John and Judy Phillips, and Greta Morrow

NOW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Our display for the month of November will include several resources on finances. Although none of the books are new, they do cover general tips on planning, retirement, budgeting and investing from a Christian point of view. We will also feature a few books on faith and positive thinking to help us all be more thankful for what we have. December's display will be books about Christmas - stories and information. Enjoy!



THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



- I want to thank our church family for all your prayers and well wishes, and especially to my husband for his loving care, to Rose Burrows for her many kind acts, and to Phyllis Smith's many trips taking me to and from the doctor at a moments notice.

God bless, Ruth Hale



Heartfelt Thanks

- Dear Church Family,
It took a prolonged hospital and Life Care stay to realize how beneficial visits by the ministers and deacons are to ones confined. Members of the congregation also sent cards or paid me a visit. I want to thank all concerned for your prayers and support.

Sincerely, J. O. Reed

Common-sense Steps to Help Prevent the Spread of Flu From Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

1. Avoid contact with ill persons.
2. Cover nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing, and throw used tissues in a trash can.
3. Wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand gel.
4. In general, people who develop influenza-like illness should stay home from work, school, or travel until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (fever should be ~~gone~~ in the absence of a fever-reducing medication). *CDC recommends the exclusion period should be continued for 7 days from symptom onset or until the resolution of symptoms, whichever is longer, for healthcare settings or other settings where there are high numbers of persons at high risk for severe complications from influenza.* This exclusion period should be adhered to regardless of whether or not antiviral medications are used. *Those who are severely ill (such as having trouble breathing) should seek medical care.*
5. If any household contacts develop symptoms of a respiratory illness or a fever they should remain home at the earliest sign of illness. They should not go to work, school, or attend large gatherings, and should minimize contact with others outside their home while ill, according to the above recommendations.
6. Persons who are at high risk for complications from influenza (such as persons 65 year or older, children younger than 5 years, pregnant women, and persons with chronic medical conditions) should consider avoiding crowded or large gatherings if ill persons may be present.

Deacon's Beacons

Submitted by Jane Nelson

It's a solemn thing to be an intercessor. We have the responsibility to "go between" for those whom God has given us. Someday we shall see what our prayers accomplished. Until then we intercede by faith.

– Nick Harrison

Prayer for others is profound sharing. It focuses our concerns about people in the heart of God. We share God's nature when we talk to Him for others. One of the greatest gifts we can share with people is to pray for them.

– Lloyd John Ogilvey

Remember this: All the resources of the Godhead are at our disposal.

– Jonathan Goforth

Use those resources for:

Sharol Acheson	Pat Fairbanks	Roshni Joseph	Midge Reed
Stacy "Skoumal" Adams	Glen Flyr	Jim Kleine	Doris Rogers
Meryl Adams	Adam George	Mary Jane Larson	Patti Sandison
Lil Barbour	Rev. George	Ann Lembke	Nelson Santiago
Richard Beauchamp	Joan Gray	Alice Mabie	Celia Schadel
John Bishop	Dianne Grimm	Richard McCleery	Allan Schultz
Betty Brown	Marydee Hartsook	Kevin McMIndes	Jean Marie Seitz
Jay Brown	Pam Haswell	Hal Miller	Susan Sexton
R.J. Brown	Pat Hawk	Carol Moench	Dale Stickles
Bonnie Carley	David Hettler	Kari Pace-Murdoch	Dorothy Wagner
Eric Case	Marv Hoflund	Linda Norris	Bruce Whearty
Scott Coulson	Karen Hruby	Michael Osborn	Allen White
Robert Drummond	Marcy Jacobsen	Sherry Popham	Margy Will
	Margret Jones	J.O. Reed	B.J. Wise

~ *If anyone listed on the above list needs to be removed, please let the church office know.* ~

Simply wait on Him. So doing we shall be directed, supplied, protected, corrected and rewarded.

– Vance Havner

God understands our desires, not just through the occasional utterances we call prayers, in the traditional sense, but through every thought we think, every word we speak, and everything we do.

– Neale Donald Walsch

Receive every day as a resurrection...as a new enjoyment of life. Let your joyful heart praise and magnify so good and glorious Creator.

– William Law

Please pray for:

Alan Johnson – Loss of Mother

