



First Presbyterian Church  
A Family of Believers

# THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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## Upcoming Events

January 8 – January 15, 2012

☞ = Communion

### 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 ☞

### MONDAY 1/9

- 12:00 p.m. – Bible Study

### TUESDAY 1/10

- 12:00 p.m. – Board of Deacons meeting

### WEDNESDAY 1/11

- 5:30 p.m. – Community Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. – Be-Tween Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. – Bell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. – Praise Team rehearsal

### THURSDAY 1/12

- 6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal

### FRIDAY 1/13

- 9:00 a.m. – Senior Breakfast at Felician Village Bistro

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## 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.



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.

## 2012 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE



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

## 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.

## 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 any time 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.



## SENIOR CENTER MEALS

**January 30 – February 3** is our next opportunity for First Presbyterian Church to deliver Senior Meals. It requires about 1½ hours of your time. If you would like to help in this mission, please contact **Jim Clark** at **682-8520**.



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

## 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?*”

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TASK FORCE

This past fall, members of our church family were asked to fill out a survey in regards to our Christian Education programming at First Presbyterian Church. Members of the Christian Education Task Force have joined the Christian Education Committee so that we can work together to address the concerns, suggestions and ideas that came to light in the surveys.

In the next several months we will be discussing goals and ideas for the Christian Education programming at First Presbyterian Church. We will keep everyone apprised of our work in the future months.

If you would like to be a part of this process, please contact either Gudrun Wetak or Jeanne Wilcox, members of the Christian Education Task Force.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

**Elder Class of 2013**  
Laura Fries

**Elder Class of 2014**  
Nancy Schueffner, Carol Wheelock

**Deacon Class of 2013**  
Verna Hansen, Lauryn Hibbard, Karma Lanning

**Deacon Class of 2014**  
Debbie Belland, Jim Clark, Sharon Clark,  
Todd Gorter

