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Worship

Sunday

9:00 am

Contemporary Worship

10:45 am

Traditional Worship

The 5:01

@ 5:01 pm

Music-Message-Meal

Wednesday

6:00 pm

Contemplative Worship

Child care provided at all
worship times

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

November 26-27

Next Faith Notes

Deadline

November 9 at Noon

Next Publication:

November 18, 2009

Pastor's Column

There's a story in the Bible where Jesus and his followers were sitting outside the temple treasury watching good, faithful, religious people place their well-calculated tithes into the offering plate as they had been taught to do. A widow appeared on the scene who did not calculate the gift she offered. She gave ALL she had, which wasn't much. Her gift amounted to about one cent.

Here's what Jesus said about her giving: "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all!"

If this widow was to put her amount on a pledge card, it would seem embarrassing. Yet, hers is the most generous gift offered that day in the temple. She, living on less than a fixed income, was ready to share fully and completely.

I'd be tempted to go up and ask her, "What were you thinking? It's not rational, it makes no sense. You need to hold onto what you have. In fact, can't I give you some help from the Deacon's Fund?" But those questions would be lost on this widow in Jesus' story.

The widow's gift is a mighty gift, not because of the amount of money, but because of the amount of her faith and trust in God and gratitude to God.

She refused to be defined by society. She was not going to live by her fears. She was going to live by her faith and, from the abundance of her heart, give all she had to give!

This widow understood something the disciples hadn't learned yet—that giving isn't about conservatively calculating how much we can afford to give—it's all God's anyway! What do you give the God who has given you everything . . . life itself? What we give makes a statement about our faith and invites us into a deeper faith growing in our generosity.

The story of the widow presents a spectrum of giving from giving in a way that we are left unaffected to giving sacrificially our very last dollar. Where you are located on that spectrum is completely up to you. It's why stewardship is personal. It's not financial. It isn't about what the church needs or how much you should get to get the right tax break or fulfill a sense of obligation. It's about your relationship with God. It's about deepening your faith. It's about growing in generosity. It's about being God's partner in bringing God's heart to a hurting world.

I invite you to step into hope and make a pledge if you have never pledged before. If you have pledged, I ask you to prayerfully consider letting hope rise through you by increasing your pledge. If you increase your pledge by one cent and that one cent for

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you is a step of faith that is indeed a mighty gift!

Worship attendances have doubled! Our mission outreach to our community and to the world has expanded! Our care ministries is covering more and more people under the umbrella of compassion!

Please join me on Commitment Sunday, November 15 as we celebrate the HOPE RISING in our midst! Our special musical guest at the 9:00 and 10:45 am worship services will be Bill Keale. You won't want to miss it!

We are blessed for the sole purpose of being a blessing to others! May it be so!

Yours faithfully,



Prayer Chain

If you would like to place a friend of the congregation or a family member on our church's prayer chain, please contact Elizabeth Stephan in the church office. If you would like to join this prayer ministry and be added to the e-mail or call list in order to pray for others, Elizabeth will see that your name is added to the prayer chain list.

Prayer Ministry

Write your prayer requests on the blue cards found in the pews or on the shelf under the prayer request box at the back of the sanctuary. The confidential requests intended for the pastors only should be placed in the prayer box, and all others should be placed in the offering plate during worship.

Temporary Housing Needed

Temporary housing is needed for a young couple and one small cat. Adina Eden is an Americorps Volunteer working at Bend Habitat. Her husband Shahar is working on his degree at the OSU Cascades campus. As soon as Adina began working for Habitat, we knew we want to keep her way longer than her Americorps stint. When the Faith House is completed in late March, they can move into a Habitat-owned condo on Full Moon Drive. So, what they need is a place to live until then. They have very little money, just her Americorps stipend and are currently using up their savings in rent. Anyone providing them with rent-free or very inexpensive housing (they'd pay the utilities) could be eligible for a tax deduction in the amount of the foregone rent. We want to keep Adina on the Habitat staff. Their cell phone numbers are Adina: 306-8006; Shahar: 306-9324. Her number at Habitat is 385-5387, ext. 234.

Chancel Choir Preparing for Christmas

The Chancel Choir is beginning work on Christmas music, including the baroque cantata "Magnificat" by Giovanni Pergolesi, which will be performed with orchestra on Sunday, December 6. If you are interested in taking part in this cantata, please get in touch with Clyde Thompson at 385-7229 or cthompson@bendbroadband.com

Remember in Prayer

Barney Duberow

Joan Rodine

Helen Hawn

Doris Wendell

Claude Sandell

Jo Kiefer

Spiritual Formation & Education

Quilters

Caring for Your Parents

On November 8 at 10:45 a.m. Chuck Frazier will present the topic "Caring for Your Parents." Chuck is a Commissioner on the Governor's Commission on Senior Services and is a member of FPC. The presentation will include a video and discussion and is sponsored by Adult Ed and the Deacons.

Being Christian in a Muslim Country

Rebecca Locklear, who just spent two years teaching English and music in Morocco, will share interesting experiences about being a Christian in a Muslim country. She will also address the issue of how to spread Christianity when it is against the law to proselytize, using Mark 6:7-9 as a focus. November 15 at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Some Light on the Health Care Reform Issue

A four-week class on health care reform will be held at the St. Helens Center of the Episcopal Church on Thursdays, November 19 and December 3, 10, and 17, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Dr. W. Daniel Klingler will lead the discussion based on the book *Health Care Will Not Reform Itself* by George C. Halverson, CEO of Kaiser-Permanente. All participants will need to purchase a copy of the book. Joining the usual group of participants in this ongoing class, we hope to have people from various aspects of the health care industry participate. Also, a secondary resource is T. R. Reid's book *The Healing of America*. This second book focuses on the various plans other industrialized countries use to cover all their population. For more information, call Dan Klingler at 318-8163.

This year's raffle quilt will be on display in the Commons soon. Bids will be accepted November 15 and 22. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to buy supplies for the First Presbyterian Church Quilters.

Deacons Christmas Baskets

Last year we had 100 families. This year our goal is 125 families. Our estimated need to meet our goal this year is \$12,000 in food and monetary donations.

We're beginning to collect items we'll need from the grocery carts in the Commons. The non-perishable items we're currently collecting are:

Canned soup	Dry cereal & oatmeal	Muffin mix
Canned vegetables	Peanut butter	Rice
Canned fruit & applesauce	Jelly & jam	Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce
Pancake mix	Syrup	Rice-a-Roni & other side dishes
Tuna	Dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes	

Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church and designated for the Christmas Food Baskets. Nonperishable food items can be left in the shopping carts in the Commons.

Children's Ministry

To volunteer, register or get more information, contact Janet Pearson, Director of Children and Family Ministry (382-4401 or jpearson@bendcable.com).

November study focus in Children's Ministry:

Treasure Quest (First Service, K-3 grade) will explore the message of Ezekiel, the Hebrew prophet who was the "voice of the exile." A contemporary of Jeremiah, Ezekiel suffered through the first attack of the Babylonians and was taken to Babylon in 597 BC with the first wave of deportees. From that outpost, he foretold the destruction of Jerusalem in splendid detail. Just as God had said, the people of Israel had been a "rebellious people" and had not paid attention to Ezekiel. Once the news of the destruction spread, they listened to his prophecies. It was then that God changed the message from one of foreboding to one of hope and restoration. This is the very message that has seen the people of Israel through many dark times, as well as connecting to Christians with the message of new life. Upon reflection, the theme that emerges is one of a God who always cares for his chosen people, never deserting them, patiently waiting for them to return to the love that is always extended. We are grateful for the leadership of Kathy Hallowell, Brenda Simpson and Katrina Starkweather for the Treasure Quest workshops.

Fourth and fifth grade students will prepare a Christmas gospel comparison message for the first Sunday of December to share with the younger students of Treasure Quest. Thank you to Deb Klotz for encouraging our young mentor class.

Godly Play (First Service 3 and 4 year-olds, Second Service 3 year olds to grade 5) will hear stories of the Old Testament focusing on "The Promised Land," "The Ark and the Temple," "The Exile and Return," and "The Prophets."

Kids Worship (The 501) is an on going discovery of how we worship God. Using all our senses, we will "Stop, Look, and Listen," seeking to focus our attention on God.

They're back!

Those Handy Dandy Drying Racks so many of you have found to be convenient, small enough to store easily, cost saving, and energy saving. Do your clothes and the earth a favor. Cut your electricity bill; buy a drying rack at \$6.99. Better yet, buy two. Two will dry a good size load of laundry indoors or outdoors. Located in the office, checks are written to First Presbyterian Church. Thiel Larson

Happy Learners Preschool

Needs doll clothing for a small boy baby doll and a medium girl baby doll. Talk to Karen Sipes or Deb Klotz if you can help.

Happy Learners is also in need of gently used clothing. The clothing is needed for children who may come unprepared for winter outdoor play or for a change of clothes that become soiled during the school day.

Pants, tops, underwear and boots in sizes 3T to 6X as well as hats and gloves are welcome.

Donations may be placed in the box marked "Happy Learners" in the church office.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women of Bend present an afternoon of inspiration and encouragement.

Woman To Woman

Come hear how three local groups PW supports are making a difference for women and children in our community. Learn more how you can become involved with them and be part of women serving women in Central Oregon

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Bend
Heritage Hall

When: Sunday, November 15, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Presenters

- Saving Grace
- Grandma's House
- Meadowlark Manor

Please join us. This event is free, and we will be serving homemade pies, assorted desserts and refreshments. Dedication of our Fall Thank Offering will follow the program.

*Presbyterian Women needs ten pies for the Fall Gathering, Sunday, November 15. If you can bake a pie, any kind, please call Susan Shuck at 390-1684 or email her at sshuck2@yahoo.com.

The Peacemaking Team

The Peacemaking Team is currently focusing on the means by which members of Bend FPC may make the most effective appeal to our elected representatives regarding ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban. Over the next several issues of FN's, we will explore the issue in a manner that will help us all make the most informed decision on how to proceed. The following brief review is provided by PCUSA to get us started in thinking about what to do.

"Recognizing the threat they pose to God's sovereignty and to the people and earth so loved by God, General Assemblies have long addressed issues related to nuclear weapons. [PDF] This included calls for a treaty to ban tests of nuclear weapons until the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) was opened for signatures in September 1996. The United States signed the CTBT that year. However, the Senate has failed to ratify the treaty. General Assemblies in 2000 and 2003 called for ratification of the treaty. President Obama and other leaders are talking about a world without nuclear weapons. Ratification of the CTBT is an important step toward that vision. A strong and sustained campaign by followers of Jesus and other individuals will play an important role in making that happen. Provide an opportunity for members of your congregation to urge your Senators to catch up to the church."

First Friday Fellowship, November 6, 11:30 am, Heritage Hall

All are welcome!

"Walk, Trot, Canter! Pipes and the Gait of the Horse" First Friday Fellowship gathers November 6 at 11:30 am for lunch and fellowship. This month's program features First Church organist, Boyd Levet, for a return concert. After lunch, at 1:00 pm, FF diners move to the sanctuary where Boyd will explore compositions expressing the movement of horses. Boyd says "Many of the composers themselves were equestrians and for some it was their principal mode of transportation. Their rides can be clearly heard in their music." Most are timeless treasures, from the serenity of the "walk," to the wind of the "trot", and the airiness of the "canter." It'll be a novel program!

Youth Ministry

To volunteer or register or for more information, contact Greg Bolt, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

New Sunday Night Schedule

4:00-5:00	The Flock
4:30-5:00	The Fold Hang Out and Set Up Time
5:01-5:45	The 5:01 (Worship Experience)
5:45-6:30	Community Dinner (Soup and Salad)
6:30-7:30	The Fold
6:30-7:00	The Flock Hang Out and Take Down Time

If you have any questions or would like to lead one of these amazing opportunities, contact Greg (ggbolt16@gmail.com or 541-350-8074). If you would like to help out with dinner, contact Charlotte (cbradyappaiser@aol.com).

Support Groups

Depression Support Group

Meets in the Prayer Room on the second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
November 11 & 25
December 2 & 16

Care Givers Support Group

Led by Elizabeth Stephan
Meets in the Prayer Room on the first and third Mondays of each month, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
November 16 & 30
December 7 & 21

Keeping it Green

It's almost winter, the season when homes have their highest energy demand of the year. Heating accounts for 34 percent of all annual utility usage and is part of what makes an average home twice the emitter of carbon dioxide emissions as a vehicle. The Green Team has a few simple suggestions to help save energy (and money!) during the cold months:

- Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees when you are home, and lower the temperature when you go to bed or when you are not at home for more than 4 hours. (For every degree you lower your thermostat, you save about 2 percent off your heating bill.)
- Keep furnace filters clean. Check your filter every month, and change it if it looks dirty. At a minimum, change the filter every three months. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you warm – wasting energy.
- If you have ceiling fans, set them clockwise in winter. With their direction reversed, they create a gentle updraft that moves warm air from the ceiling and distributes it evenly throughout the room.
- Weatherize your home by caulking and weather-stripping all doors and windows. Reducing air leaks could cut 10 percent from an average household's monthly energy bill.
- Use passive solar heating on sunny days. Open curtains and other window treatments on your west- and south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night.

The Green Team

The Cookie Box is getting empty!

Last name letters for November are F-G-H. Of course, anyone can bring cookies anytime!! Thanks for supporting this effort... IT IS WORKING BECAUSE OF YOU. We were able to also provide cookies for intermission for the two full-house Habitat benefit concerts!

Study and Fellowship

CPR CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Meg Brookover (1895 Newport Hills Drive – 382-1283) for a baked potato dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Please bring a potato topping to share. Co-hostesses are Ann Kelly and Beverly Dennison. Please RSVP to Meg at 382-1283 or megbrook@bendbroadband.com if you plan to attend. However, if you don't RSVP and find that you can come, please come.

CIRCLE 3 will meet on Monday, November 9, at 1:15 p.m. in the Adult Center. Call Ginny Boone (389-3128) if you would like additional information.

CIRCLE 2 will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, in the Adult Center. All women in the church are invited. For more information, call Betty Armer (388-2347).

MEN'S BOOK STUDY GROUP meets in the Library every Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. We're studying *Christ of the Celts* by J. Phillip Newell. Come join us.

MEN'S DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesday mornings, 9:45-11:00 a.m. at the home of Chuck Piersee in the Touchmark Community. It's an open discussion based on ideas and texts from the Bible. As the name suggests, we try to discover what the Bible is saying to us. This year we are studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome. Call 312-1628 for directions.

THURSDAY CENTERING PRAYER GROUP meets on Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., in the Prayer Room. For more information, please call Linda (318-0407).

LISTENING HEARTS is a contemplative prayer group practicing centering prayer together and reflecting on the spiritual journey. We meet

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., in the Prayer Room. (We don't meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month.) For more information, please call Lorraine (318-0384).

EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY - 8:00-9:00 a.m. Wednesdays in the Adult Center. Leader Dr. W. Daniel Klingler. Current subject is the Book of Hebrews. Beginning November 11 through Christmas we'll study the book of James.

TILTERS is a group of women who read and discuss books related to faith. We are currently reading *Take this Bread* by Sarah Miles. Order a copy and join us on Thursday mornings, 8:00-9:15 a.m., in the library. Call Cheryl Shay at 526-0964 with questions.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS meets from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Center on the first and third Tuesday of the month. We invite you to join us as we study the book of Acts and grow as friends in Christ.

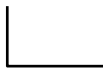
AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Looking for an afternoon study? Traveler's Bible Study meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center and is studying the Gospel of Matthew. Traveler's is an informal study designed to discuss a portion of the Bible each time we meet. The value of this group is to spend time with other women, to get to know each other better, plus sharing some of the spiritual insights that come to us. We are all "Travelers" on a spiritual journey, but also like travel literally, so it is not necessary to commit to being there every time we meet. Just bring yourself and your Bible. For more information, contact Carol Piersee (312-1628 or carolpier@aol.com).

GATHERED TOGETHER All are invited to gather together for prayer, silent and spoken, for our church, community, and God's world. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings, 11:15-12:00 noon in the Prayer Room.

Try Transformative Yoga on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. in Heritage Hall

This practice is a blend of T'ai chi, stretching, gentle yoga, deep relaxation, transformational imagery with affirmations and finishing with a period of silent witness meditation. Developed by human potential pioneers George Leonard and Michael Murphy, this is a well-researched path to actualizing your personal best. Many positive changes, including weight control and improved physical health, as well as personal growth, have resulted from this balanced and comprehensive practice. Appropriate for all levels. Donations accepted. Taught by Sandra Barkman, M.S. C.N.S

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Community Bulletin Board

Faith Notes will include a community bulletin board section for the listing of events not related to church activities. The bulletin board will contain a disclaimer that these activities do not necessarily represent the theology of the church and that they are not necessarily endorsed by the church. The listings will be brief and will be informational only; they will not contain position statements of the party submitting them.

Holiday Craft Show Jane & Eldon Wilson invite you to attend two Holiday Craft shows that they are participating in: Snowflake Boutique, November 6, 1:00-8:00 p.m., November 7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Beecrafty Holiday Show, November 13, 1:00-8:00 p.m., November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Both at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds.

The Newcomers Club of Bend is having a Holiday Bazaar at the Shilo Inn Ballroom, 3105 O.B. Riley Road on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All exhibitors will be NCOB members. It will be advertised and open to the general public. Some of our church members will be taking part in the bazaar. Many talented women will have their creative items for sale. This is a great way to begin the holiday season.

LOOKING FOR WORK Jerry Schultz owns a small business that provides "Computer Solutions," experienced help in network assistance, hard drive crash repair, virus and spyware problems and more. Phone 541-390-3045 or jerrys@bendbroadband.com.

FLASHBACKS – A service to document your family history. Free consultation. Susie Burns 541-788-5936, davidandsusie@bendbroadband.com.