

The Chimes

of First Presbyterian Church

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A monthly newsletter for friends and members of our church

Stepping Up in Faith



A quick reminder that Pledge Cards are due by November 5, Commitment Sunday. We appreciate those of you who have turned them in early. As you prepare to complete your Pledge Cards, keep in mind what your church has meant to you in the past and how the church and its ministry has affected you.

Prayer Corner

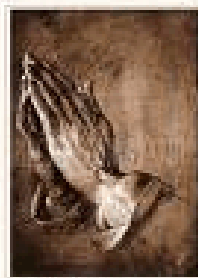
Whom Can I Serve?

By John Fischer

*Whose needs can I meet?
Where can I serve?
What can I give you?
Why are you doing that all by yourself?
Who needs something that I can give?
When do you need me?
Are you OK?
Can I get you something?*

I found these questions thought provoking as I read them on a devotional that I receive by e-mail. I hope they give us all pause for thought on whom or where we might serve.

*Gracious God, thank you
for the things you place in
our path that makes us
stop and think of others.
Show us where and who
you would have us serve.
In Christ's Love, Amen*



Presbyterian Women

The next **CT Board** meeting will be November 15th with hostesses Phyllis Knoflicek and Shirley Watson. **Circles** will meet on November 1st with the **Good Morning Circle** meeting at Laona Perrin's home and **Serendipity Circle** meeting in the Session Room of the Church with hostesses Jane Krause and Thelma Merritt-Trester. The Serendipity Circle will provide volunteers for October Activity Month and the Good Morning Circle for November. The **Circle of Hope** with Lois Osborn and Peggy Sampson as co-moderators of the group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE RUMMAGE SALE!!!

As usual the fellowship overflowed on all the days we worked on this big project. A special thank you to Colleen Hood's Human Services group for helping with the carrying of items from the basement to the fellowship hall on Wednesday; also to Marcia Boots, Ardis Foster, Dorothy Parker, Jacci Irwin, Doris & Arnie Kuhn for help in organizing that day. Thank you to all of you who helped sort and sell on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Ahhh, and the "clean-up" crew....you were totally awesome. Special thanks to Marty



Jones & Bob Boots for hauling the leftovers to the Mission Store (gee Marty...bet you never realized how much your pick-up could hold!) and to all those that helped to bring all the racks upstairs before the sale and set up all the tables and then carry all the racks downstairs and take down the tables and clean the kitchen and fellowship hall for Sunday. WHEW! It was a lot of work...but worth it. Where else could you make \$878.00 in 2 days? We saw some new faces helping us this year and I absolutely hope you know how very much you are appreciated!!!

We'll be doing this all over again next Spring...so...rest up!
 Sherri Fry, PW Moderator (and Rummage Sale Chairman)



HAVE YOU SEEN THE KITCHEN LATELY?????

If not.....you'd better trot right up there and see it today!

Thank you to Kathie Toedtli

for the new paint and to Gene Gatti for the frame around the two new convection ovens! Yep, the ovens are in and ready to be used! Hmmmm....just makes one want to volunteer to work in the kitchen, doesn't it?

A special thank you to Margaret and Gary Wichman for the donation of round table cloths.

We have a NEW CIRCLE! The "Circle of Hope" has recently been formed and the Co-Moderators are Lois Osborn and Peggy Sampson. This Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Lois Osborn, 403 Grand. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship. The group will be studying "The Great House of God" by Max Lucado. For more information contact Lois @ 762-3340. If you've been wanting to join a Circle, but work during the day....here is your chance to be a part of the fellowship. This month's meeting will be November 15th.

The daytime Circles meet on the first Wednesday of the month. November 1st will be the meeting of the **Good Morning Circle** at the home of Laona Perrin at 9 a.m.; and the **Serendipity Circle** will be meeting in the Church Deacons room at 1:30 p.m. with Jane Krause and Thelma Merritt-Trester as hostesses. If you are interested in attending either of these daytime groups, please contact Shirley Watson @ 762-1762 or Carolyn Krause @762-1269 or Sherri Fry @762-4994.

The next **Coordinating Team (CT) Board** will meet on November 15th at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and 9:30 a.m. for the meeting. Hostesses will be Phyllis Knoflicek and Shirley Watson. All Circle members are welcome!

Hilltoppers meets November 10.

Christmas Baskets – HO – HO – HO –ing into the Advent Season! That includes remembering the things that have become traditions in our Church during this time. The Presbyterian Women prepare Christmas food baskets to deliver to families to insure they will have Christmas dinner. The names are supplied to us by several sources, and we provide up to 22 or 23 food baskets and deliver them. With the names of the families we are given the names of the children and their ages. For the children, we give mittens, hats or caps, scarves, socks, things we feel they might need. Donations of money would be helpful to purchase groceries. Also please let us know if you can help deliver these boxes around December 20th.

God so loved us that He sent his only begotten son, Jesus Christ. So, may we show our love for others through our giving to help others? You may give food or cash toward the baskets. When the Church is decorated and the trees are up in the parlor, you may put mittens and caps or other items on the trees which will be added to the baskets. This will be a step up in your faith by sharing in the greatest gift of all, the gift of love through Jesus!

Doris Kuhn

HSYG

High School Youth Group – 1:00 pm,
and the Marty and Carolyn Jones
house, 812 Box Butte Ave., Sunday, 11/12.

**Praising God for a New Hymnal**

It is with joy that the Memorial Committee and the Session have acted to purchase new hymnals for the Sanctuary. The Celebration Hymnal will arrive for use by Advent; and perhaps

sooner! Its 800 selections offer us a wide variety of music for worship. We will recover many of the great hymns of the church that were eliminated from the Presbyterian Hymnal. We will also gain many of the best of today's praise songs as well as readings, prayers and more. A large portion of this project comes from the memorial gifts for I donna Minnick. Also included are gifts given in memory of Iola and Estel Hamilton, Joanna Hoover, Don Ivarson, Virginia Janulewicz, Irene Johnson, Kenneth Maxwell, Ione Semrau, Max Rothwell, and Bob Williams. Thank you to the families of these loved ones. When the hymnals arrive we will take time in the worship service for a moment of dedication. We will also offer our thanks to all who contributed to this new worship tool. May God be pleased as we offer praise in song.

Address for Rusty Kendle

From Barb Kendle: Rusty Kendle's address in Iraq. I'm sure he would enjoy getting mail from any of the church members. Thank you, Barb.
SPC Kendle Russell
264th CBS
1074th TC (3rd pit.)
APO AE 09381

You are invited to join us

For a

Christmas Brunch

in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a program of Christmas music

by Jess Watson

and

The Christmas Quilt

Presented by Jacci Irwin

There will be no charge

Please come and bring a friend.

Operation Christmas Child

Last Call for the Shoe Boxes, as they are due November the 15th. Thank You.

**Prayer Opportunity**

Dr. Teykle of Houston, TX is speaking at the United Methodist Church, November 19, from 2:30 to 7:00 pm. Dinner will be included and all materials needed will be included. Open to the community. Price \$35.00 if paid in advance. Register at UMC office, Alliance 762-3434. \$40.00 if paid at door. He will be speaking on prayer. www.renewalministries.com ..

Deacon Greeters

11/5 Wilma Hutchinson, Pat Howell
 11/12 June Tolstedt, Belva Krejci
 11/19 Sherri Fry, Jacci Irwin
 11/26 Vickie Hughart, Don Hughart

22 Chad Leever
 26 Elizabeth Goodell
 27 Betty Blakey Jean Hoag
 Don Tait
 28 Wilma Hutchinson
 30 Edward Iossi

Communion - Deacons

June Tolstedt, Jacci Irwin, Sherri Fry,
 Wilma Hutchinson

Off-site Communion:-

Good Samaritan Jacci Irwin
 Crossroads - Belva Krejci

Flowers - November

11/5 Keith and June Tolstedt
 11/12 Arnie and Doris Kuhn
 11/19 Vic and Jane Krause
 11/26 Rob and Colleen Hood

Ushers - November

* George Krejci, Belva Krejci, Shelley Bartling,
 and Jessica Mills

Liturgists - November

11/5 Katie Hughart
 11/12 Norma Green
 11/19 Marcela Marnett
 11/26 Barb Kendle

Greeters - November

November 5 Thelma Merritt-Trester
 November 12 LeRoy and Sherri Fry
 November 19 Donna Kutschke
 November 26 Don, Vickie, Katie and Annie
 Hughart

Anniversaries - November

11/11 Warren and Gladys Trank
 11/20 Leonard and Norma Green
 11/25 Rob and Colleen Hood

Birthdays - November

1 Dana Edwards Heather Grubbs
 Ronald Iossi
 2 Michael Mittan
 3 Eileen Jones
 5 Kathy Toedtli
 7 Dave Sterkel
 8 Denise Watson
 10 Colleen Hood
 13 Kevin Foster Steve Nelson
 14 Kaycee Bedient
 15 Donald Hughart
 16 Lloyd Howell Lola Shires
 18 Marcia Boots
 19 Michael Eich
 21 Vicki Bantam Polly Potmesil
 Jack Smaha



For Worship

Please prepare yourself for worship in prayer and the Word. In November Pastor Roosa will preach on “The Grace of Thanksgiving”. On the last Sunday of the month the Advent series will begin. It is titled What Christ Bring to Christmas. We often hear “they are taking the Christ out of Christmas.” This series will address the great truth that this cannot and will not ever happen.

Nov 5	Genesis 50:15-26	Come Forth As Gold	Communion
Nov 12			Food Pantry Sunday
Nov 19	Psalms 100	The Grace of Thanksgiving	
Nov 26	Psalms 23; John 14:1-6	A Place to Be	Christ the King Sunday

Hospice: Not a place, but a face

Throughout our lives, all of us encounter difficult and challenging situations. Most of us can remember someone who helped during those times – a grandparent, a special teacher, even a stranger who became a friend. The recollections of these “faces of caring” bring comfort and calm in the midst of crisis.

Yet when recalling end-of-life situations of those we love, many of use have different recollections. These memories may include the hurt on the face of a loved one in pain; the sorrow on the face of a family member who did not get the opportunity to say goodbye to a dying relative; the stress on the faces of those making difficult decisions about end-of-life choices without guidance or support.

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This month, professionals and volunteers work to raise awareness of this invaluable system of care. Those who provide hospice and palliative care offer pain and symptom control, dignity, and spiritual and emotional care for both dying persons and their loved ones when a cure is not possible. Hospice and palliative care puts a “face” on quality end-of-life care – the faces of nurses, doctors, social workers, spiritual caregivers, homecare aides and volunteers who provide services and support to families during one of life’s most challenging times.

Facts you need to know:

- More people choose hospice and palliative care each year. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that there are more than 4,000 hospice programs in the United States, and these programs cared for more than 1.2 million people last year.
- For twenty-five years, hospice has been a fully covered benefit under Medicare. Hospice is also covered by Medicaid, most private insurance plans, HMO’s and other managed care organizations.
- Hospice and palliative care can take place in a variety of settings, including private homes, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- Approximately 400,000 hospice volunteers contribute more than 18 million hours per year.
- Hospice and palliative care is an option for those with illnesses other than cancer, including HIV/AIDS and dementia.

- Professionally-trained staff help to facilitate communication between family members about advance care planning, end-of-life wishes and decision making.
- Studies have shown that hospice and palliative care directly addresses the concerns that many people have about dying, which include being in pain and being a burden on family.
- The majority of families whose loved one was cared for by hospice overwhelmingly support their decision to choose hospice care; the most common statement heard is, “we wish we had chosen hospice sooner.”

For more information, call 308-762-6500 or 877-699-774.
You may also find information on the internet at www.caringinfo.org.