
DREAM ACRES



Official Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Omro

October 2011

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING – NOVEMBER 6TH!

Session has decided to use the **Consecration Sunday** stewardship program again this year to support the church budget and building fund in 2012.

In the weeks prior to Consecration Sunday, everyone will be asked to complete a luncheon reservation form and indicate plans to attend the two important events November 6th – worship at 9 a.m. and the Celebration Luncheon immediately after.

During Consecration Sunday worship, everyone will be asked to make their financial commitments to the church's mission and ministry. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete commitment cards. At the end of worship, a guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their voluntary commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events!

Interim Pastor Sara Ver Burg

Worship/Sunday School: 9:00 am

Contact us at: 1stpresomro@sbcglobal.net

Pastor Sara's email: queenverburg@gmail.com

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

Check our website at: omropres.com

Or the Presbytery at: winnebagopresbytery.org

MEET DIEGO ...

to learn about the Presbyterian Church in Colombia and Its Response to Violence.

Rev. Diego Higueta, Moderator of the church in Colombia, S.A., will be visiting in Winnebago Presbytery from October 3-11, 2011. The Presbyterian churches of Winneconne, Omro, and Oshkosh have arranged for an opportunity for us to meet Diego – Thursday, October 6, 2011

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a brief presentation at First Presbyterian Church of Winneconne. Please call 920-582-7531 if you will be attending.

Please – let's have a good representation from the Omro Church!

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PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S GROUP

The men's group started the fall schedule with breakfast at Horan's on September 10th. The next meeting will be a fall clean-up day at the church – Saturday, October 1st (*note the change in date!*). We will meet at church on at 8 a.m. for breakfast – please sign up so we know how much food to prepare. There are many jobs both inside and outside so anyone – male or female – interested in lending a hand will be welcome. **High School Youth** are encouraged to help out!

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings received each year by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We will receive the Peacemaking Offering on **World Communion Sunday – October 2nd**. Each congregation may keep 25 percent of the Offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program receives 50% of the Offering; and presbyteries and synods the remaining 25%.

After the success of the “Back to the Books” lunch this year, Session has agreed to designate our 25% portion of the Offering to help defray expenses for the 2nd Annual “Back to the Books” lunch at the start of the 2012-13 school year.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

Let us keep the following members and Let us keep the following members and friends in prayer:

FOR HEALING: Tricia W., Patty F., Penny K., Marlene L., Jim 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.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association will be selling 2 year (2012-13) pocket calendars this year. Cost is \$3.00 and the deadline for orders is October 23rd. There is an order form located on the lectern in the entry or you may call Marsha Stiller 685-2938 or Jill Stiller at 685-6010 to place an order. Women's Association will be hosting the Retired Teachers luncheon on Thursday, October 20th. Chairing this event is Cindy Doughty and Sue Walther. If you would be willing to provide food please contact either Cindy or Sue to what they may need.

SESSION NEWS (September 19, 2011 meeting)

- We will celebrate **World Communion Sunday-October 2nd** – with bread from parts of the world that have been in distress recently. Communion will be served by intinction.
- Celebration Committee and Session are looking for elders not currently on session who would like to help serve communion occasionally. A sign-up sheet has been posted if you're interested.
- A drama is being planned for Thanksgiving worship – Sunday, November 20th. There will be no Thanksgiving Eve worship.
- Set dates for special Advent services:
 - Bell Choir Cantata – Sunday, December 11th
 - Sunday school Christmas Program – Sunday, December 18th
 - Chancel Choir Cantata – Christmas Eve
 - Christmas Day worship at 9 a.m.
- Authorized \$50 donation to the Omro Rushford Volunteer Fire Department
- Designate our 25% of the Peacemaking Offering for the 2012 “Back to the Books” lunch.
- Provided rent assistance of \$50 from our “local mission” endowment for an individual living at the Omro Motel.
- Committees have begun work on their budget requests for 2012.
- A committee has been formed to come up with a new mission statement for the church.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting of WWYG will be Wednesday, October 12th. Kids – invite your friends and meet at the church after school to go on our annual hayride. Sign up at church by noon, Tuesday, October 11th so we know how many to plan for! WWYG is open to all 3rd thru 8th graders.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE:

Thank You! to all who provided food and/or helped in any way to make the “**Back to the Books**” lunch, August 30th, so successful. We served burgers and brats with all the fixin’s, salads and dessert to more than 120 very appreciative school district employees. One teacher was overheard telling Bob Walther that “*the only thing better than today would be for you to invite us every Friday!*”

That’s not going to happen, but we will be planning to host another lunch at the start of the school year next August.

Here are some of the comments we received in thank-you notes ...

Thank you so much for thinking of us. The food and hospitality was wonderful. We were truly blessed. Thanks again.”

“Enjoyed it so!”

“Thank you for treating everyone to a wonderful lunch. It was a very thoughtful act of kindness. Everyone enjoyed it very much.”

“Thanks so much for looking out for us.”

“Thanks for all the yummy vegetarian options! I appreciate your support!”

“Thanks for your thoughtfulness. I loved it!””

“Yum...Yum...Yum! Thank you so much!”

“What a treat! Thank you.”

“Awesome Food!”

“How very thoughtful and delicious! Thank you.”

“That was awesome! Thank you.”

“Thank you for the wonderful lunch!”

“Awesome lunch! Thank you very much.”

“It was yummy!!”

THANK YOU’s ...

“Thank you so much for thinking and praying for Josh during his recent trip to A.F.C.H. in Madison. The continued support and prayers from the “Omro” community and your congregation help us get through these difficult times. Thank you so much!” *Ken, Stacey, and Josh Stone*

“Thanks to all the thoughtful people in church for the beautiful blanket.” *Jean Koon.*

To the Board of Deacons:

“Thank you so much for the plant you gave me – it certainly brightens up the room. Also, many thanks for all your prayers – they’re much appreciated.” *Jeanne Faust*

“Thank you very much from Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW Oshkosh! The generous donation of 200 plants from area church members in September was greatly appreciated by the incoming students at UW Oshkosh and Lutheran Campus Ministry!

It is a wonderful way to introduce our ministry to students as the new school year gets underway. We appreciate all your help in making this annual project a huge success. Students are very excited to receive a plant for their rooms; they have an opportunity to see our campus house; and many will return for worship services on Thursday evenings.

Thank you again for all your time and support! Please continue to keep our ministry in your thoughts and prayers as our young missionaries share the Word of God with others at the UW Oshkosh campus.”

NEWSLETTER NOTE

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically and are not currently doing so, please email a request to Sandy King (gking5@new.rr.com) or to the church (1stpresomro@sbcglobal.net). *Note: It will arrive in your mailbox from the “Kings” ... not from the church.* The newsletter will also be available for viewing and download on our website – www.omropres.com.

The **deadline** for submitting newsletter articles is the **20th of each month.** Articles can be dropped off in the office or emailed to Sandy at the above address.



Mission Impossible Ispossible

October 27th at 7pm
thru October 30th lunch

**We're welcoming Dan LeMonnier of
Banjotales as our keynote speaker**

COST: \$125/camper

ACTIVITIES:

Large group exploring through
music and fun

Build strong bonds in small group active
exploration, Skyping Mission Partners in
Colombia, Crafts, Games, Free time,
Worship, Amazing Race, Habitat Shed Build,
Movies and more!

Scholarships may be available.
Contact the Presbytery through
your Youth Leader

Location: Wisconsin Lions Camp
Rosholt WI

Dates: 10/27/11 -10/30/11



October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Presbyterian Men Fall Clean up
2 Wor/Comm/SS-9 Session special stewardship meeting-10:15	3 Celebration-6 *Ashley Koon	4 Deacons-9	5 Prayer shawl ministry group-10 *Jim & Sue Allen-48 yrs	6 Meet Diego@FPC Winneconne-6 Bells-6 Choir-7	7	8
9 Wor/SS-9 Mission-10:15	10 Columbus Day *Bob Wing *Wayne Zimmer *Nathan Piper	11	12 WWYG hayride Admin-6	13 Bells-6 Choir-7	14	15
16 Wor/SS-9 Nurture-10:15 *Marv & Donna Matulle-29 yrs	17 Session-6	18 *Gordon Stiller	19	20 Retired Teachers Dinner Bells-6 Choir-7 Newsletter deadline	21 *Ray & Catherine Hoeft-16 yrs	22
23 Wor/SS-9 Deadline for pocket calendars	24 Smorgasbord planning-6 *Kristin Jackson	25	26	27 Bells-6 Choir-7	28	29
30 Wor/SS-9	31 					