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The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church – Marshfield, WI

MAY 2009

PASTORAL PREFACE

Wow! Are there ever lots of opportunities to get in on the ground floor and participate in shaping the mission of First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield! What are some of the opportunities? Let me name just a few, certainly not all, of them:

- Doing a Mission Study this summer
- Electing Elders and Deacons to serve a three year term starting in June
- Breaking ground for the Marshfield Community Garden this spring
- Electing a Pastor Nominating Committee this coming fall or winter

The Mission Study Task Force, being appointed by the Session April 28, will begin its vital work of determining the mission of FPC. It has been a few years since the church has done a mission study. It is a step in the interim process for calling a new pastor. The mission study asks such questions as:

- Who are we?
- What is God calling us to be and do?
- What is unique about our church and its mission?
- What unmet needs are there in the community and world that need filling?

The Nominating Committee, elected by the congregation, is in the process of finding candidates to serve three-year terms as elders and deacons. Presbyterians have a rotational system. Typically, three or four elders or deacons rotate off the Session and Board of Deacons and three or four rotate on. Elders provide spiritual leadership; deacons, a ministry of compassion.

The Marshfield Community Garden has found a home on the nine acres of church property here at the corner of Adler and Lincoln. Once again, First Presbyterian Church is demonstrating leadership in Marshfield by doing a new thing which affects the whole community in positive ways.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will be elected by the congregation in the fall or winter. The PNC will be commissioned with the task of finding, with the help of God's guiding hand, a pastoral candidate to present to the congregation for a call and installation. But first, the Mission Study needs to be completed. I am hoping for an early fall completion of the Mission Study. Then, when the Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected, their first order of business is drafting the Church Information Form (CIF). The CIF is posted online by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Louisville, and a potential pastoral candidate can read about FPC, Marshfield, and decide whether she or he wants to apply by submitting a Personal Information Form (PIF).

You may have thought, since summer is right around the corner, things would be slowing down here at First Presbyterian Church. They aren't! We are just getting started in building momentum. This is a time for stepping forward, for prayer, reflection, Bible study, research, deliberation, wisdom and decision-making. What is at stake? Only the future of First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield. Where is God calling FPC? How exciting it is to join in the discovery!

Faithfully,
Don Houdeshell,
Interim Pastor

May Worship and Preaching Schedule

May 3: 4th Sunday of Easter. Music Sunday. Communion. Psalm 23; John 10:11-18. Preaching: Don Houdeshell, Interim Pastor

May 10: 5th Sunday of Easter. Rite of Confirmation. Psalm 22:25-31; John 15:1-8. Preaching: Don Houdeshell, Interim Pastor

May 17: 6th Sunday of Easter. Breakfast of Champions. Psalm 98; John 15:9-17. Preaching: Don Houdeshell, Interim Pastor

May 24: 7th Sunday of Easter. Psalm 1; John 17:6-19. Guest Minister: Rev. Marion Condit

May 31: Pentecost Sunday. Communion. Pentecost Offering. Wear Red. Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27. Preaching: Don Houdeshell, Interim Pastor

MISSION OF THE MONTH

PENTECOST OFFERING FOR CHILDREN AT RISK, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY, MAY 31

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (May 31, 2009). The Pentecost Offering supports mission with children at risk, youth, and young adults through the following ministries:

- Congregational ministries on behalf of children at risk (40%)
- General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults (25%)
- Advocacy at the denominational level on behalf of children at risk (10%)
- PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer opportunities (25%)

Our congregation keeps 40 per cent of the offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. We have used this to help provide funding for several local agencies:

- Marshfield Area YMCA Strong Child Program Scholarships
- Families and Schools Together (FAST) Program for at-risk children and families in the local public schools,
- Youth Net FACT Program providing tutoring, physical activities and healthy lifestyle education (cooperative program with the Center for Community Outreach, the YMCA, the Personal Development Program)

The General Assembly's portion (60 per cent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

*The Pentecost Offering supports a new generation of church leadership through the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program.

*Since 1998, congregations like yours have raised over \$5 million for ministries with children at risk in their own communities. Church of the New Covenant Presbyterian in Doraville, Georgia, supported a program called "Calculators for Scholars" that seeks to provide calculators to all juniors at the local high school, which serves many students from immigrant and low-income families.

*You are helping to equip and nurture the parents of Presbyterian youth. Because of gifts to the Pentecost Offering, 20 new online studies became available through The Thoughtful Christian series. The studies offer biblical study, relevant issue review, health and wholeness information, as well as current trends and research.

DON'T MISS THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY!

May 17th at 11:30 a.m. following the BLAST Pancake Breakfast, Martha Lee Bohn will be presenting an adult forum.

Ms. Bohn is the youth director at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gulfport, MS., one of three Presbyterian churches still hosting volunteer work teams. After Hurricane Katrina hit the Mississippi Gulf Coast, she worked with teenagers who were out of school for six weeks and Westminster Presbyterian Women as "camp hosts" for the many volunteers who began arriving to help.

Within months, the Presbytery of MS appointed her Site Manager, working with the Construction Manager on recovery operations at the church. Westminster, a church of less than two hundred families, at one point housed nearly 200 people a week.

Martha is now the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Presbytery of Mississippi Disaster Recovery operation and continues as director of youth at Westminster.

Martha has been Dave Root and Kevin Mitchell's contact person in Biloxi since that first phone call inquiring about volunteer opportunities. Nearly four years later the Presbytery of MS has hosted and directed over 20,000 volunteers!

Her personal story is an interesting one. Less than a year after her marriage her own home had five feet of water wash through. Her life and the church ministry she had been a part of changed forever. Her involvement with the hurricane disaster is a hands on, personal journey of comedy and tragedy, hope and faith, which has served to strengthen her confidence "that all things work together for good." (Romans 8:28)

A percentage of the tithe portion from our Capital Fund Drive goes to help Westminster Presbyterian Church continue their ministry associated with Katrina Rebuild.

FOODLESS FOOD SALE

As women of the First Presbyterian Church, we ask you to participate in the 2009 "Foodless Food Sale". The amount contributed is the Mission Pledge for Presbyterian Women. The monies raised support women and children's ministries, nationally and internationally. A total of \$264,900 supported "Living Waters of the World" in 2008. An envelope is enclosed in this newsletter for your donation.

Thank you for your support of the "Foodless Food Sale".

**INNER CITY
CIRCLE...will meet
at the home of
Bonnie Babler
1706 Woodview Dr.
at 9:00 a.m. on May 13.**

**FRIDAY FISH
FELLOWSHIP...will be
held at Willows' at the
Holiday Inn on Friday,
May 1 at 6:00 p.m.
Please make
reservations by calling
384.2484 by noon on the
1st. Bring a friend and
enjoy food and
fellowship.**

**TNT...will meet on
Wednesdays, May 6 and
20, for their regular
meetings. These
meetings are for 6-8th
graders of FPC and
their friends. Come and
enjoy!**

GROWING TOGETHER – Marshfield Area Community Gardens Will Be “Shovel Ready” for 2009 Growing Season

The FPC Green Team is delighted to announce some great news: Through the collaborative effort of Healthy Lifestyles – Marshfield Area Coalition, Marshfield Sustainable Committee, UW Wood County Extension, and many gardening supporters, Marshfield will be launching its very own community gardens in May 2009. Through the generous leasing of a section of our property, First Presbyterian Church *is walking the talk* by providing space for the members of this gardening project to make their dream a reality. The Session recently gave approval for the far southwest corner of the church property to be fenced off, and filled with raised, 4X8 foot garden beds. These beds will be divided into one-foot sections and gardeners will be instructed in growing their own vegetables using the square foot gardening technique, which is catching on across the world. In addition, gardeners will be offered weekly classes in organic gardening, harvesting and preparing their crops, and preservation techniques.

The mission of the GROWING TOGETHER GARDENS is to:

- promote and support local food production
- learn and share gardening techniques
- provide a place in which to garden

In addition, growing your own vegetables promotes healthier nutrition, is cost saving, provides food security, fosters a community activity, reduces carbon footprints through local food production and provides physical and emotional wellness.

The community was surveyed this winter as to local interest in a possible community garden. Over 90 surveys were returned, with an enthusiastic response from groups both interested in having a plot of their own and those excited about helping us make this idea a reality.

The garden planning committee is actively inviting any and all members of the Marshfield community to become involved in this important and economically timely project. Representatives of the committee are currently making presentations to service organizations, churches and other interested groups, offering opportunities to support this project financially, during scheduled workdays and through material and supply donations. At the time of this reading, we will already have held our first workday, on April 25th, which was designated for constructing the raised beds.

Upcoming Work dates:

Saturday, May 2nd – 9-12 noon:
Filling the beds with compost

Saturday, May 9th – 9-12 noon:
Spreading mulch/building
fencing

The Marshfield News Herald and Wausau’s Channel 9 are helping us get the word out to potential gardeners in the area, on how they might sign up for their raised bed plot.

An orientation session and sign-up opportunity is planned at the garden site for Tuesday evening, May 12th at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

An Adult Forum on the community garden, presented by Barb Gillespie, will be held after worship on May 3rd at FPC.

Our church family can be proud that FPC is a church that lives out its mission statement, “*As a community based on God’s love, we strive to be of service to our neighbors and to the world.*”

For more information about this exciting project, contact The Green Team chairperson, Barb Gillespie (387-4898) barb.gaccount@verizon.net.



*WELLNESS NEWS AND
NOTES
BY
CAROLYN OPITZ
PARISH NURSE*

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF HUMOR

We have all heard the phrase, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away.” Well, how about “a laugh a day keeps the doctor away”? Recent studies suggest the importance of humor as part of a healthy lifestyle. Including humor and laughter in your daily life can:

- Reduce stress
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce pain
- Lift your mood
- Boost your immune system
- Improve brain functioning
- Connect you to others
- Foster instant relaxation
- Be fun

So, how can humor do all of this?

The thought is simple, really. You have probably noticed you really do feel better after a good laugh. The problem is that your sense of humor usually leaves you at times when you need it most – on those tough days. But there is increasing evidence that your thoughts, mood and emotions have an impact on your body’s basic health and healing ability.

Find humor in everyday things, laugh with others, rent a funny movie, laugh at yourself, take a walk, and remind yourself to have fun.



Well, spring may be here but the Easter weather man forgot to leave us with some nice warm weather, sunshine and flowers. I really must check my calendar each and every day to make sure it is still April going on May.

Confirmation classes will be meeting with the Session, Mother’s Day is coming, school will soon be out and GRADUATION DAY will be happening. Watch the bulletin and the newsletter for information about the special activities the church is planning for our special members—the seniors. The books here in the library are waiting for our special members to come in and check out some GOOD summer reading. Even though it seems hard to believe, we are fast approaching the time when we will head for a beach somewhere with a good book, and try to read. Come on in, pick out a good book (there are lots of them) and enjoy the summer. You may keep the book until you have finished it. The books like a good vacation, too. I promise not to frighten you when you come in, but do say hello. Happy Mother’s Day and enjoy your Memorial Day. The magazines can be taken home and you do not have to return them. Share with a friend, sibling or neighbor.

See you next month.

Did you enjoy Wall-e?

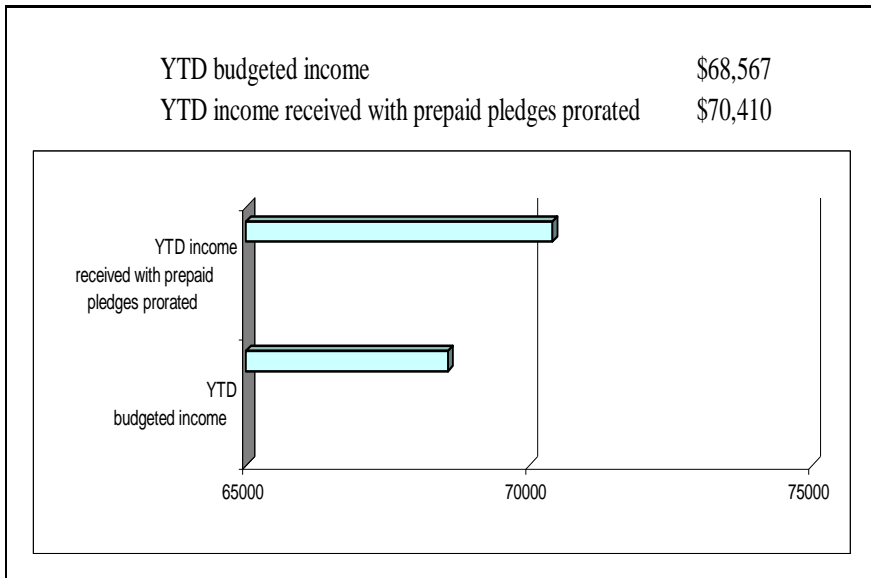
Your friend,
the Church Mouse

Administrative News

Financial Report

General Fund as of March, 2009

	March 2009	March 2008	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	YTD Difference
Income	23,003	27,309	89,786	132,027	-\$42,241
Expenses	34,442	35,523	83,322	89,116	-\$5,795
Income Less Expenses	-\$11,439	-\$8,214	\$6,464	\$42,911	-\$36,447



- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to raise \$3,181 of the \$4,000 goal we set for per capita giving. If you would like to contribute for the per capita you can pick up an envelope here at church or you can simply write per capita on the memo line of your check.
- For a limited time you can earn 3.00% APY on new funds invested in a Fixed Rate Term Note with a thirteen-month maturity through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program. For more information you can call (800) 903-7457, ext 5865 or go online at www.pcusa.org/pilp.

**Serving our church
2008-2009**

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Don Zais
Becky Volenec, Patty Faber
Nancy Root, Mike Schulein
Barb Gillespie, Helen Lohrenz
Bruce Lautenschlager
Cathy Sutterer*

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Janet Singer, Gayle Strand
Darlene Wagner
Janet Crossley, Mary Mabeus
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Celebrating Creation Care A Green Team Treat for the Congregation

About 60 people gathered on Sunday, April 19th, to celebrate Earth Day by watching the Academy Award winning movie WALL-E and enjoying another scrumptious FPC potluck. This movie was much more than a love story between two darling robots. It offered a glimpse 700+ years into the future, as to what our precious earth could look like if hyper-consumerism continues at its current pace. Attendees were challenged to think about the movie's message and the directives given to us by God. Darlene Berry presented thought-provoking questions encouraging discussion involving children and adults.

A cube of compressed aluminum cans just like the ones WALL-E creates was on hand for all to touch and lift, in order to try to guess the number of cans it contained. Those that came the closest at each table received the globe centerpiece as a reminder of the day's discussion. All participants also took home an edible nasturtium seedling to plant in their yards this spring.

Clean Sweep Reminder

On Friday, May 8th from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 9th from 8 a.m. – 12 noon, Wood County residents may participate in the Agricultural and Household Clean Sweep opportunity at the Central Wisconsin Fairgrounds, Expo Building, East 14th Street entrance. This is a voluntary state/county program for the legal, safe and convenient disposal of hazardous wastes from homes, farms and businesses.

Examples of acceptable items you may have on hand at home to dispose of properly include: nail polish remover, moth balls, drain cleaner, silver polish, mildew cleaner, metal cleaner, spot remover, swimming pool chemicals, oven cleaner, floor polish, dry cleaning fluid, NiCad batteries and photography chemicals. Automotive items are also accepted, including ether, fuel, transmission fluid, degreasers and brake fluid. Hobbyists may need to properly discard stripper, hobby materials, gun cleaning fluids, lead based paints, lacquer, wood preservatives, thinners and solvents, turpentine, varnish and creosote.

If you still have an old mercury thermometer at your house, (silver liquid not red), you may bring it in a zip-lock bag for a mercury-free digital thermometer exchange.

The Green Team has been asked how to dispose of batteries safely. Unfortunately, there is no local recycling center for batteries. Reducing your use of batteries is the safest solution as far as the earth is concerned. NiCad batteries are rechargeable batteries, which is the most earth-friendly variety. These include watch and hearing aid batteries. If you use alkaline batteries, it is suggested that you drain them or use them completely before discarding.

Please remember that CFL bulbs, cell phones and ink cartridges will be recycled for you by members of the Green Team. Gently deposit them in the kiosk in the narthex.

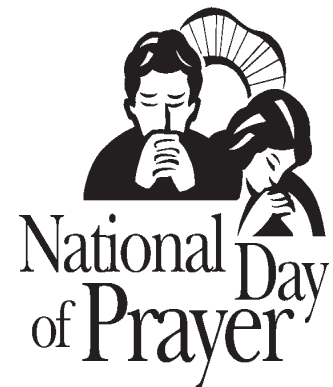
WANTED, SOME CRAFTY FOLKS!

Membership committee is looking for a couple of people who would be willing to do some simple needlepoint on plastic canvas. The "pattern" would be a 4-6 in. cross, and we would enclose them in the Welcoming Bags for visitors. A magnet would be added to the back of the cross so that it could be placed on a refrigerator or other metal surface. This is a very flexible project, and there is no strict time limit. Please call the church office or e-mail gtoyama@charter.net if you are able to help. Materials can be provided. Thank you!

TRANSITIONS

Olive N. Peterson
Birth - 4/29/22
Death - 4/21/09

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our ninth graders are now finished with their first year of Confirmation classes! Our final class time centered on our annual discussion of "Why the church?", a topic of importance to the ninth graders in the middle of the Confirmation process, to the tenth graders choosing to be confirmed, and still important to those of us who are church members and friends. Since then, the tenth graders have been writing about their faith and beliefs.

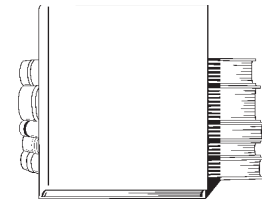
The faith statements of the tenth grade class will be presented to the Session, mentors, and families on Sunday, May 3, following worship. We will begin with a small reception in the parlor at 11:00. Then each confirmand will read his or her Statement of Faith after which Session members may make comments or ask questions.



On Sunday, May 10, we will publicly welcome our Confirmation students into membership as they participate in the 9:30 worship and communion service.

Families, please remember Keel Photography will take group and individual pictures at 8:30 that morning.

If anyone has questions about our final spring plans, please contact Deb Murrell.



THE OPEN BOOK GROUP

May 14, 2009

Meet at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion begins at 9:30 a.m.
at the home of Sarah Hanson
1100 W Fairview Dr
384.8870

Kitchen Table Wisdom: Stories That Heal

by Rachel Naomi Remen

"Everybody is a story...when I was a child, people sat around kitchen tables and told their stories...It is the way the wisdom gets passed along." writes Dr. Remen, cofounder and medical director of the Commonwealth Cancer Help Program in Bolinas, who is a former faculty member at the Stanford School of Medicine and now an assistant clinical professor of family and community medicine at the University of California at San Francisco. She has also experienced forty years of chronic illness herself. She uses stories as a way of healing. This is a collection of stories and parables that come from life experience. "In hearing her voice and the voices of those who have used their wounds as doorways for transforming their pain, somehow along the way our suffering subsides, our wounds begin healing, our hearts begin to feel safe enough to open a little wider." (from the foreword by Dean Ornish, M.D., Preventive Medicine Research Institute)

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FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS

There has been an increased amount of black shoe marks on the Fellowship Hall floor. The most recent occurrence was a couple of weeks ago and the marks were very visible under both of the basketball nets, within the free throw lines. We have not been able to pinpoint exactly when they happened, but think they may be happening on Sunday mornings following worship. However, we are sure it is being done by individuals who are not wearing the correct shoes for the type of floor we have.

We are asking for your assistance in monitoring activities in the Fellowship Hall. **Street shoes are not appropriate** in the Fellowship Hall for any strenuous activities like basketball, volleyball, soccer or just horsing around. Please check to make sure your specific shoes do not make black marks on the floor. You can do this by tipping your shoes on the side and sliding them on the floor. All tennis shoes are not created equal and some may have black soles which will create marks. One really needs **basketball** shoes for our type of floor.

These black marks create a significant amount of work for our custodian and each removal of those black marks creates wear on the wax on the floor.

Thanks for checking for shoe marks.

NAMES REQUESTED FOR GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 17, we will recognize members and friends of First Presbyterian who have graduates this year: this year's high school graduates, as well as those graduating from other post-high school institutions.

If you or someone you know connected with FPC is graduating, please notify the church office (384.2484 or hjbrandt@verizon.net) so that all graduates can be honored on May 17. Information needed includes the graduate's name, degree, and institution conferring the degree. Please turn in all information by May 11. Leave your own name and number in case the church needs any other information. Thank you!



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY MAY 17

Our annual Baccalaureate worship service will be held on Sunday, May 17. The congregation, through the Christian Education Committee, has a special gift to share with graduates that will be presented by their parents during a special liturgy. Following worship, graduates are invited to join us for the Breakfast of Champions pancake meal. A table has been reserved, complete with graduation pancakes.

We invite your family and friends to join us for this special worship service. Please call the church office (384.2484) to let us know if you are able to join us. We look forward to sharing this time with you and your families.

Open Book Group continued

Read the stories and come with your response and your own stories. This is our last book in this series. We will meet again in June to plan our book selections for the coming year. We welcome all who enjoy sharing reading experiences.

Christian Education RUMMAGE SALE Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Are you itching to tackle all those spring cleaning jobs as the weather turns warmer? The Christian Education Committee has a deal for you! We can help you simplify your living space by providing a place for you to bring all the boxes, bags and piles of items that you or your family no longer need. The Fourth Annual FPC Rummage Sale will be accepting donations of clean, usable items on June 8-10th. Setting up for the sale will take many volunteers and we'd love to have YOUR help too. This can be a fun time to scope out the recycled treasures as well as enjoy a few laughs with your church family friends. If you'd like to lend a hand, please sign up on the clipboard outside of the office.

This year, we will feature a Consignment Corner at the sale. This will be a specially marked area in which items of higher value will be placed. Gayle Strand is our Consignment Coordinator, and she is currently working on the agreement that donators will be asked to sign. Items brought for this area will be valued at \$100 or more and the church and person donating will share in the proceeds. Details are currently being finalized. If you have items that you wish to sell through consignment, please contact Gayle at 384-9825 or gdstrand@charter.net .

Be sure to mark Friday, June 12th, and Saturday morning, June 13th on your calendar. These are the dates of the actual sale, which is gaining popularity and a reputation in Marshfield as a great place to find wonderful bargains. This event is a Win-Win-Win situation. Proceeds from the sale provide for many of the Christian Education programming needs while shoppers in Marshfield find great prices on items they need and we all learn to limit our discards in a positive way. Donations are tax deductible. Let the spring cleaning begin!

Something New for Fellowship Hall

Our bright and sunny church building has been a blessed space for worship, education and fellowship gatherings. On occasion, however, it has been a challenge to show slides, movies or a PowerPoint presentation, due to the sunshine streaming in our large windows. The Christian Education Committee recently approved using a little of their rummage sale money to solve this problem. Heavy room darkening fabric was purchased and a group of four creative ladies held a stitching party last month. The result was the successful completion of four lengthy panels to cover the windows in fellowship hall from the triangular peak on top to the bottom. Leading this team, and teaching the rest of us how to use a serger, was Beth Walsh, our very own congregational seamstress extraordinaire. Working alongside Beth were Barb Gillespie, Mary Mabeus and Gayle Strand. Even the fellows got in on the fun. Terry Gillespie and Don Zais shopped for and installed the hardware needed to support the heavy window coverings to complete this project.

There will be many opportunities to use these darkening panels in the future. If you were able to enjoy watching WALL-E during the Earth Day Celebration, you already know what a terrific addition to the fellowship hall these panels have made. They will also be used during this year's Crocodile Rock VBS to darken the bayou for some of our special activities. Thanks to all who helped make this project happen!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

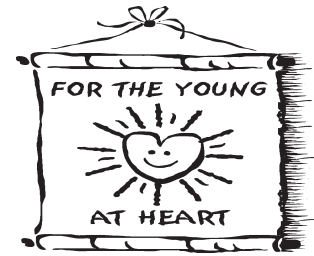
- 1 Mary Baldauf, Linda Lang
- 3 John Nelson
- 5 Mary K. Mabeus,
Evelyn Rustad
- 7 Hannah Halle
- 8 Kennan Chojnacki
- 9 Ryne Felhofer, Ron Knuth,
Alexander Smith
- 10 Joyce Burt, Jacob Engel,
David Knuth, Greg Walsh
- 11 Jacob Stanley
- 12 Thomas Aue,
Jared Faciszewski,
Deb Johnson
- 13 Patty Brink, Noah Eckelberg,
Mike Gellerman,
Audrey Hokenson
- 15 Lauren Belongia,
Tom Faciszewski
- 16 Curt Hanson, Amy Zais
- 17 Leah Craft, Derek Jundinger
- 18 Marilyn Gerndt, Janis Hoehn
- 19 Kelsey Strong
- 20 Bridget Eberl,
Carlos Escudero,
Kimberly Johnson,
Emily Newell
- 21 Danielle Saindon
- 22 Laura Josephson,
Cedric Kohel,
- 23 Stanley Madler
- 27 Aimee Christopherson,
Jesse Daul, Toni Schmitt
- 28 Adam McDowell, David Root
- 31 Jake Allind, Danielle Brooks,
Shane Simenstad,
Norma Zittleman

Financial Report continued

Memorial / Building Fund as of March 2009

Cash and Investments	70,888		
Designated Funds:			
Bldg Items	2,491	Bldg Fund/Parking	49,367
Parish Nurse Program	163	BF Mission	2,057
Music/Worship	1,031	CE Prog./Library	14,089
Youth Programs	821	Outreach	187
H. Scidmore Mem Garden	555	Audio Tapes	125
*Note: Lorraine Mason memorial (\$31,979) is not included above.			
Line of Credit		0	
Notes Program Loan Payable		371,804	
Notes Program Interest Payable		35,166	
Building Fund Total Debt		406,970	

- The rates for the Notes program as of August 12, 2008 are 3.75% for \$10,000 or more and 3.25% for under \$10,000. Please call or e-mail me if you are interested.
- Please call or e-mail me (eleick@verizon.net) if you have any questions or comments ~ Ellen Leick, Business Manager



Young-at-Heart Antiques Roadshow Salad Luncheon

Fellowship Event for Older Members

Older members and friends of First Presbyterian are invited to a special get-together on Wednesday, May 20 at 11:30 a.m. In a luncheon setting, the **Young-at-Heart Antiques Roadshow Salad Luncheon** will feature local antiques expert Bill Dietsche. Attendees are invited to bring small antique items which Bill will talk about.

Please call the church office (384-2484) if you plan to attend. Also indicate whether you need a ride or are able to provide a ride. Event planners include Carolyn Opitz, Helen Lohrenz, Mark Nelson and Pastor Don.

The event organizers have not defined an exact age limit — anyone who thinks they are among our senior members by age or experience is invited to attend.

— article submitted by
*Helen Lohrenz,
 Carolyn Opitz and
 Mark T. Nelson*

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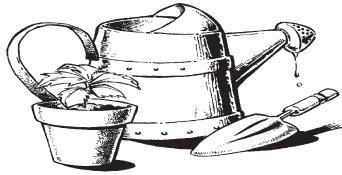
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**MAY****Our Mission**

“First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin, seeks to welcome all to join us on our journey of faith, denying no one, based upon his or her particular human condition, participation in the life of the church. We want to be a safe place, a sanctuary where people are accepted, included, and cared for as they are. We will be agents of God’s transforming power, aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit as we pray, worship, learn, share fellowship and serve together. By attending to the love of Jesus Christ in our midst, we discover a deepening faith that makes a difference in our lives. As a community based on God’s love, we strive to be of service to our neighbors and to the world.”