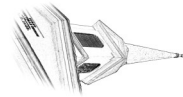


The Evangel

January 2010



The First Presbyterian Church



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Early February Birthdays

- 5. Jo-Jean Kleinfeld, Evan Kessler
- 6. Nathan Meyer
- 7. Belinda Moul
- 10. T.J. Snape
- 12. Shirley Fury
- 13. Terry Stephens, Makenzie Thomas
- 14. Jennifer Coleman
- 16. Phyllis Wolf, Betty Ray Jackson
- 17. Chris Hellmann
- 19. Linda Irwin, Tom Irwin
- 22. Kathryn Yaney
- 23. Ryan Westrich
- 25. Louanna Smith
- 26. Raymond Loos
- 27. Millie Koehler, Marcia Merse
- 28. Jerry Francis, Mike Green
- 30. Andrew Snape, Bobbie Clark
- 31. Greg Bybee, Sandra McCauley

- 2. Sherry Caito, Walt Rueger
- 5. Cathy Baaten
- 7. Maggie Biddle, Randy Lemmel, Katie Warmuth
- 8. Pam Fury



I would like to thank everyone for the well wishes, cards, and prayers. Special thanks to Rev. Baaten, Phyllis, and Karl who came to visit me twice as the hospital before my surgeries. It's appreciated more than you know.

Bless you all, Esther Kipp

Dear church family,

Thank you for all your prayers during my brother Jim's illness and all the support after his passing. It is wonderful to know that so many people care.

He was in awe that people who didn't even know him would take time to pray for him. Bless each and every one of you and again thank you from my heart and thank you on behalf of all his family.

Linda Irwin

To my Church Family,

Jay loved this church more than I can say. I'm sure he saw all of the love you expressed at his passing. Jeff Jennifer and I thank you for all the prayers, cards, etc that you have given us. Thank you!

Jean, Jeff, and Jennifer Gibbs

First Presbyterian Church of Harrison Financial Summary 11/30/09

CHECKING ACCOUNT SUMMARY (Excludes Special Giving/Expenditures):

	Surplus (Deficit) Beginning Unrestricted		Surplus (Deficit) Ending Unrestricted		
	Avail. Funds	Receipts	Transfers	Expenditures	Avail. Funds
January-09	\$ (11,084.02)	\$ 26,764.30		\$ 33,933.98	\$ (18,253.70)
February-09	\$ (18,253.70)	\$ 29,440.32		\$ 38,995.76	\$ (27,809.14)
March-09	\$ (27,809.14)	\$ 28,646.39		\$ 24,837.07	\$ (23,999.82)
April-09	\$ (23,999.82)	\$ 25,556.03	\$ -	\$ 32,819.06	\$ (31,262.85)
May-09	\$ (31,262.85)	\$ 33,477.50		\$ 32,274.49	\$ (30,059.84)
June-09	\$ (30,059.84)	\$ 23,307.61		\$ 27,218.36	\$ (33,970.59)
July-09	\$ (33,970.59)	\$ 22,861.10		\$ 37,032.07	\$ (48,141.56)
August-09	\$ (48,141.56)	\$ 25,567.05	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 20,460.97	\$ (37,535.48)
September-09	\$ (37,535.48)	\$ 34,871.37	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 30,603.04	\$ (12,267.15)
October-09	\$ (12,267.15)	\$ 25,764.60		\$ 27,962.24	\$ (14,464.79)
November-09	\$ (14,464.79)	\$ 27,724.58		\$ 34,471.25	\$ (21,211.46)
YTD Activity		\$ 303,980.85	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 340,608.29	

note: any deficits are covered by reserve funds and surpluses replenish those funds.

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT & CD (Reserve Funds):

YTD Activity	\$ 100,222.27	\$ 2,007.66	\$ (26,500.00)	\$ -	\$ 75,729.93
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BUILDING MORTGAGE BALANCE at 11/30/2009 \$ 829,472.39

Financial Secretary

Brian A. Thomas

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2010 Per Capita

Per Capita dues for 2010 is \$26.92 per member. The breakdown is \$6.15 to General Assembly, \$3.18 to Synod of the Covenant, and \$17.59 Presbytery of Cincinnati. Please help ease the church's strained budget by paying your dues. Unpaid dues of any church member is paid by our church Thank you

Stewardship Committee

are working on a “getting connected” banner for youth outreach and on stocking to be sent to soldiers in Iraq.

Pastor Search: Rev. Baaten reported that he talked with Sharon Wilcox, our representative for the Committee on Ministry, and reported that he is seeking to relocate to southern California. Sharon said that we can begin working on the Church Information Form, the necessary document for searching for a new pastor. Terry Barnes will contact Sharon regarding the details.

Nominating Committee: Bob Moul reported that the nominating committee (himself, Sean McCauley, and Lieschen Turchina) will be meeting on November 4th to discuss nominations. They plan a congregational meeting for December 13th to elect officers and ordination/installation on December 27th.

Deacon’s Report

The Deacon representative was unavailable.

Pastor’s Report

Rev. Baaten reported that he will be unable to attend the November Presbytery meeting; however, Elder commissioner Jarid Willman will be attending.

Future dates/events:

JOINT DEACON/ELDERS MEETING – Food and Holiday Festivities – December 1, 2009, 6:30 pm

Committee Meetings – November 17, 2009, 7:15 pm

Adjournment

The meeting was closed in prayer led by Bob Moul at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Doerzbacher, Clerk of Session

Dear Church Family,

On coming to the house, the Wise Men saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of frankincense and of myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

In the Christian tradition, the gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Wise Men gave to Jesus were seen as having great symbolic significance. These were very expensive gifts for a very special newborn King – costly treasures given to the greatest Treasure.

The symbolic meaning behind the gifts may or may not be what the Magi intended when they gave their presents, nor what St. Matthew intended when he wrote his gospel. Yet already in the early church, the gifts were regarded for their symbolic value. Not only were meaning of the individual gifts important, but the order in which they were presented was important too. One of the most well-loved Christmas carols - “We Three Kings of Orient Are” – shares with us what was the traditional symbolism associated with the gifts.

First, we acknowledge that Jesus is truly a King. In verse two, you’ll remember the words: “Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign”. Gold is what King’s crowns are made of. Gold is a gift fit for a King. The first Wise Man gave his gold to the King Jesus, because first and foremost, He is the One who would reign as the true and gracious King over a fallen humanity.

Secondly, we acknowledge that Jesus is our true High Priest – and most especially because He’s not merely a human priest, but very God Himself who is interceding on our behalf. Verse three opens with the words, “Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising all men raising, worship Him, God on high.” In the tradition, this gift was interpreted two ways. One, Jesus is our priest. Frankincense was an incense burned by the temple priests in their prayers and offerings before Almighty God. As our perfect High Priest, Jesus offers His prayers and offerings as the most sweet incense of all to our Father. Two, Jesus is our God. The second Wise Man gives Him the gift of incense because He’s the Divine One come to us. Jesus is fully God and a fully human High Priest. He is the perfect mediator between a fallen humanity and our righteous heavenly Father.

Thirdly, verse four contains the words, “Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb.” This last gift already points to end of the earthy life of our King, God, and Priest. It is significant that the third Wise Man presented the gift of myrrh. This perfume was used as an incense and, most especially, as an embalming spice. We rejoice in the gift of the new life of our infant King which is why we celebrate Christmas, yet already present at his birth is our Savior’s destiny as the sacrifice for the life of the whole world.

We’ll talk more about the Magi and their gifts to the infant King on the **Day of the Epiphany of the Lord**, January 6. I want to encourage you attend a special worship service that Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. This special celebration marks the **twelfth day of Christmas, the close of the Christmas Season**. We’ll have an opportunity to sing a few more Christmas carols, enjoy Holy Communion, and spend time in Holiday fellowship. PLEASE COME!

Glenn



Our Shut-ins

Chelis Hammons, Mary Newhouse, Lucille Nocks, Marge Platt, Kathryn Yaney, Hammond Roudebush, Tony Caito, Don Kraus

For health needs

Jeanette Rae, Jerry Pepper, Grace Dazier, Carolyne Rolfes, Pauline Zimmerman, Jack Vest, Ruth Zimmerman, Esther Kipp, Judy Rutherford, Jerry Bowser, Karen Watts, Lyle Rae

Specific Prayer needs

Barb Smith: her husband and mother's health, **Debbie Menninger:** her mother's health

Linda Hellmann: for her father & sister's health needs, **Georgia & Earl Dwelly:** for her mother's health, **Linda**

Puckett: for her husband's health, **Jerry Grigsby:** for his mother's health **Bob Lacy:** for his health, **Carrie Lem-**

mel: for her grandmother, **Linda Irwin:** for her brother's health **Bob & Bobbie Clark:** for their daughters health,

Ellen Puckett: for their sisters health **Jerry Pepper:** for her granddaughter's health, **Martin Hockl:** for his fa-

ther's health **Sherry Schlager:** for her daughter and son-in-laws health, **Amber Kist:** for her mother's health,

Rebeka Hobson Becker: for her husbands health & safety during his tour in Iraq, and for his son Gavin, during

his absence. **Lucille Nocks:** for her son's health. **Jean Gibbs and family:** on the death of Jay

Can you help out?

CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2010



Now that the Christmas is over and your are trying to get your house back to some order. You may be wondering what do I do with all of these Christmas items I really do not use ? Your problem is solved!!!! Bring them to Amber in the church office.

The collection of slightly used Christmas items has officially begun.. You can bring your items during the week between 9am to 3pm or on Sunday morning.

Christmas in July 2009 was a great success and we would like to see the same for 2010. Take the time to get your unused items out and bring them to me. If you have any questions you can contact Amber Kist at 367-4301 or Deanna Jones at 367-2036

HELP NEED IN CONCESSION STAND FOR UPWARD GAMES

Upward Basketball games will be held here starting on January 9th. The following times still need to be filled in the concession stand;- every Saturday from 8:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please contact Beth Snape at 637-0013 if you can help the Upward mission out!



2010 Family and Friends Phone Directory



I will be getting the updated phone directory ready for distribution in early January 2010. If you know of any errors in 2009 publication or wish not to have email address's or cell phone numbers listed please contact Amber with your request. This information will not be abused in any way. Thanks, Amber

Baptisms: Rev. Baaten reported that the sacrament of baptism has been requested for Owen Clyde Schummer on 11/22/09 and Jacob Cameron Wolfram on 11/15/09. A motion was made and seconded to honor these requests. The motion passed unanimously. Phyllis Wolf and Terry Barnes volunteered to stand as elder sponsors for Owen and Jacob, respectively.

Chimney Repairs: Barry Fury reported that the chimney in the northeast corner of the old education wing is cracked and leaking water. He will be seeking bids to have it repaired.

New HVAC Contract: Barry Fury has acquired a contract with Airtech Mechanical Service Inc. for maintenance of our HVAC system for 2010 for \$3246. The cost of staying with the former provider would be approximately \$5000. Church member Tim Corcoran will donate the labor for the maintenance. Airtech Mechanical Service personnel will also work with Barry and Marcia Merse on the computer control of the HVAC system to minimize expenses. Jarid Willman volunteered to learn the computer system as well.

Home Depot: The church is now set up on the computer system at Home Depot with our tax-exempt ID number. A password is required to make tax-exempt purchases. Barry Fury, Terry Barnes, and Amber Kist have access to this password.

Devotional

Rev. Baaten led a discussion of selected readings from the epistles of Paul.

Continuing Business

Guest Preacher for November 29 - Impact World Tour: Rev. Baaten will be in California visiting family on 11/29/09. Terry Barnes will confirm with Impact World Tour that a representative from their organization will be preaching at both services that day.

Update on work in sanctuary: The painting and carpeting are completed. The wallpaper border will be put up by the Good Taste Gals after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Update on JOY Stewardship campaign: The campaign is progressing according to plan. Representative from various committees will be speaking on November 8th.

YC Update: Bob Moul reported that several events have been held, including Trunk-or-Treat and helping out at the Minges Pumpkin Festival. They

**Minutes of Regular Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Harrison Ohio
November 3, 2009**

Rev. Glenn Baaten, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer at 7:06 pm in the church library. Present were elders Phyllis Wolf, Terry Barnes, Marilyn Copeland, Sandy McCauley, Meg Doerzbacher, Bob Moul, Arlene Brackett, Barry Fury, and Jarid Willman. Deacon representative Mindy Sindiong was absent. A quorum was declared present.

Call for Additional Agenda Items

Items were added under new business and continuing business.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Report from Clerk of Session

The clerk presented the minutes of the October 6, 2009 regular meeting. Changes were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

The clerk reported that she and Phyllis Wolf reviewed the roll of active members. A list of members who have not been active for the past year was presented. A motion was made and seconded to send letters requesting clarification of membership status to those on the list. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Discussion of 2010 Budget: We are still in arrears in terms of income/expenditures for the year. The elders were asked to be prepared to discuss the 2010 budget at the December meeting, when the results of the stewardship campaign will be available.

Bios and photos from Session and Deacons for new website: Rhett Lemmel is working on a new redesigned website for the church using free software. He needs biographical information and photos of the deacons and elders and requests that this information be brought to the December joint deacon/session meeting. Fred Hellman and Mindy Sindiong will be taking pictures at that meeting. Rhett hopes to have the website completed by January 1, 2010.

Mark your Calendars!!!!



NAST TRINITY

The Mission Committee needs 25 volunteer to come and help serve the hungry at Nast Trinity on Sunday January 10th 2010. You will meet at the church at 2pm and leave by 2:30pm. There will be sign up sheet in Faith Hall if you wish to help serve. They are also in need of 400 chocolate cupcakes. There will also be a sign up sheet in Faith Hall for that as well. If you have any questions you can contact Arlene Brackett.



ROUNDTABLE MEETING

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting on **Wednesday January 20, 2010**. The purpose for this meeting is to help with the inter-communications among all the Deacons, Elders, Committee Chair persons, or any committee/team members, or anyone else who wants to get involved with the life of our church.

The main focus of this meeting will be putting together the details of the Ministries Fair. Ministries Roundup 2010 will be held on Sunday March 21st. All committee or teams need to have a representative at the meeting, along with anyone else that would like to help plan the Ministries Fair. A light dinner and dessert will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting beginning at 7 to 8:30pm. This is also an opportunity for everyone to get involved and share their ideas and concerns. . Please call the church office to RSVP by **Tuesday January 19th.**

2¢ A Meal

Sunday January 10th You can place your donations in the gold pots located at both entrances to the sanctuary. Thanks for your donation to feed the hungry.

MATTHEW25 MINISTRIES

If anyone is interested in going to Matthew25, meet in the church parking lot at 9:00am on Monday January 18th

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All committee meetings will be held on Tuesday January 19th after a short devotional at 7:15pm.

Birthday Sunday Dessert

Following the 10:45 worship service in Faith Hall on January 31st
Our Birthday Bakers are:
Carol Barnes, Janice Cook,
and Reta Crone.

MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Remember we have a Wednesday night worship service at 7pm each week. It is a great way to recharge your mind and soul until Sunday.

January 2010

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