



First Presbyterian Church  
A Family of Believers

# THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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## Upcoming Events

January 1 – January 8, 2012

☞ = Communion

### SUNDAY 1/1

- 9:15 a.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. – Family Worship ☞
- 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Time
- 11:00 a.m. – Praxis Contemporary Worship ☞

### MONDAY 1/2

- 12:00 p.m. – Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. – Glorify Ministry Team meeting

### WEDNESDAY 1/4

- 7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. – Praise Team rehearsal

### THURSDAY 1/5

- 6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal

### SUNDAY 1/8

- 9:00 a.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship ☞
- 9:45 a.m. – Life Path Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Time
- 11:00 a.m. – Praxis Contemporary Worship ☞

## PLEASE RETURN

Several copies of Sing the Faith have wandered away from the Choir Room. It would be deeply appreciated if those copies could "wander" back to the Choir Room, **No Questions Asked!** If you know where copies of Sing the Faith are stored in the church building, please let Ann Gold know, so that they can be used by the Chancel Choir and the Praise Team.

## COMMUNITY DINNER

January 4 we will not be serving a Community Dinner. We will be back on January 11 at 5:30 p.m.

## REMINDER

Ministry Group and Team reports are due into the church office by **Monday, January 16**. These reports will be compiled into the 2011 Annual Report.



Use the blue prayer cards to share your prayers with the Pastor and Prayer Chain.

- ✚ Debbie Hibbard, recovering from surgery
- ✚ Barbara Park, living with lung cancer
- ✚ Théo Hoffman, recovering from knee surgery
- ✚ John Lanning, recovering from cancer surgery
- ✚ Nancy Baumann, healing from hand surgery
- ✚ Rick Haucke, recovering from knee surgery
- ✚ For Adam who was wounded in Afghanistan
- ✚ 432<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion – Pray for soldiers: Andrew, Casey, John, Jonathon, Michael, Nichole, Patrick, Terence, and Troy.
- ✚ Brian Huckins who is on his 3<sup>rd</sup> tour of duty
- ✚ For victims of Domestic Violence
- ✚ All the blessings that God has given us
- ✚ Strength and wisdom to accept God's will
- ✚ Abused and neglected children
- ✚ Those with Alzheimer's, Depression, COPD, Parkinson's, Arthritis, and MS
- ✚ Strength to speak out about our faith
- ✚ Anne, Beatriz, Bill, Donna, Ed, Eugene, Jacob, Jennifer, Jim, Joe, Karen, Kathy, Kyle, Linda, Lisa, Paul, Pete, Randy, Reid, Rob, Ruth, and Sara all battling cancer
- ✚ Those who are seeking employment
- ✚ Happy, strong, committed marriages
- ✚ Kaktovik Presbyterian Church
- ✚ Urabá Presbytery of Colombia
- ✚ Deacons, Elders, Members, Staff, and Pastor Matt and his family.

## ADVENT TAKE DOWN



Epiphany un-decorating will take place in conjunction with the Community Dinner on **Wednesday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m.** Please join us for dinner and then stay to help un-deck the halls and pack away all the Christmas cheer until the end of the year.

## 2012 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE



Giving envelopes for 2012 are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and Church Office.

## CARE PACKAGES FOR THE 432<sup>ND</sup> CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION

The Be-Tween Youth Group is asking for contributions from the congregation for care packages for the 432<sup>nd</sup> soldiers. These care packages will be put together on Wednesday, January 11. **Contributions can be brought to the church office prior to January 11.** Pretty much anything you can think of would be appreciated! Thank you so much for considering helping out the soldiers and the Be-Tweens as they learn to care about others and how to do so! A list of items that can be shipped is located in fellowship hall, the narthex and church office.

## MONTHLY MIGRATION DINNER

We return after our winter hiatus in January with a trip to moors of Scotland as we celebrate Hogmanay a wee bit late. Enjoy a Scottish themed menu tailored to please even the most delicate of palates. The dinner will be held on **Sunday, January 22 at 5:15 p.m.**



## WANTED: FOOD FOR AREA PANTRIES



The Board of Deacons is always accepting food for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Please feel free to drop off non-perishable food items at anytime throughout the year. She is located in the hallway by the church office. Food is given to area pantries.

On **Sunday, February 5**, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and food. Please join with Christians all across America in supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering. Bring nonperishable food items to Church and drop **\$1** (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship.



## OVERSEAS COUPON PROGRAM

Another batch of coupons were recently mailed to the Marine Corps base in Iwakuni, Japan which we adopted for the Overseas Coupon Program. The church collected 2,416 coupons, valued at \$3,322.19. This brings our 2011 total to 6,589 coupons valued at \$8,908.99. Thank you to those church members who help out with this ministry.



Forever postage stamps – Facial tissue – Paper Towels – “C” Batteries

## SCHOOL BOOK DRIVE

The Serve Ministry Team finished up the year 2011 distributing 1,542 books last August to four Manitowoc public elementary schools for delivery to each child on his or her birthday. After last week's 322 book donation by one church family, we have now collected 1,995 books for next August's distribution to all six schools in Manitowoc. This represents 83% of the 2,401 books needed for all the kids. In addition, 388 books were donated for next June's church rummage sale, and 17 books were found for special reading classes. We still need 406 books for next August's distribution, plus about 150 books for the special reading classes (six copies of each of the 25 titles on reading teachers' group reading "wish lists"). We thank you all for a successful year and look forward to another great year for the School Book Drive.

## HOLY FAMILY HOSPICE TEAM PANEL DISCUSSION TO BE HELD

On **Thursday, January 12 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Manitowoc Senior Center** there will be an award winning documentary and panel discussion by Holy Family Memorial Hospice Team. “Being physically dependent in the beginning and end of life is human. We need to ask our doctors: Will you follow my goals for care?...It is a sacred conversation. *When and how do we start it?*”