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Jan. 3rd - United Worship: Coffee Host: The Luhr Family

11:00 Greeters: Ben & Elda Powley and Sherrilee Jones

Ushers: The Doug Korth family

Jan. 10th - Blended Worship-COMMUNION & INSTALLATION:

11:00 Greeters:

Ushers:

Jan. 17th: Coffee Host:

9:00 Greeters:

Ushers: Jean Anderson, Sonja Putnam, & Ann Letheby

11:00 Greeters:

Ushers:

Jan. 24th - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

9:00 Greeters:

Ushers: Jean Anderson, Sonja Putnam, & Ann Letheby

11:00 Greeters:

Ushers:

Jan 31st: Coffee Host:

9:00 Greeters:

Ushers: Jean Anderson, Sonja Putnam, & Ann Letheby

11:00 Greeters:

Ushers:

Communion Servers for January 10th 2010:

9:00 am: Traditional -

11:00 am: Intinction -



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(If you are unable to serve your assigned duty, please find a replacement and notify the office of the change for the bulletin. Thank you.)



Resolution Time: Focus on Serving Jesus!

It's New Year's Resolution time! Should I pretend I'm going to lose weight? Stop smoking? (I'm safe on that one, never started!) Work out longer? Read better books and watch less TV? How will I mandate my own self-improvement this year?

Jesus Christ is the author and perfecter of our self-improvement. What a relief! Does that mean I'm not responsible to make myself more perfect, more socially acceptable, and less of an irritant, disaster, and burden to those around me? What does He want to make of me? I'm not sure we have that answer clear in our heads and hearts, so I can follow along with His plan.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...

Hebrews 12:2

God wants us to become servants. I want to become a success, God wants me to become a servant! Like a butler, a waiter, a groundskeeper, someone in a uniform that obscures their distinctiveness and allows them to simply do their job. Serving. Not self-serving, either. Serving Him and serving His people—both Christians and pre-Christians. Where's the praise and glory and social reward in that? I just want to look better, feel better, and brag that I did it myself! He wants to love Him and others?

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1Peter 4:10

Where do I learn to do that? Studies show that reading the Bible is the single best predictor of folks who keep their promises on good living. That seems to be the same thing as most New Year's Resolutions, doesn't it? Good living is a basic idea in the Bible. Read some Old, some New, some Psalms every day, and it will help keep the bad behavior at bay. Really!

The world doesn't intend you to be good, just to consume. Advertisers just want you to buy their products. Whatever strategies they use—shame, fear, health worries, social rejection, excitement or pleasure—they have only one goal: Buy my product. It's not personal, just business. And the root of all evil is still the love of money. The world will not teach you God's ways, reward you for keeping God's ways, or help you to hope for God's ways. Love is costly, but not rewarding to business, the world economy or your personal prestige! Don't waste your time or money (the only valid measure of success) on losers or church. Get with the program!

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Matthew 6:24

So boil your resolutions down to one that has eternal impact: Read the Bible. How you live, and serve, and love flow from what you keep in front of your mind. Keep God's history, His prophets, His songs, His letters, His stories, His Son and His Spirit there. It will change you!

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

After getting to know Jesus through the apostle John in 2009, we will get to know Jesus through the life and teaching of Paul in 2010. Paul is the earliest writer in the New Testament. We are indebted to him for how we believe, do church, and live the life of a follower of Jesus. We will start with Paul's conversion soon after Jesus' resurrection, and follow him as he preaches the Good News on three missionary journeys in The Acts of the Apostles.

January—Sunday Worship @ 9:00 Traditional & 11:00 Contemporary

3 11 Conflict and Conversion: From Saul to Paul Acts 8-9

10 11 Mission Trip #1: P. Antioch "Light to the Gentiles" Acts 13:13-52 *Install. & Comm.*

17 9&11 Mission Trip #1: Lystra "God's Grace to Everyone" Acts 14:1-28

24 9&11 Mission Trip #2: Athens "To the Unknown God" Acts 17:10-33 *Cong. Mtg.*

31 9&11 Mission Trip #3: Ephesus "My Life as a Missionary" Acts 20:1-38

STATED SESSION MEETING - DECMEBER 7, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Elders: 2009 ✓ Brian Easland ✓ Dave Gerharter ✓ Karen Reimer ✓ Juanita Swanson
2010 ✓ Lee Torkelson ✓ Jennifer Jimmerson ✓ Chuck Olsen ✓ Greg Wendel
2011 Ann Dover ✓ Pat McCollough Luke Reisser Chuck Sintek
elected 2012 Angela Amundson Mark Johnson Doug Korth

Deacons: 2009 ✓ Bev Cleveland ✓ Lois Hansen Brian Richter ✓ Louise Torkelson
2010 ✓ Barb Beckman Betty Ediger ✓ Rod Johnson ✓ Tom Welstead
2011 ✓ Sherrilee Jones ✓ Heidi Korth ✓ Marci Pierce ✓ Greg Anderson
elected 2012 Carolyn Brower Bev Cleveland Dennis Sateren Linda Unkel

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Dave opened with prayer at 7:15, with the Deacon Board present for the annual joint meeting with the Session.

DEACONS REPORT Rod Johnson presented the Deacons' Annual Report, attached below (after which, the Deacons were excused). The Session expressed deep appreciation for the work of the Deacons both within and outside our congregation in local mission. The minutes of the Deacon Board for November and the report of the Deacon Treasurer were received.

MEMORIAL LIST: Helen Beckenhauer, Keith Brower, Jan Hughes, Ed Hurd, Mary Lou Ringer

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9 MINUTES was not obtained; the minutes were not available for review.

CLERK'S REPORT: Pastor Dave reported that Luke Reisser asked to be relieved of his responsibilities on the Session effective January, 2010. Session discussed several alternatives that would encourage Luke's continued membership in the Session with reduced responsibilities. Pastor Dave agreed to contact Luke and explore the situation, with follow-up to involve Pat McCollough and Chuck Olsen. No one agreed to serve as Clerk at this time.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

E-MAIL VOTES: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report.

PRESBYTERY REPORT: Dave Unkel attended with Pastor Dave, who reported that the meeting held on November 19 at Calvin Crest included the installation of new Executive Presbytery Dr. Richard "Doc" Wyatt, a celebration of John Calvin's 500th birthday with historical lectures, and the honoring of the Homesteader of the Year.

MODERATOR'S REPORT Pastor Dave's report is attached below. He presented a Draft Calendar for 2010 to be approved, and the Session approved the Calendar proposed for January through June. Session also approved for the Hispanic Commission to use the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on Christmas Day. Also, Session decided that worship in the one service on Dec. 20 will be blended to accompany the children's program, "A Beastly Christmas," and that worship in the one service on Dec. 27 will be traditional, led by Pastor Dave Rusk. Pastor Dave reported that sermons in early 2010 will focus on Paul, his sermons and letter to the Colossians.

YOUTH COORDINATOR REPORT: Chuck Olsen reported that our new Youth Director, Chad Hanson, will begin work no later than January 1. Two of our youth, Brendan Olsen and Emmanuel Mtika, will fly to Washington to help the Hansons pack and drive here. We will introduce Chad and his wife Shannon on Sunday, Jan. 3 with a reception preceding the service.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: One elder for the Elder Class of 2012 is still needed; several names were mentioned as potential invites or “ask-agains.”

TREASURER’S REPORT: The November Treasurer’s report was received as attached below.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT Brian Easland indicated that initial follow-up on pledge cards shows slow congregational response in returning the pledge cards.

EVANGELISM: Jennifer Jimmerson reported that the usual tasks of placing newspaper advertising, preparing visitor packets, and updating the phone directory continue.

PERSONNEL: Pastor Dave reported that the Session Retreat on hold, due to schedule conflicts at Divots. He also reported that we will soon need to seek a new Church Secretary, as Barb Bloomfield’s husband has accepted a job out of state, and the family is preparing to move. No date was set for her last day.

PROPERTIES REPORT: Greg Wendel reported that we will receive a \$3,000 water bill, evidence of a problem with the heat pumps in the Sanctuary. That problem has been corrected, but the staff has been directed to call Marty Clausen, our heating contractor, whenever the alarm sounds for the heat pump system. A new pneumatic compressor was installed for the heating system for the educational wing. Bids are being received for the new lighting in the hallways and offices and heating in the Youth Room, with work to start in the new year.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Juanita Swanson described the ongoing hospitality work for the Christmas season. She vowed to continue helping in that work in the new year when she departs from the Session.

MISSION: Dave Gerharter asked Heidi Korth to report on the Malawi Mission Committee. The Session approved fundraising plans including Malawi trip volunteers painting houses, hosting a rummage sale, and providing a post-service cookout; approval of a raffle of a donated Karl Reeder painting is pending based on response from the Presbytery and further consideration by the Session.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The children’s Christmas program plans are moving ahead well. The selected program, “A Beastly Christmas,” focuses on the animals around the manger. The children will act out lines read off-stage by adults, and the music will mostly be sung by the whole congregation. The program will make up the sermon section of worship on Dec. 20.

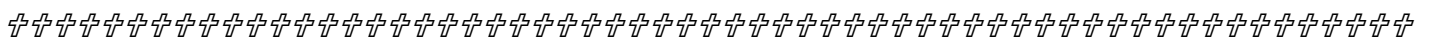
WORSHIP: Karen Reimer reported that Christmas Eve special preparations are underway.

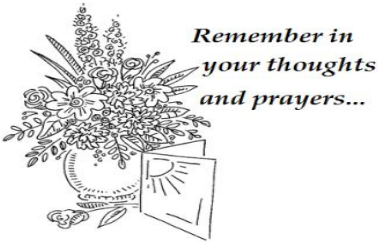
NEW BUSINESS: Elders signed up for Elders of the Month as follows: January: Chuck Olsen and Dough Korth; February: Pat McCollough and TBD; March: Greg Wendel and TBD; April: TBD and TBD; May: TBD and TBD; and June: Jennifer Jimmerson and TBD.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Next stated meeting is January 14, 2010.

Pastor David Crawford





*Remember in
your thoughts
and prayers...*

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Sr. Rosann in Perimiho (Benedictine Sister with the Norfolk Sisters); Rod & Mitzi Hesser (brother & sister-in-law of Rose Jones) and the community of Greensburg, KS; Ruth Lutes; Jens Sorsen, Hope Grimm, & Peter Henkel.

Current Prayer Requests:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>For Whom:</u>	<u>Prayer Request For:</u>
12/17/09	Lynn Cox	Doing well-back at Vet's home.
12/17/09	Walt Botsch	Hospitalized & moved to a regular room.
12/16/09	Bailey Dodd	(13 yr. old Granddaughter of Bev & Chuck Henkel)-Bailey buried a friend & needs prayers of support.
12/16/09	Betty Ediger	Awaiting surgery for a heart stint to be put in.
12/11/09	Terri Arrison	Begin chemo for lymphatic cancer.
12/11/09	Virgil Halsey	Recovering at home from surgery.
12/11/09	Tom Tomlinson	(Husband of Pastor Ruth Tomlinson of Trinity Episcopal)-diagnosed with terminal liver cancer.
12/07/09	Justin Eisenmann	Had first biopsy on new heart.
12/03/09	Tonda Shipley	(Wife of Dave Shipley)- Recovering from heart attack & complications.
12/01/09	Adam Welch	(Nephew of Janelle Gerharter)- continued prayers for more healing from complications.
11/30/09	Vera Eberhart	(Mother of Karen Reimer)- fell down a flight of stairs-hospitalized in Eureka, SD.
11/20/09	Evan Hughes	Hospitalized on 11/20.
11/19/09	Joseph Sateren	Back in the hospital on 11/19.
11/19/09	Wayne Seibert	Had a heart Cauterization done.
11/11/09	Don	(Jennifer Jimmerson's Step-dad)- responding well to his treatments for Liver cancer.
11/10/09	Jackie Shoope	(Sister of Nancy Measells)- return of cancer & starting treatment.
11/10/09	David Green	(Uncle of Bev Henkel)- severe heart condition, adjusting to care also.
11/10/09	Alice Green	(Aunt of Bev Henkel)- severe Alzheimer's, adjusting to care.

Nursing Homes & Vet's Home Prayers:

<u>Resident Name:</u>	<u>Where:</u>
Walter Botsch	Heritage of Bel-Air
Hazel Anson (Mother of John Lanz)	Heritage of Bel-Air
Marian Tennis	Homestead
Lynn Cox	Vet's Home

Evan Hughes
Dr. James & Ara Jane Dunlap
Stan & Berniece Diehl
Eldorna Weise
Bill (Sonja Putman's dad)
Mabel Ray (Sister of Jane Neely)
Joseph Sateren

Vet's Home
The Meadows
St. Joseph's
St. Joseph's
St. Joseph's
Countryside in Madison
Wisner Care Center

PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

Prayers for our Troops:

Please pray for our Nebraska National Guard as they are being deployed to Iraq. May God guide and protect them as they give their lives to protect us.



Thanks
be to
God!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MTIKAS!

With a lot of excitement and Praise to God, I want to announce that all the four green cards came today (11/15)!!!! Its now official! Thanks so much for all your help and encouragement through out. May God bless you abundantly. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. For the prayers, the work that you did for us, and the day-to-day support, the money and indeed everything you've done. Thanks.

Joe
for all the Mtikas.

(Please call the church office with any updates to your "Prayer Concerns". **We keep requests active for 4 weeks unless updated).**

SUCKER, SECOND BEST, & SINCEREST THANKS

A few words from your Interim Youth Coordinators

Our work as Interim Youth Coordinators is complete, and we're thrilled to welcome Chad along with you!

On the Kentucky & North Dakota experiences of the last 2 summers, we've seen teens grow personally in overcoming fear, barriers, and perceived weaknesses—as well as spiritually. The Holy Spirit was revealed in common experiences which we were able to work through together. Years from now, they'll likely have stories of their own which reflect God's use of trips such as these in their lives.

Our missions work this last year led us to recall 2 personal mission stories that helped shape who we are today:

JOHN: My first missions experience was to Matamoros, Mexico, when I was in college. Days after a hurricane, we slogged through foot-deep mud streets, carrying lumber to build a room-sized house-on-stilts for a 6-person family. Over the week, we watched the mom put her faith in Jesus and, as a thank you to us, she gave us each a lollipop in a tired, well-worn wrapper. The sucker became a treasure, as was the memory of this friend we will meet again in Heaven.

APRIL: While involved in Campus Crusade for Christ in college, I was accepted for year-long mission work in Hungary. At the last minute, I was cut from the team for reasons still unknown to me, but known by God. As a result, I "settled for second best," working a summer at Maranatha Bible Camp near North Platte (NE). My "second best" was God's first choice for me, and I returned several summers, eventually becoming full-time staff.

We would like to thank Session, Faye Gordon, & the congregation, on behalf of the youth, for making such an incredible investment into the youth room. Over 2009, the room has become a safe place...a sanctuary. Different generations ministered to one another (at the Valentine's Day intergenerational event, and on a sharing day at Confirmation). Our church's youth have invited friends to Unleashed, some of whom have become well-involved, valued members of the youth group.

Finally, we've found that youth ministry is a true team effort. Our heartfelt thanks go to:

- Ed McClymont, Ann Dover, & Roger Kahny (3 rockin' N.D. sponsors)
- Presbyterian Women & the adult mission team (for sharing treats with us and collaborating with the rummage sale)
- Angela & Chris Amundson (for designing, contracting, and carrying out so many details on the youth room...including the soon-to-come "Unleashed 2009" wall poster!)
- Renee McClymont & Sonja Putnam (for being supportive administrative assistants)
- Tuesday Night Fellowship (for their faithful prayer support)
- Kelly Soiffer, our Youth Ministry Architects consultant (for pushing us to grow)
- Ann Dover (for being our excellent Event Planner to line up all the little details)
- Kathy Kahny, Noreen Crawford, Ann Dover, Ed McClymont, & Janet Bowers (for participating in Wednesday Night youth group, Candy Bar Times, Youth Council, providing treats, etc.)
- Pastor Dave (for his ongoing encouragement and being our advocate)
- Our loving congregation (for rallying behind our youth in countless ways)
- Parents of our youth (for volunteering, & entrusting each teenager to our care), especially the Stoltz & Praeuner families for hosting events at their homes
- Every single teenager (for making the investment in Unleashed, participating in oddball games, asking questions, and discipling one another)

(Plus, anyone we inadvertently missed.)

—With love, John & April Laskowski



Happening This Month at 1st Presbyterian Church



BIBLE
DISCUSSION
GROUP

Tuesday Night Bible Discussion Group.

Will meet again starting Tues., Jan. 12th at 7:00 pm in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions about this group and what they are studying please contact Dorothy Richmond.

Coffee & Chatter group is together again.

The Coffee & Chatter group will meet again every Tuesday at 9 AM at Hy-Vee West starting on Tues., Jan 12th. Everyone is invited. Come and share some good coffee and conversation with us!



Coffee & Chatter



Session Members

Session to meet on January 11th!

The January 2010 meeting for Session will be held on Mon., Jan. 11th at 7 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact the church office.

Deacon's Meeting Date has changed!

The Deacons will now hold all monthly meetings on the **3rd Monday** of every month. The January meeting will be on Mon., Jan. 18th at 7:15 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Rod Johnson or the church office.



Choir Practice

Choir Practice to begin again!

The choir of First Presbyterian Church will resume their practice schedule on Wed., Jan. 6th at 7 pm. It's never too late to join the choir for their spring session. If you have any questions please contact our choir director, Greta Johnson.

Committee Meetings to be held.

The various committees of FPC will hold their monthly January meeting on Mon., Jan. 4th at 7 pm. If you are unable to attend your committee meeting please contact the church office or your committee moderator. Thank you.



After School Program

ASAP to resume schedule

The After School Assistance Program here at FPC will resume their regular schedule on Mon., Jan. 4th at 3:30 pm. It will continue to run every Mon-Thurs. at this time, unless otherwise noted. Watch the church bulletin for updates and changes. And thank you so much for your generous service to the kids of our community.

Removal of the Greens.

We are planning to take the Christmas decorations down following the January 3rd Worship Service. Any help would be much appreciated. Thank you.





The Newsletter is Ready Online!

THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Find this newsletter and others on our website at:

firstpresnorfolk.com/newsletter.htm.

Click on Information and then on Newsletter. From there you can pick from the last 3 months Newsletters. We will continue to send out the newsletter in it's paper form, but we do encourage everyone to check it out on the website. ****If you wish to no longer receive the paper copy of the monthly Newsletter please notify the office and we will send you an email alert letting you know when the current Newsletter and calendar is ready for your viewing. Call the office at 371-1635 or send an email to firstpresb@conpoint.com and we will put your name on our list for email notification.

ATTENTION-OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Regular Office hours: 8:30 am-3:30 pm.

All Songs and Announcements for the bulletins need to be in the office no later than **Thursday @ 10 AM**, for Friday's printing, unless otherwise noted..

Coming Events...

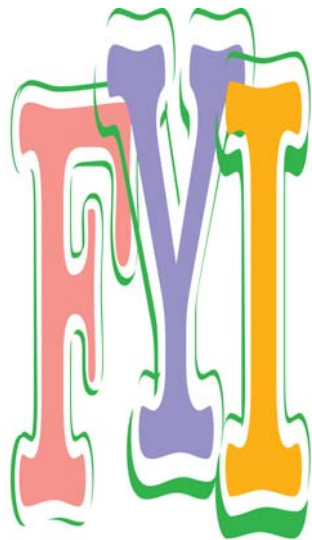
DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS-JAN.8TH, 2009!

Pastor is on vacation Fri., Jan 1st & Sat., Jan. 2nd, 2009

Office will be CLOSED Fri., Jan 1st for the New Year holiday.



Church Office Hours



IMPORTANT INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Sunday, Jan 3rd, 2009.

Blended Worship/Welcome Youth Director on **Sunday, Jan. 3rd** at 11 AM.

Removal of the Greens on **Sunday, Jan. 3rd** following service.

Committee Meetings on **Monday, Jan. 4th @ 7 PM.**

Unleashed starts again on **Wednesday., Jan. 6th @ 7 PM.**

Blended Worship/Installation of Officers on **Sunday, Jan. 10th @ 11 AM.**

Session Meeting on Monday, Jan. 11th @ 7 PM.

Deacon's Meeting on Monday, Jan. 18th @ 7:15 PM.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, Jan. 24th @ 10 AM.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

It's Not Too Late to Look into "Effective Parenting"

Not just for couples, but for every parent looking for support and wisdom as we raise our kids: "Effective Parenting in a Defective World!" Our goal: Our kids will become like Jesus! But how does that happen with the likes of us as parents? Join the seven of us as we share, snack, watch the video by Chip Ingram, and compare notes. Whining is allowed, but may be laughed at!

We meet on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Community Room, and we're just getting started. There's room for more! Babysitting is provided, so we'll see you on January 21!



Effective Parenting

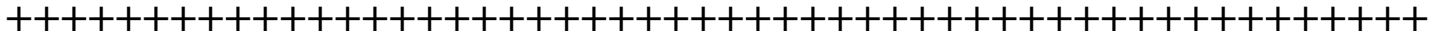
Congregational Meeting



First Presbyterian Church will hold their Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, Jan. 24th at 10 AM**, following the traditional service. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the **JANUARY** newsletter is **FEBRUARY 25TH!** Any items received after this date will be included in the newsletter for the following month.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

REVIEW OF OFFERINGS VS. EXPENSES

<u>OFFERINGS & INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
JANUARY	\$24,512.48	JANUARY	\$28,071.55	(\$3,559.07)
FEBRUARY	\$19,627.95	FEBRUARY thru 25th	\$25,218.73	(\$5,590.78)
MARCH	\$33,291.00	MARCH	\$27,601.51	\$5,689.49
APRIL	\$25,666.76	APRIL	\$27,187.43	(\$1,520.67)
MAY	\$28,257.44	MAY	\$27,674.84	\$582.60
JUNE	\$37,644.51	JUNE	\$37,497.47	\$147.04
JULY	\$21,126.16	JULY	\$24,947.04	(\$3,820.88)
AUGUST	\$18,812.65	AUGUST	\$20,587.88	(\$1,775.23)
SEPTEMBER	\$13,654.71	SEPTEMBER	\$26,777.44	(\$13,122.73)
OCTOBER	\$20,103.87	OCTOBER	\$22,875.18	(\$2,771.31)
NOVEMBER	\$36,136.34	NOVEMBER	\$25,820.66	\$10,315.68
DECEMBER thru 21st	\$25,046.47	DECEMBER thru 21st	\$21,324.00	\$3,722.47
YEAR-TO-DATE TO-TAL	\$303,880.34	YEAR-TO-DATE TO-TAL	\$315,583.73	(\$11,703.39)

Stewardship Planning



Offerings can last forever!

Have you remembered God's work in your will? Our Stewardship committee will be happy to help you provide for His church with just a little planning. See Chuck Olsen or Brian Easland.



IN THE MAIL/E-MAIL THIS MONTH:

Dear Church members,

As Dad, Bill Goetsch, battled bone cancer, I thank you for all your prayers, visits, cards, and food during this difficult time. Your outpouring of love and giving gave us courage. You truly are a family of God. Thank you.

Sheryl White, Sonja Putnam and family

Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for letting our family use the church basement for our Thanksgiving dinner. We so appreciate it! (Enclosed \$100 donation)

Thanks,
The Theisen & Sintek Families

To the members of the First Presbyterian Church-

Thank you for the lovely red carnation from the church that was given to me. I appreciate the visits from Rev. Crawford, letters & well wishes from members of the church.

Thanks again,
Walt Bostch

First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the plant & all the cards we received when we lost Darrell's mom.

The Oral Cleveland family

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for remembering mom (Hazel Anson) with the basket of fruit. She was so pleased. She was also grateful that Pastor brought her communion.

Thank you for all you do,
John & Peggy Lanz & Hazel Anson

First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for all that you have done for us throughout this past year.

Happy Holidays,
The Arc of Norfolk

Deacons of First Presbyterian Church,

The fruit plate is delicious and also I'm enjoying all the tapes Darrell Cleveland brings to me of the sermons.

Thanks so much!
Luella C. Friedrich

Dear Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the card and Subway gift card. It's very much appreciated.

Jennifer Wiedeman

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Thank you for the card and gift card. It is very appreciated.

Andrew Wiedeman

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

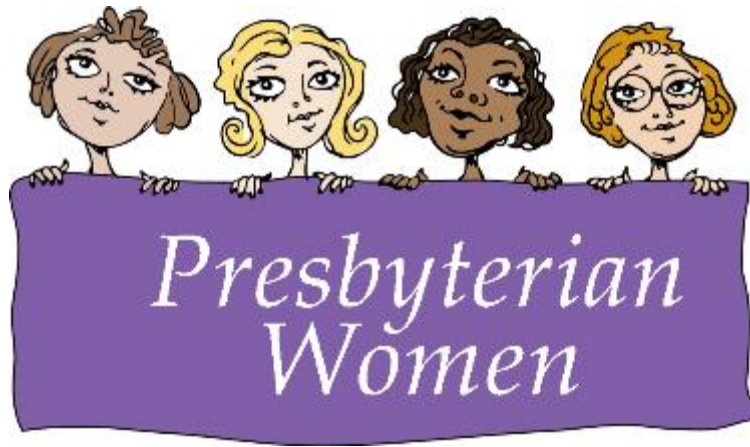
Thank you for the Christmas card and gift card to Subway! It was nice of you all to think of me during finals week. I used my gift card in between all the studying. :) I hope everyone has a merry Christmas!

Thanks again,
Erin Ptak

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during finals week, it is greatly appreciated. The Subway card as always will serve as a great break from studying. I am very much ready for Christmas break and being able to come home and spend time with my family.

Sincerely,
Jenna Hatfield



Fiber Friends **WILL MEET** on **Thurs., Jan. 7th, 14th, & 28th @ 1:00 PM**

Naomi Circle **WILL MEET** on **Tues., Jan. 12th @ 12:00 PM @ Prenger's.**

Ruth Circle **WILL MEET** on **Thurs., Jan. 21st @ 1:15 PM** in the Narthex.

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Our Green-Fiber recycling bin needs your newspapers!

Our Presbyterian Women sponsor the recycle bin in our parking lot. It turns out that we need a certain amount of recyclable paper each month for the bin to be provided free of charge, and even more so we earn money. Your newspaper, cardboard, and other kinds of waste paper are welcome!

JUST FOR YOUR INFO ABOUT OUR GREEN FIBER DUMPSTER

Green Fiber has sent us a list of what is acceptable items for our dumpsters and what IS NOT.

Here is what is accepted: Phone Books, Newspapers, Office Paper, Paperback Books, Paper bags, Cereal & Kleenex Boxes, Pop & Beer boxes, Cardboard, & Magazines.

These items are NOT accepted: Glass, All Plastic, All Metal, Styrofoam, Trash, String, Feed Sacks, and especially Used Pizza Boxes or any other soiled food containers!

Please keep these in mind when you are bring in your recyclables and again **THANK YOU** for helping us take care of our earth and our church!

Three books from the library and trophy shelves in the hall of the Christian Education Unit that may not be new to some readers are available. To check them out use the system of writing your name, the name of the book, and the date on the tablets kept for that purpose.

CHURCH LIBRARY

By DOROTHY
RICHMOND



Two new books that have been added to the library and trophy shelves in the hall of the Christian Education Unit are now available to readers. To check them out use the system of writing your name, the name of the book and the date on the tablet kept for that purpose.

Dee Henderson is the author of the two books for this month. Some of her books in our collection are those in the **O'Mallery and Uncommon Heroes** series.

God's Gift. Some of the information on the back cover about the book is as follows:

"Missionary work in Africa was the most difficult and faith-affirming labor James Graham had ever faced, and warm, homey presents from a Good Samaritan back home gave him hope to carry on. But an injury halted his work and sent him home to Chicago.

"There, James met Rachel Ashcroft, who'd sent those thoughtful gifts, and he was intrigued by the sadness that shadowed her features. Bringing the light back into Rachel's face gave him new purpose, but was this respite only temporary? Or could James release his past and open his heart to receive Rachel's gift of love?"

The Witness. The flyer of the front cover gives the following information:

"I KNOW THE FAMILY SECRET."

"Amanda Griffin is on the run. Eight years ago she disappeared after witnessing a terrible crime. Now her family thinks she's dead, but she's back in town . . . desperate to find a way to protect the ones she loves.

"PAY ME TO GO AWAY."

Police Chief Luke Granger is determined to find out who is behind the threats against Amanda and her sisters. With danger pressing in, there isn't much time, and Luke must put everything on the line.

CHIEF GRANGER and homicide detectives Connor and Marsh will do whatever it takes to stand in harm's way for the sake of the three Griffin women. It's no longer professional—it's personal. But changes are that at least one of them will fail . . . And it's going to take a faith deeper than any of them currently knows to stand and confront the danger still to come. "

Some of the comments about the books of Dee Henderson in the two books are as follows:

God's Gift: The name Dee Henderson is synonymous with authenticity. Her books shine with believable facts and descriptions while her characters think and act like the professionals they are."

--- Romantic Times BOOKclub

"Solid storytelling (and) compelling characters . . . make Henderson a name to watch."

--- Library Journal

"Ms. Henderson's sparkling characters and superb plotting . . . sweep the reader along to a breathless conclusion." --- Lori Copeland, bestselling author of the Brides of the West series

The Witness: "There are a whole lot of romance/suspense Christian book writers out there but none like Dee Henderson." --- G. K., Amazon reader

"No one blends family and faith with heart-pounding action like Dee Henderson!" --- D. F., Amazon reader

"Dee Henderson is an invigorating breath of fresh air in Christian writing." --- L. T., Amazon reader

"Dee Henderson is a phenomenal writer. Her books are fast-paced and keep you on the edge of your seat. Be warned . . . if you ever read one of Dee's books you'll be hooked!" --- T., Amazon reader

"Dee Henderson is an awesome writer. Her books have a mix of romance, excitement, action, and wholesome goodness." J. B., Amazon reader

"Dee Henderson knows how to capture your heart with her books." A. A., Amazon reader

If you like intense excitement and mystery stories, Dee Henderson is your author. Enjoy the reading.



January Birthday Blessings!

Kim Easland	2-Jan
Addyson Cordova-Keating	3-Jan
Angela Hurd	6-Jan
Linda Beckenhauer	7-Jan
Nicholas Simpson	7-Jan
Sally Jo Blazek	8-Jan
Jennifer Schuckman	8-Jan
Dave Unkel	10-Jan
Elizabeth Johnson	11-Jan
Mitch Dudley	12-Jan
Jane Neely	14-Jan
Jake Korth	14-Jan
Peggy Lanz	15-Jan
Al Beckmann	15-Jan
Tyler Wells	17-Jan
Lowell Beckenhauer, Jr.	18-Jan
Richard Osborne	19-Jan
Mark Johnson	19-Jan
Mikayla Clyde	19-Jan
Jamie Reiff	20-Jan
Cynthia Rehan	20-Jan
Tawyna Smith	21-Jan
Claire Sintek	21-Jan
Maria Alarcon-Roman	21-Jan
Michael Cleveland	23-Jan
Kaci Zarek	23-Jan
Peggy Krusemark	24-Jan
Chris Denney	25-Jan
Hope Grimm	25-Jan
Betty Hurd	26-Jan
Chris Judt	27-Jan
Katie Neff	27-Jan
Cathleen Keating	27-Jan
Cindy Robertson	28-Jan
Dorothy Unkel	31-Jan



THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

Ed and Renee McClymont	8-Jan 27 yrs
Longin and Delilah Karel	10-Jan 23 yrs
Dave and Linda Unkel	13-Jan 37 yrs
Richard and Mary Osborne	17-Jan 29 yrs

*God's birthday and anniversary
blessings to everyone!*