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from the pastor's desk

Hey! Our annual Stewardship Study is off and running. I am really excited about this year's program as we are going to build on last year's themes of commitment to worship, study, prayer and service as well as discuss how we can be good stewards of our time and treasure beyond the church as we give to the church.

If you have not taken the Treasures of the Transformed Life study you need to do so this year! It is a wonderful study that focuses on your commitment to discipleship! Randy McDaniel and Jill Shafer will be leading this study in the Library this year. If you want to attend please let me know so we can have your materials available!

Our second adult study will be Living a Life of Stewardship. We will continue to explore the blessings of worship, study, prayer and service as we re-examine our roles in the church as well as in our communities. Please join me in the Sanctuary each week as we discuss our commitments to discipleship and all that means.



Be a Good Steward

We will be discussing the blessings that God has provided in 2010 at our Fall Cottage meeting which will be held on Saturday,

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our vision

reach seekers,
grow disciples,
send servants



seekers

people who are looking for a relationship with Jesus Christ

disciples

people who are learning to be more Christ-like

servants

people who are caring for the world around them in the name of Jesus Christ

sanctuaryflowers

Members are welcome to share special times (birthdays, anniversaries, other special days) with the congregation by providing flowers for Sunday services. They will be yours to take home and enjoy after the service! The cost need not be more than \$25 and is paid to the church with a note "Pulpit flowers" in the memo on the check. Please let Ida Hassler know the details and date, and special colors or types. E-mail: ihassler@swbell.net Phone: 972-231-3017



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our mission is to:

Glorify God through worship and prayer,
Bring people to Jesus and into fellowship with His family,
Develop disciples to Christ-like maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world.



ministry goals for 09-10

1. Conduct one major evangelism event.
2. Assess the needs of the community around our Church.
3. Continue to make prayer an active part of our Church Fellowship.
4. Incorporate the purpose of the Church into every aspect of our Church Life.
5. Improve the assimilation of responding seekers into the life of the Church.

communion schedule

| Date | Serving | Preparation |
|------------|---|------------------|
| October 3 | Merrie Cavanaugh Randy DeShan Darin McIntier Eric Smith Laura Reams | DeWet Family |
| November 7 | Michael Brown Sylvia Brown Priscilla Sharp Janet McChesney Mike McChesney | Merrie Cavanaugh |
| December 5 | Bob Black David Olson Lynda Olson Courtney Pero Eric Smith | Erik Waldbauer |

happy anniversary

dennis & patty de wet – 10.11



- stephanie mcnair – 10.03
- anthony obonna – 10.03
- lynda wilt – 10.12
- cheryl dunn – 10.13
- beverly carson – 10.14
- jordan smith – 10.22
- bill brown – 10.23
- courtney pero – 10.23
- heather macdonald – 10.25
- steve zinsmeister – 10.29
- maddie etherington – 10.30

congregational meeting

Please join us on Sunday, October 10 immediately after worship service so we can elect a new Nominating Committee.

mark your calendars for saturday night november 6 at 7:00...

Count your blessings time
.....more to follow.

November 6th. You will receive more information about those meetings as the date draws closer. You will also receive your commitment packet for your family on October 31, 2010. If you would like to receive yours earlier, please let Brian or Jill Shafer know and they will get one to you.

Our study will conclude with a Ministry Fair on Dedication Sunday (November 7th) for you to see what each committee is doing and ask questions about our ministry and mission programs. This will also be a great way for you to find a place (or places) to commit your time and talents.

Last year's Stewardship Study brought a powerful message and was a great opportunity to be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the year to come. Your commitments have brought blessings beyond what even I imagined. We have seen that being faithful is indeed what God requires of each of us and when we are faithful, God's blessings will multiply. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this year!

See you Sunday!

Kelly

doing some cleaning?

Cleaning out closets or drawers? If you are, please consider donating any of the following items to the church preschool. Joyful Beginnings is looking for: styrofoam wig heads, wigs, bathroom scale (working or not), microphone (toy or non-working real), and a small steering wheel (real or toy.) We can also use leftover pieces of craft or doll hair, buttons, lace, ribbon, rick-rack, beads, pom-poms, etc. Art is in the eye of the beholder (or creator) and our children are really creative! Donations can be given to Lisa Waldbauer. Thanks!



fpc allen church staff

- Rev. Kelly Yeager-Chadwick, Pastor
- Adam Sablich, Music Director
- Gloria Purjet, Secretary
- Susie Severin, Preschool Director
- Dan Cavanaugh, Receiving Treasurer
- Eric Smith, Newsletter Editor
- Ministers, Every Member

Joyful Beginnings Preschool

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stewardship study

Our Annual Church-Wide Stewardship Study for all ages begins Sunday, October 3rd!

Adults can choose between the *Treasures of the Transformed Life Study* and a new study, *Living a Life of Stewardship*. If you were not here last year to participate in the *Transformed Life* study (or just want to do the study again), then mark your calendars to meet in the Church Library each Sunday morning of October. You will not want to miss this opportunity to study and discuss what being a disciple truly means. We promise you will be inspired and uplifted by this wonderful study.

The *Living a Life of Stewardship* study will also meet the five Sundays of October, and has been chosen for this year as it expands on the themes of last year's study. This class will gather in the Sanctuary with Pastor Kelly for a brief presentation on the day's theme and then break out into discussion groups throughout the building.

The children and youth will remain with their regular classes and pursue the same themes as the adults through curriculum specially organized for this event.

Our study will culminate with a celebration of our Congregation's blessings during Cottage Meetings on Saturday, November 6th, a Ministry Fair during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, November 7th, and a Service of Dedication during worship that same day. During the month of October you are asked to prayerfully consider your commitments of prayer, worship, study, treasure, time and talent for the year to come as we continue our journey of service.

Greetings from Iowa to all of our friends in Allen. It was great to be able to see some of you at the church back in mid-September. I made a whirlwind trip through Dallas with the primary purpose of being evaluated for candidacy by the CPM (Committee on Preparation for Ministry) of Grace Presbytery. I've been asked quite a bit recently what exactly candidacy means, so I thought I would write it down in a way that might make sense to me and others. Before I get into that, however, I can report that things are going well here in Iowa. School has started for the three Shellabarger boys and Becky is now busy reading doctrine papers and correcting math homework. We're having an exciting and busy semester and life is good!

So...what is this candidate thing anyway? It's probably best to start at the beginning in order to explain this. When I first began listening to God's call and exploring seminary and ordination, it was explained to me that there are two potentially parallel paths that must be taken in order to be ordained into the PCUSA. First, the PCUSA requires that I have a Masters of Divinity, thus our moving to Iowa and attending the UD Theological Seminary, as you know. Second, the PCUSA has a multi-step process that can be worked through in parallel with a seminary education, or not. However, both paths must be completed to be able to be ordained.

I think of the PCUSA process as having four steps. The first is to become an inquirer. This is followed by becoming a candidate. Next is to be determined ready to seek a call. The final step is to receive a call and be ordained. As you may remember, I became an inquirer in May of last year as my family and I prepared to move to Iowa. Being a good Presbyterian seminary student, I looked up in the Book of Order what it says about purpose of the inquirer step.

The purpose of the inquiry phase is to provide an opportunity for the church and those who believe themselves called to ministry of the Word and Sacrament to explore that call together in such a way that the decision regarding the inquirer's suitability for ministry of the Word and Sacrament will be based on knowledge and experience of one another. (Book of Order, G-14.0404)

The inquirer step is all about exploring the call and making sure that this is the right thing to do. For us, it meant pulling away from the hustle and bustle of the corporate world and setting our sights in a new direction. I believe that the Chaplain internship that I completed over the summer helped to solidify in my mind that God is calling me and helped to begin to show me what God is looking for me to do. This allowed me to look at the next step in our process, candidacy. Looking at the Book

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Youth Group youth activities

Sunday, October 3rd: JR High 5pm-6pm
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, October 10th: JR High 5pm-6pm
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm

Saturday, October 17th: 5pm Youth Family
Fun Night

Sunday, October 24th: JR High 5pm-6pm
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, October 31st: 5pm Trunk or Treat
Party

men's fellowship breakfast

Men of the Church!! Join us on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30am at Allen Café for fellowship, conversation and networking. You order and pay for yourself and come and go as you need. Join us!

Who: All men of the church

When: October 5th and 19th at 6:30am

Where: Allen Café, 302 E. Main Street

If you have any questions, please call Rick Zinsmeister at 972-396-8728.

of Order, here is its description of the purpose of candidacy.

The purpose of the candidacy phase is to provide for the full preparation of persons to serve the church as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. This shall be accomplished through the guidance and evaluation of candidates, using learning contacts within the context of supportive relationships. (Book of Order, G-14.0405)

What this means is that at this point, we should all be comfortable that there is a call from God present and we are all working together ("guiding and evaluating") to prepare me to serve as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. As a part of that process, I am serving as a church intern here in Dubuque at Westminster Presbyterian Church. A joy in this is that I'm working with Becky as she is serving as the interim Youth Director. So, we've received a blessing that we get to work together on staff as we continue to learn more about our call together. By the way, when in Dallas I was approved by the CPM to be presented to Presbytery for entry into the candidacy phase. I will not officially be a candidate until Presbytery approves me. I will go before Presbytery at their next meeting on November 13 to seek that approval.

This means that I will be in Dallas again in mid-November. The good news for me is that Kelly has agreed to temporarily turn over the pulpit to me on November 14. I'm very much looking forward to worshipping with you then, and, with any luck, Becky might be able to be with us too. This will be an exciting time for us and we look forward to sharing that time with you.

The last two steps for Ordination are still a ways off. I will be a candidate for a minimum of a year, starting in November (assuming I'm approved, that is). After at least a year has passed and I pass the four ordination exams (which I'll tell you about in a future letter) I will again go before CPM and Presbytery to seek approval to seek a call. The final step then is talking with various Pastor Nominating Committees and praying to find the right call for us.

Now do you see how easy this is? Seriously, the process is a good one. I recognize that this should not be entered into lightly and there should be a time of discernment prior to being ordained. Sometimes it can be challenging and difficult, but my excitement for the ministry has not changed, except to say that it has grown over the last year. As always, know that you are in our prayers! Peace be with you all.

Oh, and with football season upon us...Gig 'em, Aggies!

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trunk or treat

FPC Allen is planning a Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 31st from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. This will be for children of the church and for those living near the church.

How does it work? Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event where people gather and park their cars in a large parking lot. You open your trunk, or the backs of your vehicles, and decorate them. Then when the kids arrive you pass out candy from the trunk of your car. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters. In order to ensure a successful event we will need at least 20 vehicles to participate.

What do I need to do? We need to know how many of you are willing to bring your car to the church on Halloween and pass out candy for about an hour. Therefore, please RSVP to this email or to Tammy Fisher at tammyfi@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, October 3rd and let us know you are interested.

This will be a great event for our children and those living around the Church, but without at least 20 cars we will be forced to cancel and try again next year. We look forward to hearing from you!

martha circle

Martha Circle has resumed meeting every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. In October the Circle will meet at Lori Salerno's home – 3114 Legend Dr., McKinney, TX. The study will be Beth Moore's "Jesus: The One & Only." Anyone wishing to join us is more than welcome. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eilyn Zinsmeister at 972-396-8728.



many thanks to suzie kieser!

We gathered together on Sunday, September 26 to honor and celebrate the past twenty years of dedicated music ministry that Suzie Kieser has provided as our music director. Suzie was joined by her husband, Chuck, and daughter, Karen. Suzie began in 1990 and faithfully played the organ or piano every Sunday and Christmas Eve. She also led every choir rehearsal each Wednesday night. She will be greatly missed. Many stayed to enjoy the potluck luncheon in Suzie's honor and a good time was had by all. There was good food and good fellowship! Suzie has agreed to come back and substitute if we are in need and we look forward to seeing her again when that happens. We also want to thank all those volunteers who made this special day happen for Suzie and her family.



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|-----------|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 9:00 am Kiwanis Division 37 Meeting (FH) |
| 3 Stewardship Sunday World Communion Sunday 9:30 Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Communion Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am New Members Received (Pastor's Office) 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) 6:30 Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) | 4 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library) | 5 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Allen Café) 9:15 am Food Pantry Volunteers (St. Jude's) 6:30 pm Fellowship Committee (McDonald's) 7:00 pm Outreach Committee (FH) 7:00 pm Property Committee (Library) | 6 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle (Lori Salerno's home) 6:30 pm Congregational Care (Narthex) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) | 7 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH) 7:00 pm Worship Committee (Library) | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:30 Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 12:00 pm Christian Education Committee (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) 6:30 Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) | 11 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library) | 12 7:30 Pack 359 Adult Planning Meeting (Youth Rm) | 13 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle (Lori Salerno's home) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) | 14 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH) | 15 | 16 |
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| 24 9:30 Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) 6:30 Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) | 25 7:00pm Lydia Circle (Library) | 26 | 27 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle (Lori Salerno's home) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) | 28 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH) 7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Meeting (Narthex) 7:00 pm Session (Library) | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Happy Halloween! 9:30 Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat (Church Parking Lot) | | | | | | |

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| MINISTRY | OCTOBER 3 | OCTOBER 10 | OCTOBER 17 | OCTOBER 24 | OCTOBER 31 |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Greeting | Pastor Kelly | Merrie Cavanaugh | Steve Zinsmeister | Darin McIntier | Courtney Pero |
| Acolytes | Meghan Dunn | Grant Owen-McNair | Ryan Pero | Grace McLaughlin | Jeremy McNair |
| Liturgists | Brooks McCordle | David Sharp | Laura Reams | Lynette MacDonald | Rick Zinsmeister |
| Communion (Elders to Serve) | Merrie Cavanaugh Ed Hassler Ida Hassler Randy McDaniel Laura Reams | | | | |
| Communion (Prepare Elements) | Patti de Wet | | | | |
| Offering Counters | Cary Reams Connor Cavanaugh | Ida Hassler | Nancy Bridges | Darin McIntier Craig Brown | Tammy Fisher Sarah Shafer |
| Ushers | Zachary Fisher Steve Zinsmeister Joy Valderas Stephanie McLaughlin | Tom Dunn David Olson Ernie Pero William Reams | Frank Salerno Brian Shafer Sarah Shafer Connor Cavanaugh | Ed Hassler Ida Hassler Don Cavanaugh Merrie Cavanaugh | Craig Brown Michael Brown Sylvia Brown Adam McDaniel |
| Time with Young Disciples | Pastor Kelly | Aimee Ardoin | Laura Reams | David Sharp | Pastor Kelly |
| Building Steward | Cary Reams | Donna Wehrmeister | Randy McDaniel | Darin McIntier | Steve Zinsmeister |

meet the session



2010

Bob Black
Discipleship

Faith Engler
Youth

Tammy Fisher
Fellowship

Darin McIntier
Nominating
Presbytery Delegate

Steve Zinsmeister
Fellowship

Beverly Carson
Clerk of Session

2011

Ed Hassler
Property

Randy McDaniel
Christian Education

Cary Reams
Finance

Brian Shafer
Stewardship

2012

Nancy Bridges
Evangelism

Sylvia Brown
Personnel

Lisa Waldbauer
Outreach

Donna Wehrmeister
Worship

If you would like to be more involved in the life of the church, feel free to speak with one of these people and join a committee.