

# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

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Tomorrow! As the song points out, "The sun will come out, tomorrow" can be an interesting proposition. Tomorrow refers to a better day when the problems today are resolved. In Biblical terms, tomorrow– the future, the time that has not yet arrived– is the assurance that the present is never the end of the story.

A lonely frog, desperate for any form of company, telephoned a psychic hotline to find out what his future had in store. She told him, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you." The frog was thrilled and said, "This is great! Where will I meet her– at work, at a party?" "Nope" said the psychic, "In a biology class."

I do not think the frog got it! Yet for us, tomorrow is one of the keys to understanding Christianity. When we embrace the way of Christ, we enter the kingdom of God, which is already here in some ways. But we also inherit the hop of the kingdom to come, where all the wrongs will be righted and all the pain and suffering will end. Revelation 21:1-6 tells us that the day is coming, says the Lord, when there will be no more mourning or crying or pain.

2010 is around the corner! The church needs you! Jesus Christ needs you today and tomorrow! I am not suggesting that we establish the kingdom of God– that is God's work! Yet, we have the responsibility of making a better tomorrow for people in the church and community. As you pray and discern where God can use you, remember this, "change can be good!"

We certainly cannot change everything is no reason to think that it is just a waste of time! We who follow Jesus can and should have a positive impact on the tomorrows that come our way! Think about where you fit in the church and ask yourself "what can I do to make a difference-serve on a committee, teach Sunday school, or help with youth organizations, visiting shut-ins, or helping to organize fellowship activities!" We who follow Jesus have the opportunity to change the tomorrows in people's lives! We should not wait until tomorrow to begin! We can certainly get there from here!

~Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons



*Lectors: Judy Reeve (1st & 2nd)*

*Brad Mueggenberg (3rd & 4th)*

*Hanging of Green (5th)*

*Ushers: Harry & Judy Reeve*

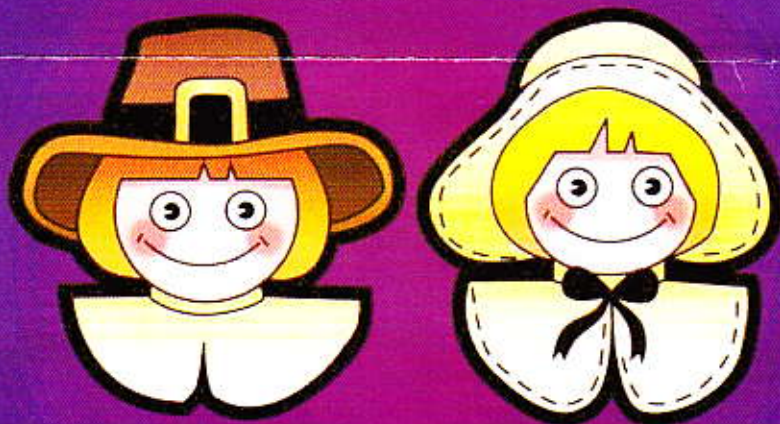
*Acolytes: Wesley & Whitney Reeve*

## November Birthdays

*Wayne & Shirley Seaman- 4th*

*Tyler Stidham- 7th*

*Nadine Lindsay- 11th*



*Marian Junker- 13th*

*Cooper Mueggenberg- 16th*

*Blayce Nelson- 19th*

*Bill & Elaine Crawford- 19th*

*Zachary Mueggenberg- 22nd*



## SESSION NOTES

The session held their regular meeting on October 13, 2009.

*Clerk Report:* Linda McClellan announced that she will resign as clerk of session effective December 31, 2009.

*Buildings & Grounds:* The door to the basement entrance has been replaced by Butch Janning. He also fixed the steps on the west basement door and did some caulking to fill gaps.

The copier lease expires October 26. Bro Business will pick up the copier and extra toner cartridges. Stacy Determann presented several proposals to the session to purchase a copier. A Brother digital copier will be purchased from the Quill Company.

*Christian Education:* The Children's Christmas program will be December 20.

*Parish Life:* Thanksgiving potluck will be November 22. Dean Lamp will assist with the meal that day. Don at Glidden Grocery will prepare two turkeys and Tim Reeve will be asked to prepare a pork loin.

*Worship:* Pulpit supply is needed for November 8 and 15.

Hanging of the greens will be November 29. The committee would like to replace the Christmas tree this year as the old one had to have lights repaired last year. The PW will be asked to purchase two artificial poinsettias as the sanctuary gets too cold for real ones to survive.

Following the regular session meeting, Richard Francis from COM met with the session to discuss the next steps needed to find a new pastor. A church information form needs to be completed. Then a PNC Committee can be formed to begin the search. Nominees for committee members for both the CIF development and the PNC were discussed. Lora Reeve will contact CIF candidates and Stacy will contact PNC candidates.

Rev. Francis informed the session of several possible candidates who may be interested in stated supply. He will email the names and contact information to the clerk when he receives it.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2009 at 7 pm.

## Thanksgiving Potluck

November 22, following the service  
Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, and  
Dressing will be served  
Please bring table service and a side dish



## *PW Meeting*

*Thursday, November 5*

*11:30 am*

*Perk Central in Carroll*

# Financial Report

September 2009

	This Month	Year to Date	Budget
Balance Forward	20088.64	17296.53	0.00
<i>Income</i>			
Adult Giving	2947.00	31167.50	0.00
Loose Offering	37.00	809.32	0.00
Preschool	0.00	375.00	0.00
Special Offerings	0.00	1194.57	0.00
Memorials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flowers	0.00	63.00	0.00
Transfers In	0.00	9716.19	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2984.00</b>	<b>43325.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<i>Expenses</i>			
Ministry	2766.66	24975.00	34160.00
Operations	621.84	9772.21	18325.00
Parish Life	0.00	0.00	500.00
Stewardship	0.00	0.00	100.00
Christian Ed	0.00	474.18	3000.00
Worship	0.00	110.24	1000.00
Missions	285.00	3759.57	5420.00
Per Capita	0.00	2517.12	2240.25
Transfers	9700.00	9314.87	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13373.50</b>	<b>50923.19</b>	<b>64745.25</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>9699.14</b>	<b>9699.14</b>	





### Community of Concern Food Drive

The Carroll Community of Concern Food Pantry provides food for residents of Carroll County. In 2008, 2868 meals were provided to 956 people representing 367 families. As of September 30, 307 households have been helped in 2009.

'Hunger Hurts' food drive will be conducted during November. As Presbyterians, we will have a table set up for donations during the month of November. Cash donations will also be accepted for the purchase of milk, eggs, meat, potatoes, and other fresh food items.

The Community of Concern is asking for the following items: peanut butter, soup, cereal, tomato products (sauce, canned, juice, spaghetti sauce), tuna, pasta (spaghetti, egg noodles, macaroni), Hamburger and Tuna Helper, macaroni and cheese, spice packets for chili, tacos, etc, pudding, and canned fruit. Non-food items such as laundry soap, bath soap, toilet tissue and personal care items will also be accepted.

The Community of Concern is located at  
203 HWY 71 North, Carroll, 792-5150

### *Christmas Grocery Giving*



*One tradition of caring is to remember those less fortunate as we have Thanksgiving dinner as a congregation on November 22. A basket will be available for a free will donation, which will be used for gift certificates from The Hidden Grocery Store.*

## REMINDER:

*Pastor Mike will be gone on Nov. 8 & 15.*

Services on Nov. 8 with Jean Volkers speaking

Services on Nov. 15 will be conducted by Rev. Barb Huisman



In lieu of having poinsettias this year (due to the temperature in the church during the week in which they do not survive) you can help decorate the Christmas Tree. You can purchase an angel ornament in honor or memory of someone, or even for yourself or family members.

Cost is only \$1.00 per ornament.

*Order forms will be included in the bulletins.*

*Without Thy sunshine and Thy rain  
We could not have the golden grain;  
Without Thy love we'd not be fed;  
We thank Thee for our daily bread.  
Anonymous*

*He who thanks but with the lips*

*Thanks but in part,*

*The full, the true Thanksgiving*

*Comes from the heart.*

*J. A. Shedd*

