

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22, after the second service for the purpose of electing members from the congregation at large to the Nominating Committee.

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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 30 at Noon

Next Publication:

December 9, 2009

Pastor's Column

A grateful heart

is a peaceful heart

is a loving heart.

In this season of thanksgiving, I want to pause and make a list of some of those things for which I am grateful. I suggest you do the same. When you orient your heart towards gratitude it changes the way you look at your world.

Here's some of what fills my heart to overflowing:

- A God of abundant grace revealed to me in Jesus who calls me "Beloved" and loves and accepts me, warts and all (and there are a lot of warts, believe me!)
- The amazing gift of each sunrise.
- An amazing wife, partner, lover, best friend who extends the gift of unconditional acceptance and creates a home that is a sanctuary of peace and joy.
- Two extraordinary sons who display a passion for life in their unique ways. My love for them frequently makes my heart want to burst. I am so proud of who they are and who they are becoming and learn from them every day.
- A dog that greets me when I come home like I am the only person in the world.
- A congregation that teaches me everyday about travelling this journey of life and faith with hope, compassion and courage.
- A congregation not afraid to take risks.
- A congregation with a heart and desire to not just make a difference but make a different world.
- A congregation where all are welcome always.
- A congregation that practices forgiveness and allows their pastor to be human.
- A privilege to share ministry with a talented, grace-filled, passionate, creative, fun and faithful staff.
- A staff with servant hearts.
- A staff that enjoys laughter and play.
- The sun reflecting off the snow-capped mountains.

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- The sound of the flowing river as you walk beside it.
- ESPN (one must have their weaknesses).

This is just today's list. For the next week leading to Thanksgiving, I am going to take time every day to list at least 10 things for which I am grateful and I suggest you do the same.

Remember,

A grateful heart
is a peaceful heart
is a loving heart.

Inhale the gift of each sunrise, look for the joy under every rock, make a difference in someone's life today!

In deep gratitude for the gift of being your pastor,



WELCOME, OUR NEWEST CHURCH MEMBERS

This past Sunday we welcomed the following persons who, through reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership from another church, are our newest official church members:

Judith Bornholdt, Anne-Marie Glover, Paul and Jane Hannabach, Deb Haynes, Jacob Koski and Jon and Pauline Rhoads. Look for their pictures on the board outside the church library and when you see them in person, give a warm welcome.

Back by popular demand! Alternative Christmas Gifts

You've loved it before, and we'll be here again to sell Heifer International and Habitat for Humanity gift cards. We're also working on having ornaments that you can give to recipients of your gift cards.

On sale in the Commons between services and after the 10:45 service on December 6, 13, and 20.

CPR Circle

Cascade Horizon Band Holiday Concert – December 13

Cascade Horizon Band's Holiday Concert is just around the corner. We're preparing a combination of Christmas music, marches, show tunes and familiar melodies for December 13 at 2 p.m. at Mountain View High School. **MARK YOU CALENDARS NOW** for this better-than-ever concert. The concert is free, and any donations support scholarship, concert and travel costs. See Jay Dee Conrad to learn more, or check the website at cascadehorizonband.org.

Remember in Prayer

Spiritual Formation & Education

Quilters

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. We hope to have people from various aspects of the health care industry join the usual group of participants in this ongoing class. 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.

Did you miss Meeting John Calvin?

Transcripts of Dr. Calvin's three-session presentation are available at your Church Library, as well as The Rev. Dr. Brad Kent's summation and outline of his views versus Dr. Calvin's.

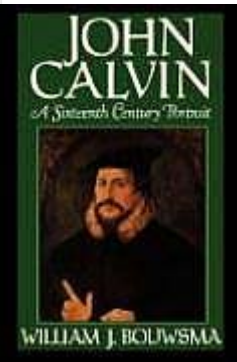
Of note, *Dr. John Calvin* will make another appearance; he will be preaching at both services on Sunday, November 22!

Want to read more about this reformer, teacher, "church

theologian," and influencer of the Presbyterian church? Check out this new book in our library: *John Calvin : a Sixteenth Century Portrait*, by William J. Bouwsma (284.2 Bou).



This author, an eminent historian, seeks to redress the misconceptions of Calvin by placing him back in the proper historical context of his time. The book depicts a psychological "portrait" of a Calvin surprisingly human, plausible, ecumenical, and often sympathetic, and aims to make Calvin come alive by putting him back in his own time and understanding how he dealt with its problems.



To My Wonderful Church Family,

I can't thank our wonderful church family enough, especially our Pastor Steven, Elizabeth, our choir and our deacons, for the prayers, cards, and calls. I do believe all the prayers helped me to get through my surgery with a positive outcome. Thanks again to my church. Thanks be to God.

All my love,

Claude Sandell

Rejoice! Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns Explore the rich emotional and experiential meaning of the lyrics to some of the most beloved hymns of the Christmas season.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Starting on the First Sunday in Advent, November 29, at 9 a.m. in the Adult Center. This 2009 new *Thoughtful Christian* study explains the history behind some of our favorite carols and helps groups encounter the rich wording anew. Focusing on the ways in which words and music can speak to the core of our experiences, groups will spend time in reflection, conversation, and simple enjoyment of these beloved hymns. Come to Listen, Reflect, Sing, and Rejoice! The Reverends Lorraine Stuart, William Hoffman, Dan Klingler, and John Smart will grace us in leading these studies.

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).

Thanksgiving – Thanks Giving!

As we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving, let's give thanks for the faithful volunteers that teach, lead and nurture our children. Each Sunday as many as a dozen volunteers are on hand to share the love of Jesus with the youngest members of our church family. Some folks help plan and organize, some lead workshops, some tell stories, some build relationships, some are there every Sunday, some only a couple of Sundays.

When you see one of these saints of the church, please say "Thank you" and find out why they love what they do. If you would like to share in the joy, there is room for you on the Children's Ministry Team.

ADVENT – Here comes Christmas!

November 29 is the beginning of the Advent Season. The Advent Season marks the beginning of the church year and our preparation for Christmas. The advertising world has already ramped up their push for the Christmas buying season. How do we help our families find a spiritual focus for this time of year?

Start the season with a family conversation about your Christmas rituals and traditions. What do you look forward to each year? How is your faith reflected in your activities? Is there time to remember Christ's birth? Is there time to pray? Is there time to do something for others?

Join us at the 501 on Sunday evening, November 29. We will be experiencing some Advent related activities designed for the whole family. We will light candles, participate in a service project, and sing wonderful music.

Children's Ministry will have a variety of age appropriate Advent activities and ideas to help bring the spiritual focus home for you and your family.

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.

December Birthdays

1	Stacey Donohue Dean Helmick Ellen Rogers Carolynn Sias	9	Nancy Zurflu Karolyn Brockmeyer Jack Defoe Nadine Hogrefe Carol Miller Bertie Tejes	20	Debbie Klotz Mac Cofer Jim Corson Loraine Meyer
2	Dave Hallowell Pam Marble Amy Wheeler Jane Wilson	10	Natalie Hummel John Merrick Grayce Williver Lorene Bateman Dolly Dittler Elaine Larson Bev Murphy Jerry Scdoris	21	Cliff Williams Nancy McDonald Reed Morton Ian Cash Martha Conger Birkett Sylvia Wyatt
3	Mike Mastrangelo Kenneth Seidel	11	Don Altig Israel Love Jaimie Roderick Clare Allinger Roger Gildersleeve Adam Leask	22	David Barram LeBron Hardie Morgan Hoisington Shannon Gregory Peter Johnston Andrew Laing
4	Sarah Buchanan Paul Klotz	12	Nick Weig Donna McGinnis Leonard Peoples Max Cook	23	Jamey Lockett Parker Robertson Zachary Kavanagh Lorri Taylor Chuck Clausen Helen Compton Stephen Dudley Katie McDonald
5	Corey Bloom Joan Rodine Leslie Stednitz	13		24	
6	Sue Henderson Steve Karpstein	14		25	
7	Jake Calkins Lynn Haynes Leone Kruse Abby Taylor	15		26	
8	Hailey Kavanagh Patty Patras Pat Thompson	16		27	

December Anniversaries

1	Jack & Pat Snively
2	Dean & Teresa Helmick
13	Andy & Jodie Barram
14	Lachlan Leaver & Jennifer Noble
15	Jim & Linda Corson Harley & Honor Rautmann
17	Ken & Sue Henderson
18	Adam & Valerie Clark
19	John & Helen Backlund
20	Bill & Beth Ibenthal
22	Clyde & Joann Thompson Eldon & Jane Wilson
27	Mike & Carol Hardie Ron & Irene Pankratz
28	Tom & Patty Achterman Dan Weig & Alison Highberger Don & Shari Noldge

Attention all Groups:

Need a Program? First Presbyterian's Bolivia Team would like to share their visit with the UMAVIDA network in Bolivia last May. They have produced a brief video and would like to introduce you to our Joining Hands partners. Call Gretchen Williver (382-1842) to schedule a presentation.

Green Team

Looking for Something Green to Read?

The Green Team has recently purchased 3 copies of *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution--And How It Can Renew America* by Thomas L. Friedman for the church library. In his book, Friedman explains how global warming, rapid population growth and the stunning rise of a global middle class have converged, affecting earth in ways that threaten to make it dangerously unstable. This convergence is already tightening energy supplies, intensifying the extinction of plants and animals, deepening energy poverty, strengthening petro-dictatorships and accelerating climate change. In just a few years, it may be too late to reverse the damage – unless the U.S. takes the lead in a worldwide effort to replace our wasteful, inefficient energy practices with a strategy for clean, efficient energy and conservation. Friedman believes that not only is American leadership the key to healing the earth, it is our best strategy for the renewal of America. The Green Team highly recommends this book and encourages you to check it out!

Green Tip:

The small plastic bags your newspapers come in as they are delivered to your door can be returned to your newspaper person with a note to reuse them. A savings for the environment and for your paper carrier.

Needed: A Man to Lead the Boys' Afterschool Buddies Program

Many of you know that Marilyn Burwell and I have been working with low-income children for many years. Why have we not burned out? Because it is a ministry that is so rewarding and feeds our souls. What we give is a small fraction of what we receive.

Marilyn and I are also involved in a ecumenical, faith-based, mid-week program that begins in January. This is a program, under the direction of Charlene Schuze, that uses high school students to mentor fourth and fifth grade students. This program is such a strong and vibrant program because the high school students are wonderful role models for the grade school students. The high school students gain leadership skills and self-confidence as they work one on one with the younger students, helping them with homework, presenting and discussing "value virtues" with the students, and doing activities that build trust and friendship with students who need that "extra boost"! The high school students return year after year because they too are fed by their experience.

Lance Olivieri worked with the boys' program last year and hopes to continue on a part-time basis if his work allows. He found it very rewarding! We are without a male leader this year and are looking for someone who has a heart for fourth and fifth grade boys and high school youth. The leader would be someone who can give time and leadership with little planning involved (the teens do most of the work) on Wednesday afternoons beginning in January and running through May, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. What a gift it is to nurture boys and teens into manhood with the love of Jesus to guide us!

Please contact Thiel Larson if you feel you can give of yourself to this program. If you have questions or are unsure this ministry would fit you, please call so I can give you more information. Phone: 388-4895 or e-mail: tlarson@bendbroadband.com

A CIRCLE OF TRUST

A small group experience based on the work of Parker Palmer will begin the first week in January. The group process focuses on listening to one's inner voice, reflection, listening to others, and developing trust among the participants. It can be especially meaningful for those seeking to discern direction in one's vocation, relationship, and decisions. The time commitment would be for 8 meetings, the schedule to be determined by the group at the first meeting. If you are interested, please contact Lorraine Stuart at ldstuart@bendnet.com or 318-0384.

JOURNEY TOWARD THE LIGHT

Our theme for Advent invites us to think about our own journeys. What do you remember about Christmas becoming real for you? Are there significant moments in your spiritual journey associated with Advent and Christmas? Take some time to reflect and to write about your experience . . . and share it with the congregation through our online Advent devotional. This will be available on our church's website with our stories during the season of Advent. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, so it is time now to remember, reflect, and write your story. Please submit your story, signed with your name to Boyd Levet (blevet@bendfp.org).

HOLIDAY FLOWERS

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in our chancel display to someone special, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with \$8 for each plant. The name of your honoree will appear in the Sunday Bulletin on December 20. The deadline to have the name of your honoree published in the bulletin is Wednesday, December 16, 9:00 a.m. Donations will be accepted through December. You may take home your poinsettia after Christmas.

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Chancel Poinsettias

Please return this form and your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and earmarked "Poinsettia" to the church office by December 16, 9:00 a.m. to be included in the December 20 Sunday Bulletin. Donations will be accepted throughout December.

Honoree (*Please print*) _____

Your Name (*Please print*) _____

\$ _____ amount enclosed (\$8 per plant)

Return to: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 230 NE 9TH STREET—BEND 97701

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).

The Cookie Box!

Last name letters for November are F-G-H. December letters are I-J-K. Of course, anyone can bring cookies anytime!! Thanks for supporting this effort... IT IS WORKING BECAUSE OF YOU.

Support Groups

Depression Support Group

Meets in the Prayer Room on the second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
November 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 30
December 7 & 21

Peace on Earth

In the last Faith Notes, the Peacemaking Team told about the need for the United States to reassert its leadership to a world hoping to reduce the nuclear threat by ratifying the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban (CNTB) treaty. In order for the CNTB to be put into force, it must be ratified by all 44 of the countries who have some form of nuclear capability. The vote to ratify in the US Senate in 1999 failed to achieve the required two-thirds majority—it takes 67 yes votes and only 44 were received. Countries who did ratify include Russia, United Kingdom, and France, and total 35. Countries, other than the US, which have not ratified include China, Korea, Iran, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Israel, and Indonesia.

In May 2010 the Non Proliferation Review Conference will take place after years of planning and preparation. President Obama will be a major player in the conference, the aim of which is to abolish nuclear weapons in our lifetime. According to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the CNTB treaty is an integral part of our non-proliferation and arms control agenda.

The Peacemaking Team is preparing a group letter addressed to Obama, Clinton, VP Biden, and Senators Wyden and Merkley (both Oregon Senators support ratification) urging them to press forward to bring the matter to vote prior to the May 2010 Non-proliferation Conference. We will have a convenient way for you to sign on to this letter, which will include your photograph and your own statement. Join us in the church library on November 29 between services!

Peacemaking Team

Study and Fellowship

CIRCLE 2 & 3 invite you to our Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 8. We will meet at 11:30 am for good food, friendship and singing.

CPR CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, December 8, at 6 p.m. at Village Wiestoria for a Christmas dinner/party. All women of the church are invited. For more information and reservations, please call Sharon Lichti at 388-9982.

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 will begin our next book, *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Birth* by Marcus J. Born and John Dominic Crossan on Thursday, December 3. We are excited to celebrate Advent through our discussion. 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.

First Friday Fellowship, December 4, 11:30 am, Heritage Hall

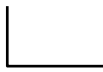
Join us on December 4 in Fellowship Hall (lower level) for Christmas music and story. Please bring a salad to share and slightly new warm clothing for a child or adult for our Deacons Christmas baskets.

We especially welcome all newcomers, guests and visitors.

Don't forget: Sign up on the easel in the Commons and park in the lower level parking lot.

Questions? Call Ray and Joyce Ownby (388-1334) or Harold and Jean Hull (385-6557).

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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.

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