

The Chimes

of First Presbyterian Church

February 2016

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

Greeting from Jay Kim



Come to Him With All of Your Heart...

Mark 5:30-34

"Immediately aware that power had gone forth from Him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You; how can You say, 'Who touched me'...but the woman came in fear and trembling, falling down before Him. He said your faith made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Last week, I read the story of the woman who suffered from hemorrhaging for twelve years and touched Jesus' robe. Then I found an interesting fact; Jesus asked who touched Him. Did He really not know who it was? It is hard to believe that Christ, the Son of God, didn't recognize who she was. Yes, He knew who touched Him, so why did Jesus ask that specific question at that moment when the crowd was pressing around Him? The question was not asked to find out who touched Jesus. It was for the crowds to hear His response. They followed Jesus everywhere. They probably tried to get close to Him because they were curious, or He might have been a superstar to them. But there was only one person in the crowd who really touched Jesus with all her heart. The woman reached out to Jesus through her shame, desperation, and a broken heart. Jesus was the only hope to cure her sickness. She could have been the only one who truly believed in His power. So, it can be rephrased, "There are so many people around Me but only one person who wholeheartedly touched Me."

Once in a while I think about what I am doing for the Lord; how busy I am and how much time I spend. Yes, I am staying at church all the time next to the Sanctuary. But what if Jesus would say I'm not really reaching out to Him? Instead of bringing my brokenness to the Lord, I'm hiding it and just sugar-coating it, so it makes me look clean and good.

We should not just walk around Jesus, and press in on Him. We need to sincerely reach out our hands to Him with our humility and shamefulness, and believe that He is the only One who can heal us. Then our Lord will turn around and say, "You have touched me. Go in peace and you will be healed."

Jay Kim

It Takes a Lot of People

Wk	Flowers For Month	Elders Communion	Deacons	Ushers For Month	Greeters	Liturgist	Prayer Team
2/7	Open	1) F. Tolstedt 2) K. Toedtli B. Blakey	D. Prella N. Green C. Furrow	G. Krejci B. Krejci B. Dobry A. Boots V. Hughart	Bob and Sue Kammerer	Misty Nollette	Kathie Toedtli Pat Dobry
2/8	Communion Highland & Crossroads						
2/10 Ash Weds.		1) P. Dobry 2) G. Gatti	K. Essex L. Dalbey D. Prella				
2/14	Open				George and Belva Krejci	Misty Nollette	Sherri Fry Kim Hielscher
2/21	Insun Colerick				Karla Kutschke	Joyce Butzine	Barb Kendle Laona Perrin
2/28	Open				Janet Williams	Joyce Butzine	Sue Kammerer Ray Hielscher

****Men's Breakfast****

Our next Men's Life Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 13th at 8:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Men of the church, please come share in our time of fellowship and remember to invite a friend to come with you!



Do unto others...with soup! Remember our ministry of soup and take it out into the community. Invite those you bless to church. Tell them we care!



Stmt of Rcpts - Fin'l Secretary - January 2016

Offerings	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31	Monthly Total	Bal. Fwd	YTD - 2016
Pledged Offerings	4,294.00	3,241.00	400.00	1,390.87	\$973.00	10,298.87		10,298.87
Un-pledged Offerings	545.00	565.00	310.00	240.00	\$485.00	2,145.00		2,145.00
Loose Offerings	19.00	16.00	25.00	11.00	\$19.00	90.00		90.00
Total Offerings	\$4,858.00	\$3,822.00	\$735.00	\$1,641.87	\$1,477.00	\$12,533.87		\$12,533.87

Cookie Corner...

Have you signed up to make and serve cookies after church on Sunday?



Our Missions Team will be providing cookies on Valentine's Day, but the other February Sundays are open. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the Parlor kitchen to bring cookies in the coming months.

Thank you for participating and making our after worship time a delicious time together!

Flower Ministry

Our new flower calendar can be found on the bulletin board in the church narthex. Please sign-up to provide flowers for our Sunday services. Please don't forget that here are also seasonal bouquets now that have been provided by the Presbyterian Women for you to use when sponsoring a Sunday for flowers. Thank you for participating in this ministry and making our church beautiful and appealing!



Circle Meetings

Good Morning Circle will be meeting on February 3rd at 9:00 a.m. at Shirley Watson's home at 901 Black Hills. Shirley and Donna Kutschke will be the Hostesses.

Serendipity Circle will be meeting on February 3rd at 1:30 p.m. with Sherri Fry as Hostess

C.T. Will meet on February 17th 20th with coffee at 9:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Hostesses are Betty Blakey and Jane Krause

February Birthdays

- 2 Linda Spencer
- 4 John Hansen
- 6 Karla Kutschke
- 12 Steve Redecker
- 15 Cindy Foster
- 15 Judy Meyer
- 17 Phyllis Simpson
- 20 Joyce Butzine



Lenten Luncheons for the Christian Community

Our luncheon theme for 2016 is *Marks of Discipleship*. These meals take place on Thursdays at Noon, followed by a devotion led by one of the leaders of our churches in Alliance. Suggested donation is \$5.00. All are welcome. Come enjoy and nurture the gift of 'community in Christ'. And "thank you" to all who prepare these meals and messages for the Christian community in Box Butte County.

Host Churches for Lenten Luncheons—2016

- February 11—St. Matthews Episcopal Church
- February 18—St. John's Lutheran Church
- February 25—First Baptist Church
- March 3—First Presbyterian Church
- March 10—Holy Rosary Catholic Church
- March 17—Alliance United Methodist Church





Children and Youth News — February 2016

The month of February is upon us. It is a month associated with love. Let's all share God's love with each other and especially the children in our Sunday School.

Thank you to Colleen Hood who led the children in the Elementary Classroom in January. February's teacher will be Hannah Weisgerber. Hannah has been doing a wonderful job leading the Children's Message during worship and we are glad to have her teaching a month of Sunday School.

February 14th is the first Sunday of Lent. It is also the beginning of our annual children's Lenten Pal Ministry. We have five children participating who need a sponsor for this ministry. Many of you have been Lenten Pals in the past. If you would like to be one of the children's sponsors again this year, or would like to be a sponsor for the first time, please contact Barb Kendle by February 7th. Contact her at church or her home phone: 762-1679. This ministry will conclude on Palm Sunday, March 20th, at the Lenten Pal Luncheon. **(For more on this children's ministry see the accompanying article in the Chimes.)**

The Elementary Classroom is looking for a teacher for April. It can be one person, or a couple people who would like to split the Sundays. Contact Barb Kendle if God is nudging you and you are willing to help out.

The CYM Team will meet next, as part of the Spiritual Formation Team, on Sunday, February 7th in the Conference Room, after worship and fellowship. Please feel free to join us.

Barb Kendle
CYM Moderator

It is almost time for our church's Lenten Secret Pals Children's Ministry. This is a fun activity uniting the adults and children of our church during the Lenten Season. Children ages four-eleven (5th grade) are secretly matched with an adult member, or couple, from our congregation. Through small, weekly gifts and notes the children are reminded of the meaning of Easter. Following is how this ministry works:

- 1) Each week of Lent the Secret Pal Child receives a small gift from you (\$5 or less). Each gift should have some connection to the Christian faith. A simple card or note with each gift quoting Scripture or other saying can help the child make the link between our faith and the gift.
- 2) Unwrapped gifts are placed in the Sunday School Office anytime during the week, but prior to, 10 AM on each Lenten Sunday (February 14, 21, 28, and March 7, and 14) in a specially marked sack with your child's name on it. ** (The office will be locked, except Sunday mornings. Ask Pat to open the office for you if you come during the week. (Office hours: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM)
- 3) The final gift, given at a Lenten Pal Tea at church on Palm Sunday, (March 20) is not placed in the children's sack, but it is brought to the gathering where the "Secret Pals" will be revealed. This final gift is wrapped and \$10 or less in cost.

This is truly a rewarding activity. If you are able to be a Lenten Secret Pal for a child in our congregation, please, contact me by February 7 at 762-1679. (Leave a message on the answering machine if I am not at home, and I will get back to you.)

Barb Kendle—CYM Moderator



FROM THE MISSION TEAM

We are continuing with our "A Heart for Mission" theme by serving homemade frosted heart-shaped sugar cookies at fellowship time following February 14th worship. We will also be selling cookies to earn money for another year of sponsorship in support of our Gospel for Asia missionary, Rachana, who is serving and witnessing in Nepal. We are planning a festive occasion and appreciate any and all support from you, our church family.



From the Presbyterian Women

By Phyllis Knoflicek



Thanks to those of you who have placed "box tops" and Campbell's Soup Labels in the basket provided on top of the Parlor refrigerator. I collect, trim, count, and send them to Menaul School in Albuquerque, N.M.

Menaul, now incorporated as a non-profit organization with its own board of trustees maintains its Presbyterian relationship and mission through covenant relationships with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Presbytery of Santa Fe and the Synod of the Southwest.

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.
- It was established as a Presbyterian mission school in 1881 by Rev. Sheldon Jackson and reopened by Rev. James Menaul in 1896.
- Menaul is one of nine racial ethnic schools and colleges nationwide supported by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

This year I have mailed 536 box tops and 707 labels to Menaul School, which, according to Jim Hodges of the school, help to provide things like musical instruments, maps, globes, sports equipment, and a video-data projector for the science department. The school has a goal of acquiring another of these projectors at the cost of 90,000 labels each. General Mills Box top for Education pays Menaul 10 cents for each box top. Since they started collecting they have received over \$15,000.

Please continue to place box tops and labels in the basket on top of the Parlor refrigerator, and thanks again to everyone for their donations.



Jesus Feeds 5,000

Read how Jesus fed 5,000 in Mark 6:30-46.

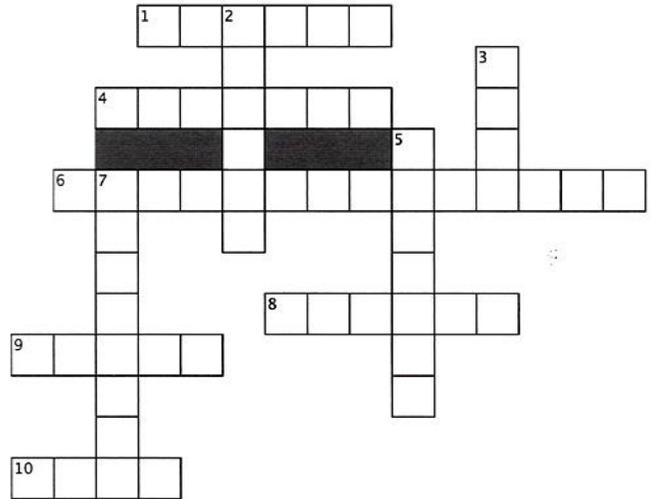
Then find the words below hidden in the puzzle.

Words can be forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonal.

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| BOAT | TEACHING | FIVE LOAVES | SATISFIED |
| SOLITARY | LATE IN DAY | TWO FISH | FIVE |
| RECOGNIZED | CROWD | GAVE THANKS | THOUSAND |
| RAN ON FOOT | HUNGRY | BLESSED | |

Jesus' Miracles



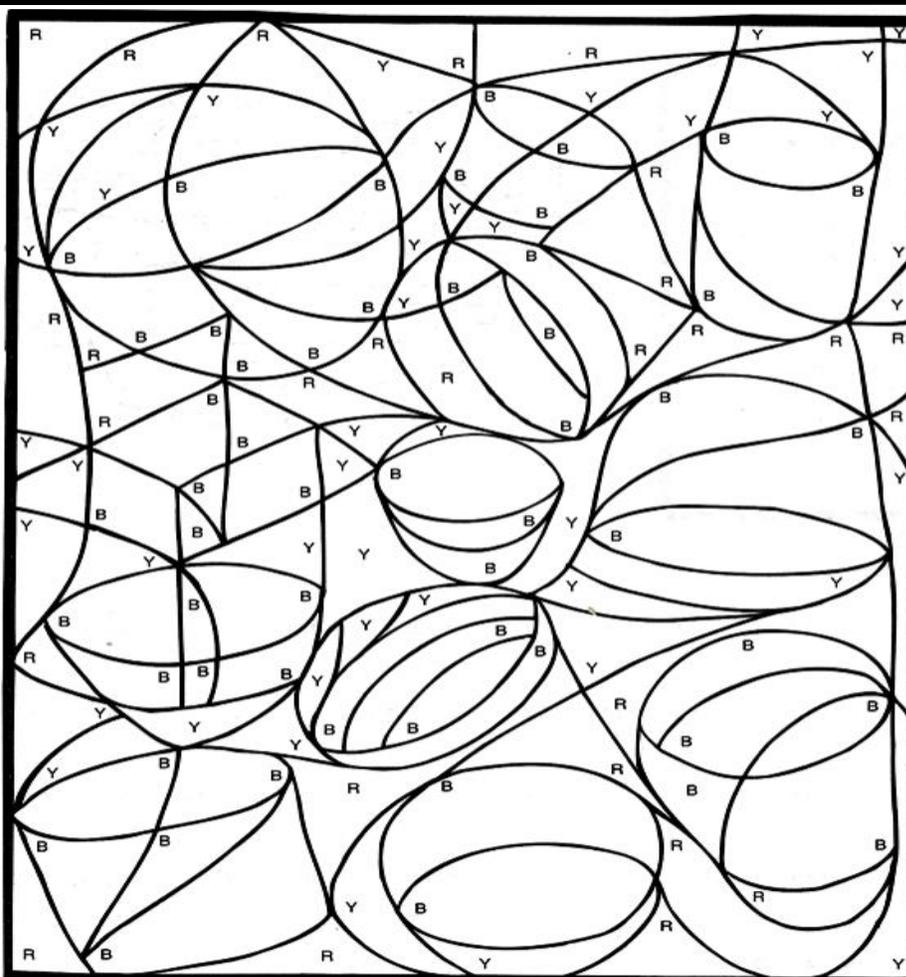
Across

- Jesus told a blind man to, "Go, wash in the pool of _____." (John 9:1-12)
- This man had been dead for four days when Christ raised him from the grave. (John 11:1-43)
- After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, "_____." (Luke 24:36-53)
- Jesus raised this ruler of the synagogue's daughter from the dead. (Mark 5:21-43)
- Jesus healed this disciple's mother-in-law. (Matthew 8:14-17)
- Jesus turned water into this. (John 2:1-11)

Down

- Jesus fed 5,000 people with two fishes and five _____. (Luke 9:10-17)
- Jesus told Peter he would find the tax money in the mouth of a _____. (Matthew 17:24-27)
- This withered when Jesus cursed it. (Matthew 21:18-22)
- Jesus healed a woman that was crippled by a spirit for how many years? (Luke 13:10-17)

KID'S PAGE



Color each space that contains a "y" yellow. Color each space that contains a "r" brown. Color each space that contains an "r" red. Count how many baskets full of food were left over. Then read John 6:1-14 to see if you are correct.

More Than Enough

When Jesus fed the great crowd of people starting with only two little fish and five loaves of barley bread, God provided more than enough food. After everyone had eaten all that they wanted, Jesus' followers gathered up the leftovers. How much extra food was there?

Worship and the Sacraments

Sunday: *Lord's Day Worship* 10:30 A.M.

(September— May), 9:30 A.M. (June—August)

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month and by appointment where needed.

Baptism is offered by advanced arrangement with the Pastor and Session.

Christian weddings are conducted by the Pastor. Premarital Counseling is required.

Funerals are an important part of the church's ministry and are offered to members and friends of the church when needed. Please contact the church. We normally work with Bates-Gould Funeral Home. On occasion an out-of-town funeral home can be used.

Church Membership

We encourage you to become a Member of the Congregation as an expression of personal faith in Jesus Christ. The Pastor offers an Inquirer's Class once a quarter. Following the class, those desiring membership will meet with the Session for reception. Please call the office or contact Pastor Jay Kim for information.

Our Vision Statement

We aspire to be a church...

...where the risen Christ is exalted and the Holy Spirit dwells with power.

...where the Holy Spirit's power calls forth a yearning for prayer and hunger for the Scriptures.

...where prayer and the Word kindle a concern for others, awaken a willingness to sacrifice, and energize the exercise of spiritual gifts.

...there is power to change lives.

Your Session

Jill Green	Clerk of Session
Joyce Butzine	Prayer and Worship Team
Sherri Fry	Memorial Committee
Larry Curtiss	Stewardship
Frank Tolstedt	Personnel Committee
Kathie Toedtli	Missions Team
Betty Blakey	Presbyterian Women Representative
Gene Gatti	Outreach
Pat Dobry	

Your Deacons

Marvin Toedtli, Norma Green, Phyllis Knoflicek, Sue Kammerer, Gayle Redecker, Stevan Nelson, Karel Essex, Cliff Furrow, Lyllus Dalbey, Diane Prella

Your Trustees

Diane Foland, John Hansen, Janet Schlattmann, Linda Johannes, Gary Goodell, Marty Jones, Donna Kutschke, Elaine Potmesil

Contact Us

Office Hours

Church Office: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Office is closed on Fridays)

Pastor's Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30^{am} to 12:00 noon; Appointments at other times may be made by contacting the office.

Staff contact information

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Your Church Staff

Pastor	Jay Kim
Secretary/Financial Secretary	Pat Dobry
Choir Director	Kim Hielscher
Custodian	Nancy Brunner
Librarian	Helen McConnell
Nursery Attendant	Macala Hood
Treasurer	Mike Sautter

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Thoughts for the Journey...

The Jeweler - From Dr. David Jeremiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

Isaiah 40:28-29

She would not be voted most likely to create a viral video. And yet, at 92 years old Wanda B. Goines' YouTube video of her poem "The Gift Wrap and the Jewel" has been viewed more than 500,000 times. Dwarfed by a large armchair, she compares her body to gift wrap that fades and becomes wrinkled. Our bodies hold the imprint of what we have lived through; tears and laughter carve permanent lines. Wanda reminds viewers that eventually our gift

wrap will be discarded and to focus on the jewel inside, our souls, because our souls have the potential to reflect God's glory for all eternity. In this analogy God is a jeweler. Our souls are safe in His hands. He has promised that nothing can pull or separate us from His love. When we accept God's invitation to be the keeper of our soul, He begins His work: carefully polishing and shining up our souls. As we surrender our souls to Him and learn to hear His voice, we experience deeper peace and purpose.

If we are going to learn to trust God in adversity, we must believe that just as certainly as God will allow nothing to subvert His glory, so He will allow nothing to spoil the good He is working out in us and for us.

Jerry Bridges

