
DREAM ACRES



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June 2011

More Bulletin Bloopers

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme for this year's VBS is *PandaMania* and will be held Sunday through Thursday evenings, August 7-August 11th. Contact Jennie Longworth for more information or register soon at www.omropres.com.



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DEACON'S DOINGS

Pentecost Sunday is June 12th. We will celebrate with our annual geranium garden. Deadline for orders is Sunday, June 5th.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S GROUP

Presbyterian Men will meet Saturday, June 4th at 8 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. The group meets monthly and offers another way for men to connect and fulfill their Christian calling in the church. All men of our church and community welcome to attend.

THANK YOU to Bob Wing and members of the chancel choir and hand bell choir for another year of inspiring music. The choirs will be on vacation until September, so we are looking for volunteers to furnish special music during summer worship. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please indicate if you will need an accompanist.

REMINDER ...

Church is not closing for the summer! Expenses do not take the summer off! Please try to keep your pledges to the operating budget up to date. If you are unable to keep up with your pledge because of job changes or unexpected expenses, please call or email the office to indicate the change in your situation.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

FOR HEALING: Tricia Wright, Patty Fauk, Linda Kutchenriter, Vernita Fink

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

HOMEBOUND: Marge Hellwig, Bettie Nipko, Joan Moon, Catherine Hoeft

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.

FOURTH OF JULY CHILDREN'S GAMES

We will be holding the 4th of July Children Games at Scott Park again this year. This is a major fundraiser for the church's building fund; and this year Session has voted that 10% of all of our fundraisers be used for youth and children's programs in our church. We'll be looking for volunteers to help in the coming weeks. Watch for the sign-up sheet or please contact the office if you will be able to help out with games, face painting, and more.



SESSION NEWS

- Approved Celebration Committee recommendation to worship outdoors (*weather permitting*) on Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, followed by a potluck picnic. Please bring your own lawn chairs, table settings, and “picnic fare” to share. (*Picnic will be held “rain or shine”, but we’ll eat indoors in the case of inclement weather*)
- A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, June 12th, the purpose of which will be to amend the church’s bylaws and to receive a report of the recently completed mission study survey. The bylaws must be changed to fit in accordance with changes to the PC(USA) form of government which will go into effect in July.
- Another special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, August 28th, to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (“PNC”), representative of the whole congregation., The Nominating Committee elected at the annual meeting of the congregation last January will be working this summer to develop a slate of nominees to serve on the PNC. The PNC will nominate a pastor for election by the congregation.
- We have purchased a used riding lawn mower to be kept at the manse. The lawn there usually has to be cut twice a week, and this will eliminate the need to transport the other mower to and from the church ... and will also provide backup for the church lawn maintenance.
- The parking lot and driveway will be sealcoated this summer. This should be done every 3 or 4 years as preventative maintenance to help preserve the asphalt. It was last done in 2007.
- Annual employee reviews are being scheduled for June.
- Approved Pastor Sara’s request for vacation (*June 26, July 5-10, and September 4*) and study leave (*the week of July 25th as she will be attending Synod School with Ani*)
- Approved Mission Committee request to designate our 40% of the Pentecost Offering to go to the Omro Public Library for its summer reading program.
- Hold a service of blessing of prayer shawls during the June 5th worship service.
- Host a cookout for the Omro teachers the day before the first day of school this fall. Because no Peacemaking essays were submitted this year, we will use the budgeted Peacemaking Prize money to finance this project.

UW MADISON - PRES HOUSE APPEAL

Pres House, the Presbyterian Student Center at UW-Madison, and a growing, vibrant mission of the Presbyterian Church is in grave danger of losing its property tax exemption.

In 2009, Pres House was successful in clarifying and retaining a property tax exemption for its student housing facility that is central to their mission of offering spiritual, emotional and intellectual support for students at UW-Madison. The efforts of many churches helped secure the exemption.

On May 12, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin State Legislature voted to repeal the state statute that provides a property tax exemption for student housing owned by a non-profit. Once, again Pres House is seeking help related to this issue.

Pres House is home-away-from-home to more than 200 student residents. For more than 100 years, it has ministered to thousands of students who have issues with too much partying, drinking, depression, anxiety, stress, or when they struggle being away from home for the first time. It is a safe place for students wrestling with the big questions in life and seeking to figure out their place in the world with guidance from a Christian perspective.

Please contact State Senator Randy Hopper at 608-266-5300 and Rep. Richard Spanbauer at 608-267-7990 **ASAP** to ask them to oppose the repeal of the property tax exemption for “non-profit owned student housing”, leaving this important provision in place.

For more information on PresHouse, visit www.preshouse.org.

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer Shawl Ministry-10	2 *Bob Nipko *Adam Potratz	3	4
5 Wor/Com-9 Graduation Sunday Prayer Shawl Blessing Mission-10:15	6 Celebration- 6 *Raymond Hoeft	7 Deacons-9	8	9 *Greg & Sandy King-21 yrs	10	11 *Andy Wright
12 Outdoor Worship-9 Pentecost Offering Picnic Congregational Meeting Nurture-10:15	13	14  Flag Day *Sue Allen	15 Admin-6	16	17 *Mike & Brenda Beck-11yrs	18 *Marge Hellwig
19 Worship-9	20 Session-6 *Eugene & Peggy Allen-47 yrs	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship-9	27	28	29 *Mike & Phyllis Zimmer-26 yrs	30 *Stacy Wright		