

The Chimes

of First Presbyterian Church

November 2016

A monthly newsletter for friends and members of our church...



No Falling...

2 Kings 10:10—“Know then that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the Word of the Lord.”

Yesterday afternoon, I heard a loud sound from outside of the church. I checked to see what it was and noticed that a few tree trimmers were cutting down a tree across the street. I couldn't tell how old it was, but the tree was big and tall. After a couple of strikes of an electric saw, it fell down to the ground in pieces.

Then I thought of the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York City. Groundbreaking for the two buildings took place in 1966, and was completed in 1970 and 1971, in lower Manhattan. The height of these enormous towers was 413m (1,355 ft.) to the very top. However, it took only seconds for the buildings to crumble into rubble and 2,750 lives went down with it. One of them was a good friend of mine from college. To this day I extend my condolences to those who lost their families.



In South Korea, the number one national treasure was also destroyed in 2008. It was called Namdaemun and was built in 1398. This historical gate, located in the heart of the capital, fell to pieces at the hands of an arsonist. It also took only a few seconds for this 600 year old national treasure to be demolished.

Whatever looks great, huge or beautiful was gone in a heartbeat. No matter how much we value or love the things built, or grown naturally, someday they will disappear into the history books and only remain as a faint memory.

Then what do we do? Should we not build anything on earth? Should we deny ourselves all those beautiful things? No, we shouldn't. But the question we should ask is **what our focus really is**. What matters is whether we follow what we externally see or feel, or whether we strive for the invisible truth behind those human senses. The Spirit of God deeply permeates through all human events, and fulfills the Lord's authoritative plan. His Word only, is everlasting. Only His power is permanent.

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It Takes a Lot of People

Wk	Flowers For Month	Elders Communion	Deacons	Ushers For Month	Greeters	Liturgist	Prayer Team	Children's Message
11/6	Janet Williams	1) J. Butzine 2) J. Green S. Fry	S. Nelson S. Kammerer G. Redecker	B. Krejci G. Krejci F. Colwell M. Colwell	Rob, Colleen, Baily & Macala Hood	Annie Hughart	Available Prayer Team Members	Hannah Weisgerber
11/7		Communion Crossroads & Highland						
11/13	Marv and Kathie Toedtli			Same	Gary Leever	Open	Available Prayer Team Members	Amanda Mittan
11/20	Norm and Helen McConnell			Same	Robyn Iossi	Open	Available Prayer Team Members	Manda Clarke
11/27	Steve and Betty Blakey			Same	Steve and Betty Blakey	Pat Dobry	Available Prayer Team Members	Kim Hielscher



The Prayer and Worship team met on October 24th, and part of our conversation was about new lighted garland and silk poinsettia plants to decorate the church for the Advent Season. We are in the process of gathering prices and will be asking congregation members if they would consider donating to this cause. Further information will be coming soon. Thanks to all who call this their church home!

Statement of Receipts - Fin'l Secretary - October 2016

Offerings	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30		Monthly Total	Bal. Fwd	YTD - 2016
Pledged Offerings	3,943.00	2,276.00	810.00	534.00			7,563.00	80,748.37	88,311.37
Un-pledged Offerings	430.00	975.00	170.00	120.00			1,695.00	18,115.00	19,810.00
Loose Offerings	28.00	6.00	30.00	34.00			98.00	1,207.42	1,305.42
Total Offerings	\$4,401.00	\$3,257.00	\$1,010.00	\$688.00	\$0.00		\$9,356.00	\$100,070.79	\$109,426.79

Soup Festival Update . . .



How many of the 14 soups did you try at the Soup Festival? The Outreach Soup Ministry thanks so many volunteers that made soup, helped with set-up and clean-up, made jars of soup to freeze, sold tickets, and provided breads & crackers. (Someone needs to volunteer to be a head counter next year!) We hope everyone enjoyed the food & fellowship as we moved around the hall trying new soups.

Lyllus Dalbey's White Bean Chicken Soup had the most votes and is the 2016 soup winner. Congratulations, Lyllus!

Recipes will be available in the Office for \$.50/each for a few weeks for those who wish to make a favorite one for the day themselves.

The Presbyterian Women would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Rummage Sale. From set-up to clean-up, we had so much help and everyone's contribution helped to make the sale a huge success!



Circle Meetings

The November Meeting for Good Morning Circle will be at the church on the 2nd, at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be In-sun Colerick and Elaine Potmesil.

Serendipity Circle will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m., on November 2nd. Hostess is Helen McConnell.

C.T. Board will be meeting on November 16th, at 9:00 a.m. at the church with Donna Kutschke and Marca Boots as Hostesses.

November Birthdays

- 1 Ronald Iossi
- 2 Michael Mittan
- 5 Kathie Toedtli
- 8 Denise Watson
- 10 Colleen Hood
- 13 Steve Nelson
- 13 Kevin Foster
- 14 Kaycee Bedient
- 15 Donald Hughart
- 16 Lloyd Howell
- 16 Lola Shires
- 17 Dick Foland
- 18 Marcia Boots
- 21 Polly Potmesil
- 21 Hannah Weisgerber
- 22 Vicki Bantam
- 26 Betsey Goodell
- 27 Betty Blakey
- 28 Wilma Hutchinson



November Anniversaries

- 4 Don and Vickie Freiburger
- 12 Gary and Mary Goodell
- 23 Norm and Helen McConnell
- 25 Rob and Coleen Hood
- 26 Stephen and Sydney Roosa



Men's Breakfast



Our Men's Life Group will have their next breakfast on Saturday, November 12th in the Fellowship Hall. Make sure to bring a friend to breakfast.



Children and Youth News — November 2016

It's November, already, the third month of Sunday School. Gayle Redecker led the Elementary Class in October. Thank you, Gayle! Helen McConnell will be teaching in the Elementary Classroom in November.

The students in the Teen Classroom have been assembling a few Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes each Sunday, in preparation for buying items to fill the boxes on November 6.

The Children and Youth Bake Sale on October 16th was a HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to all those who donated items for the sale. The children and youth would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to those who purchased items or gave a donation. Funds generated for youth mission giving totaled \$436. These funds will go toward purchasing items for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes and paying the postage to send them to Samaritan's Purse, the organization that developed Operation Christmas Child.

The children and youth will have their shopping trip to purchase the items for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 6th, during Sunday School time. After the shopping trip they will return to the church to share lunch and stuff the shoe boxes with the items they purchased. This is always a fun activity for our church's children as they help other children.

Please keep the Sunday School Teachers, parents and children of our congregation in prayer. If you would be willing to teach a month of Sunday School (or a second month) in the Elementary Classroom, please contact Barb Kendle. The months of February and May are still open. Please consider teaching Sunday School.

The CYM Team will meet next, as part of the Spiritual Formation Team, on Sunday, November 6th, after worship and fellowship.

Barb Kendle
CYM Director



Dear Friends,

Thanks to supporters like you, we earned nearly \$5,000 from Box Tops for Education alone last year! Every little bit adds up! Tell your friends and families.

Blessings and Thank You from Menaul School.

Some Facts About Menaul:

- The only mid and high school in Albuquerque with a resident student program, Menaul is a coeducational institution of education in grades 6-12, serving 360-370 students a year.
- It is fully accredited by the North Central Association of colleges and Secondary Schools and by the New Mexico Department of Education, and is one of nine racial ethnic schools and colleges nationwide supported by the PCUSA.
- It was established as a Presbyterian mission school in 1881 by Rev. Sheldon Jackson and reopened by Rev. James Menaul in 1896.
- Though now incorporated as a nonprofit organization with its own Board of Trustees, Menaul School maintains its Presbyterian relationship and mission through covenantal relationships with the General Assembly of the PCUSA, the presbytery of Santa Fe and the Synod of the Southwest.

In September, Phyllis Knoflicek mailed 276 Box Tops, 12 Bonus Box Tops and 1-20 Bonus Box Tops to Menaul School. Thanks to everyone for continuing to bring your Box Tops to the church. Note: The certificates on Campbell's Soup labels are no longer accepted for this program. Box Tops bring 10 cents each to the school.

Bible Studies and Times:

Sunday—Morning Star—8:00 a.m. (Agents of Babylon)

Sunday—Adult Sunday School —9:00 a.m. (Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World)

Tuesday—Early Morning Bible Study—6:30 a.m. (Escape the Coming Night)

Tuesday—EWG Bible Study—9:00 a.m. (Encounter With God)

Wednesday—Young Family Bible Study—6:30 p.m. (Restless—Because You Were Made for More)

Thursday—Women of Faith—9:00 a.m. (Armor of God)

Thursday—Living Stones—2:00 p.m. (Ten Questions Christians are Asking) **Note: New Meeting Time**



This and That . . .



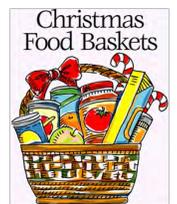
A note to the Moderators of all ministry teams of the church. Please remember that you will need to submit your Annual Reports to Pat in the office in December, in preparation for the Annual Meeting Booklets. December seems like a long way off yet—but it really isn't. Also, if you haven't submitted budget requirements to the Trustees yet, please do so. Thank You!



Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Church Register for the years 1944 through 1948? It is missing from the Workroom. If you might have it at home, would you please return it to the Workroom? Thank you!

Christmas Food Baskets . . .

I would like to remind you about the Christmas food baskets that our church provides as a part of all the baskets given out by people of Alliance. Last year our church provided food baskets for 20 families. There is a box at each entry marked food baskets where you can leave nonperishable items. Also, there is a container marked food baskets where you may leave a monetary donation. Last year potatoes, beans, bread, canned vegetables, peanut butter, cake mixes, mittens and hats were donated by the congregation as well as money to help buy the perishable food. Thank you in advance for your help to make this mission possible. If you have any questions or wish to donate something that you need to visit with me about you can call Janet Schlattmann at 762-8647 or 760-3063.



Prayer Chain . . .

If you are not receiving prayer requests via e-mail and would like to, please give Pat a call and let her know so she can add you to the list. We also have a Prayer Chain via telephone for those who don't have e-mail, so if you would like to be on this list, please tell Pat and she will pass your name to the individual who initiates those calls.



The Congregation is invited to come and join in the celebration of the marriage of Geoffrey Evert and Sarah Powell on Sunday, November 6th at 3:00 P.M. Please come and celebrate this special time with them. Geoff and Sarah would love to see you there!



Come start your Christmas Season with us.

Presbyterian Women Annual Tea

December 3, 2016

10:00 A.M.

5th and Emerson

Alliance, Nebraska

Please RSVP to one of the following

Church office 762-1775

Pat Howell 762-1998



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads 9:00 Missions Team Meeting	2 -9:00 Good Morning Circle at the Church Hostesses/J. Colerick, E. Potmesil -1:30p Serendipity Circle-Hostess Helen McConnell -6:30p Family Bible Study	3 -9:00 Women of Faith -11:00 Memorial Team Meeting -2:00p Living Stones	4 	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship, Communion -11:45 CYM, SPF, Outreach Mtg -3:00p Geoff & Sarah's Wedding	7	8 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -6:30 Trustees Meeting ELECTION DAY	9 -6:30p Family Bible Study	10 -9:00 Women of Faith -2:00p Living Stones	11	12 -8:00 Men's Life Breakfast
13 DOVES Sunday -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship	14 -7:00p Session Mtg	15 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads	16 -9:00 CT Meeting at the Church Hostesses / M. Boots, D. Kutschke -6:30p Family Bible Study	17 -9:00 Women of Faith -2:00p Living Stones	18	19 Panhandle Quilt Guild Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
20 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship -11:45 Deacons Meeting Advent Decorating—Mexican Fiesta Dinner Following	21	22 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads Chimes Deadline	23		25	26
		Pastor Jay Gone				
27 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship	28 -11:30 Ladies Lunch at Arbys -7:30p Prayer and Worship Mtg.	29 Chimes Deadline -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads	30 -6:30p Family Bible Study -7:00p Choir Practice	Pastor Jay Returns		

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Thoughts for the Journey—How We Worship...

THE WORSHIP OF GOD IS THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND CENTER OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH. The Westminster Shorter Catechism affirms that our chief end in life is “to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” This places the worship of God at the very center of what it means to be God’s people and makes worship the highest expression we can render to our God-given humanity. Christian worship is a corporate act of the people of God where we gather to realize God’s presence and respond with praise to God’s gift of love to us in Jesus Christ.

The next several months this column will focus individual acts of worship that take place each Sunday.

8. **THE GLORIA PATRI**—is sung in response to the good news that we, in Jesus Christ, stand forgiven.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

9. **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**—invites the presence of the Holy Spirit to bless us with the understanding of God’s Word in Scripture.

10. **THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**—are central to this section of the service, which is drawn from the ancient synagogue service concerned primarily with the reading and preaching of God’s Word. While the synagogue service consisted of readings from the Old Testament, readings from the New Testament were added as Christians began to develop their own scriptures. Most weeks at First Presbyterian Church will include a reading from each testament reflecting the biblical center of our worship.

Let’s begin to approach our morning of worship as we enter the Sanctuary—directing our hearts and minds towards our gracious God in order to glorify Him and give ourselves totally to Him in praise and worship.