
DREAM ACRES



Official Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Omro

November 2011

PLAN TO ATTEND COMMITMENT SUNDAY WORSHIP AND BRUNCH – NOVEMBER 6TH

We are a richly blessed people! How can we express our gratitude to God for all the wonders of life ... for the goodness of family, friends, neighbors, church, and society ... for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ? One way for us to show our gratitude for all of God's gifts is to attend Commitment Sunday worship and the Celebration brunch, November 6th, and make our financial commitments for 2012. A **special meeting of the congregation** has also been called for this day – **November 6th** – at the conclusion of worship, and before the brunch, for the purpose of conducting an expanded mission study to assist the Pastor Nominating Committee in its work.

Don't forget to set your clocks back the night before so you're not here an hour early Sunday morning!

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Interim Pastor Sara Ver Burg

Worship/Sunday School: 9:00 am

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queenverburg@gmail.com

In case of emergency: call the office at 920-685-2610

Check our website at: omropres.com

Or the Presbytery at:

winnebagoepresbytery.org



Holiday Smorgasbord

Saturday December 3rd.

Serving continuously from 5-7 pm

Advance tickets sold at a discount!

Adults (12 and up) \$8

Children 4-11 \$4

Wee ones 3 and under free.

Admission on the day of our event is

Adults \$9 and children \$5.

Please see a committee member or church office for advance tickets.

We can use YOUR help and food donations! Look for sign up sheet at church coming soon!

All proceeds go toward the building fund to lower the principal on our mortgage!!!!

Please bring your family and friends for a wonderful Holiday event!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting of WWYG will be Wednesday, November 9th. Invite your friends and meet at the church after school to make Christmas cards. Sign up at church by 1:00, Tuesday, November 8th so we know how many to plan for! WWYG is open to all 3rd thru 8th graders.

If less than five students have signed up by 1 p.m. the Tues" I want to thank you for giving me the prayer shawl. I know a lot of work was put into making it. I admire the beautiful colors of blue, purple, gray and green. It reminds me of God's love that he sent through the rainbow." In Christ's love, Dorothea Sullivan
day before any WWYG meeting or event, the meeting will be cancelled and notification will be sent via email and Facebook.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!!

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? Do you need a ride to church for worship on Sunday? Do transportation problems keep you from worship? Are you homebound? Shut in? Call the church office if you would like a ride to church for worship. On the other hand, would you be willing to give someone a ride to church for worship? Call the office to be put on the Deacon's Transportation list. Thank you.

THANK YOU

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PRAYER CHAIN

Let us keep the following members and Let us keep the following members and friends in prayer:(last names are not shown due to privacy concerns on the web)

FOR HEALING: Tricia W., Patty F., Penny K., Ethel B., Lonny J.

FOR STRENGTH AND SAFETY: Members of the military and their families, victims and survivors of floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters.

HOMEBOUND: Marge H., Joan M., Catherine H.

If you'd like to include a prayer request for the weekly bulletin, please call it to the office by Wednesday noon. Let us access God through the power of prayer each week. Names will remain on the list for two weeks, unless we are notified otherwise. If you would like to place someone's name on the prayer chain, you may call the church at 685-2610 or Rozanne Werzinske at 685-6074.

When you call the prayer chain, we will assume that it's okay to print the name in the bulletin and newsletter unless you say otherwise.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 5th – we will meet at Horan's for breakfast at 8 a.m

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP

All are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. to knit, crochet, and tie prayer shawls and lap robes. We have delivered items to several people, but we still have many more to share. If you have a suggestion for someone who would enjoy the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact the office.

SESSION NEWS (October 17, 2011 meeting)

- Four of our youth attended the Fall Presbytery Youth Camp this year ... Brooke Selle, Brandon Beck, Erin Baltes, and Colleen Baltes. Ask them about their experiences ... they must have some good stories to share!
- Authorized two baptisms: Teagan Rae Jackson, daughter of Justin and Marilyn Jackson on October 23rd; and Alyson Marie Buttke, daughter of John and Jody Buttke on November 13th.
- This year's Christmas "green" offering has been designated for the general fund.
- The Thanksgiving Offering will be split 50/50 between the Omro Food Pantry and Father Carr's Place 2B.
- Advent gifts will be collected Sundays, November 27 through December 18 for the Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Center in Oshkosh, Bella Medical Clinic (formerly Labor of Love), Omro Care Center, and Father Carr's Place 2B. Gift suggestions are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.
- We will collect Christmas cards for Oshkosh Correctional Institute inmates on November 27 and December 4 – and 2012 calendars through the end of the year. The cards will be delivered the week of December 5th and calendars the week of January 2nd.
- The outside door by the kitchen will be kept locked during worship services to prevent it blowing open. Middle-schoolers – please use the front door when coming back from your class.
- Rain gutters will be installed on the storage shed to prevent run-off.
- Because our custodians do such a great job taking care of the church, it was decided that stripping and waxing the floors is not necessary at this time, but will be looked at again in the spring. Thanks Bob and Bryon!
- Russ Kleinschmidt has volunteered to run electricity to the church sign. Thanks, Russ, for your donation of materials and labor for this project, saving the church a considerable amount of money! The light fixture will be purchased with money from the Memorial Garden fund.
- The Administration Committee reviewed information from two property insurance companies, and upon their recommendation, session decided to renew coverage with our existing carrier, Guide One Insurance Company.
- The clerk attended the annual Presbytery Records Review, and stated that our records were approved with minor exceptions.
- Authorized sending session minutes from October 1949 through December 2010, and the church register through December 1999, to the Presbyterian Historical Society archives in Philadelphia, PA for safekeeping. A microfilm or digital copy will be returned to the church.
- Cindy Doughty was elected delegate to the November 12 Presbytery meeting at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Appleton.

Nurture Committee is looking for families to light Advent candles the four Sundays in Advent – which starts November 27th – and on Christmas Eve. If you would like to participate, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the hall bulletin board Sunday morning, November 6th, before worship

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Women's Association met after worship on Sep 25th. Women attending were: Cindy Doughty, JoAn Kolodzik, Donna Matulle, Helen Wentzel, Grace Gosseck, Jeanne Faust and Marsha Stiller. Purpose of the meeting was to finalize the Retired Teacher's Luncheon being held on Thursday, October 20th. The women will be serving what was served last year which consisted of meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, rolls, relish tray, jello salads and bars. Cindy Doughty and Sue Walther are the chairpersons. They will put out a sign up sheet of what is needed for the meal that the ladies will help provide. The association will buy the meat.

Marsha mentioned that we have 15 matching relish dishes...thanks to Helen Wentzel, Doris Strehlow, JoAn Kolodzik and Gordon Stiller who kept checking the thrift store and rummage sales.

Members present decided by a unanimous vote to keep the same slate of officers.

President – Marsha Stiller	685-2938
Vice-President – Sue Walther	685-2779
Secretary – Donna Matulle	685-2469
Kitchen Coordinator – Helen Wentzel	685-5039
Co-Kitchen Coordinator – JoAn Kolodzik	685-6630
Sunshine – Grace Gosseck	685-5075

The kitchen has been cleaned...Thank you Cindy Doughty, Norie Tritt and JoAn Kolodzik for cleaning the refrigerators and freezers while Marsha cleaned under the sink and also got the kitchen sink to look like stainless steel again. All of the drawers along with the cupboards were cleaned and things were put back in the proper place. All cupboards were wiped down. Hopefully with everyone's help we can keep the kitchen organized so that the next person will be able to find what they may be looking for.

If there is anything that the kitchen is need of PLEASE LET MARSHA KNOW. I can't get it if I don't know....

LOOKING AHEAD PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Set up Christmas tree and brunch to follow Monday, Nov 28th at 9am

Smorgasbord	Saturday, Dec 3 rd 5:00 – 7:00pm
Cookie pack	Monday, Dec 12 th 9:00am

ADVENT GIFTS

The Mission Committee will collect and distribute Advent Gifts this year. Please place your unwrapped gifts in the "Advent Gift" box on the appropriate Sundays.

We will also collect Christmas cards and 2012 calendars for Oshkosh Correctional Institute inmates.

Please bring cards no later than Sunday, December 4th, and calendars by January 1, 2012 so they can be delivered in a timely manner.

1st Sunday in Advent, November 27

Father Carr's Place 2B – St. Martin DePorres Food Bank

FOOD: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned veggies, soup, and other non-perishable foods. **PERSONAL NEEDS:** toothbrush/paste, shaving cream/razors, feminine products, laundry soap, towel, and other toiletries. **CLEANING SUPPLIES:** carpet shampoo, disinfectant cleaner, toilet/bathroom cleaner, etc.

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4

Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Center

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs, kitchen trash bags, paper towels, paper plates, mops and mop heads, umbrella, large black garbage bags, Lysol/disinfectant spray, disinfectant wipes, Swiffer duster refills,

yellow cleaning gloves, Soft Scrub, Ibuprofen, vinyl and latex gloves, facial scrub, facial lotion, body wash, conditioner, deodorant, diapers (sizes 3,4,5), sippy cups, baby bottles, baby powder, Sharpie markers.

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11
Omro Care Center

Hand/body lotion, socks, slippers, non-skid socks, Kleenex, wet wipes, coin/change purse, men's and women's wallets, beads or simple jewelry, large print word search or crossword puzzle books, 100 piece or less puzzles, simple rug hooking kits, sugarless candy, sugarless cookies, note cards and envelopes, bird seed, bird feeders, fleece throws, stamps, gift certificate for facility beautician, bingo chips, after-shave.

4th Sunday of Advent, December 18
Bella Medical Clinic (formerly Labor of Love)

Diapers – size newborn, 2, 3, 4; Baby Wipes; Bottle brushes; Oshkosh Bus Passes;
Disposable Cameras; Learning baby toys 6-12 months; Baby record books;
Batteries – all sizes; Bright White Copy Paper



The Smorgasbord Committee
has decided to hold a Christmas cookie sale again this year.

We will be taking pre-orders for **Frosted Cutout Sugar Cookies** (\$5 for a Baker's Dozen) and **Spritz Butter Cookies** (\$5 for 1-1/2 dozen) from now until December 16th. Sunday, December 4th. Payment must accompany orders. Cookies will be available for pick-up at the church Friday, December 16th.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS COOKIE ORDER FORM**
(Payment must accompany order)

Frosted cutout sugar cookies (A unit is a Baker's Dozen)
of units ordered _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Spritz butter cookies (A unit is 1-1/2 dozen)
of units ordered _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: Sunday, December 4, 2011
COOKIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AT THE
CHURCH, 955 N. WEBSTER AVENUE, OMRO
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011 – 10 a.m. to 4 pm

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

The Deacons will again be purchasing poinsettia plants to use in the poinsettia tree this Christmas. To order a plant, please fill in the form and return it to the church office by **Sunday, November 13th**. Orders received after that date cannot be accepted. This year we will offer the following choices: red, white, pink, marble and burgundy. If the color you choose is not available at time of delivery, your choice will be substituted with a red plant.

Please place my order for _____ 6" poinsettia(s) at \$6.00 each. My check/cash for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Color Choice: _____

Check One:

_____ It is my desire to personally remove the plant(s) following the Christmas Eve service or after church Christmas day.

_____ It is my desire that the plant(s) be used by the Deacons in their ministry.

In Loving Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

OR

In Loving Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Please write or print all names clearly, exactly as you want them to appear in the memorial bulletin.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Deacons- 9	2 Prayer shawl ministry- 10	3 Bells-6 Choir-7	4	5 Presbyterian Men-8 *JoAn Kolodzik
6 Commitment Sunday Wor/SS-9 Celebration brunch Special Congregational meeting *Cody Albright	7 Celebration-6	8 *Doris Strehlow	9 WWYG- make cards	10 Bells-6 Choir-7	11 Presbytery program on "New form of government"- 5	12 Presbytery meet in Appleton *Carol Hemmila
13 Wor/SS-9	14 Smorgasbord meet-6 Admin-6	15 *Rick Baltes	16	17 Bells-6 Choir-7 *Jeanne Faust	18	19 *Austin Verwiel
20 Thanksgiving worship/SS-9 Nurture-10:15 Mission- 10:15	21 Session-6	22	23 *Mary Allen	24 Thanksgiving Day *Jerry Allen	25	26
27 Wor/SS-9	28 Tree set up & lunch-9 Smorgasbord meet-6	29	30			