

# First Presbyterian Church

## Making life work Becoming the Church of Irresistible Influence

### Family News Since last newsletter

#### Death

Alice Dendinger

#### Baptisms

#### Membership

#### Memorials

#### Given in Memory of

#### Undesignated

Morris Lawrence  
Edith Colton  
Robert Cook

#### Nifty by 50 Fund

Morris Lawrence  
Donation in honor of Wilma  
Williams 100th Birthday

He that  
**believes**  
and is  
**baptized**  
shall be  
**saved.**  
*Mark 16:16*

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Christian Education
- Youth
- Outreach
- Nifty by 50
- PW Women
- Calendar
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries

If you are like me then you are not happy with life on status quo; you want something more, you want to be a difference maker in the lives of the people you come into contact with. I believe that Jesus made us that way. I believe that He made us to hunger deep within for lives that are lived out extraordinarily and passionately with a fire in our hearts to see His name lifted up for all to see and give their praise. But, most times the deepest longings in our hearts are not fulfilled and we settle for a much more mediocre life. We quit dreaming grandiose and empowering dreams and settle for whatever leftovers chance to come our way.

What are we to do then with statements that Jesus made about what His church should be? Statements like, “*a city set on a hill, inescapably visible*” and “*a lit lamp brilliantly illuminating the darkest room*” seem almost too good to be true and certainly unattainable by most church members. But yet Jesus, with these compelling metaphors, describes the church and its impact on the world. Indeed, filled with the Holy Spirit, the early church demonstrated a spiritual energy and depth that transformed the surrounding culture. We shouldn’t settle for anything less! Our church must become a strong, well-traveled link between heaven and earth in our community. (1)

Our congregation is growing and seeing many good things happen that bring praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many of you are already involved with ministries in our church that powerfully influence people in our city, but let us not stop here being content with what we have already done or are doing. Let us ask God to give us a passion to become an even stronger and more effective congregation. The scriptures remind us that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ever ask or even think of asking. Let us become people who continually look to set aside those things that can never give us real and lasting fulfillment and begin a journey toward true significance. Let us continue to take the words of Jesus that we proclaim and demonstrate them to a community that is in desperate need to experience them.

Robert Kennedy once spoke these words, “some men see things as they are and say

‘why?’ ...I dream of things that are not, and say ‘why not?’” Let your love for our church and your love for our Lord Jesus Christ empower your imagination for a few moments to ponder the following questions:

*Can you imagine* our community being genuinely thankful for our church?

*Can you imagine* city leaders valuing our church’s friendship and participation in the community—even asking for it?

*Can you imagine* the neighborhoods around our church talking behind our back about “how good it is” to have our church in the area because of the tangible witness we’ve offered them of God’s love?

*Can you imagine* a large number of our church members actively engaged in, and passionate about, community service, using their gifts and abilities in ways and at levels they never thought possible?

*Can you imagine* our community actually changing (Proverbs 11:11) because of the impact of our church’s involvement?

*Can you imagine* many in our city, formerly cynical and hostile toward Christianity, actually praising God for our church and the positive contributions our members have made in Jesus’ name?

*Can you imagine* the spiritual harvest that would naturally follow if all this were true? (2)

It is our desire to continue to connect and reconnect our church with the community in ways that make our church both real and reachable. Your church staff has been engaged in putting together the structure to see that those questions become a reality. This Fall we will be deliberate in the discipleship process offering small group classes that will take a person from a starting position in the faith all the way to maturity, fit and ready to give reason for the hope that is within them. I see exciting times ahead for all of us here at First Presbyterian Church and pray that everyone reading this newsletter will do what you can to see these things come to fruition sooner than later. Let us put our hands to the plowshare and forge on ahead empowered by the Spirit of God to do the good works that He has called us to do.

His servant, Mark Frueh

(1) and (2) taken from “The Church of Irresistible Influence” by Robert Lewis.

## Christian Education

***I Can Hardly Wait!*** – No, not for summer traveling, fishing or picnicking. I can hardly wait to see the lineup of Christian Education classes the staff is assembling for the Fall. WOW!!

*40 Days, Alpha, Becoming A Contagious Christian, Experiencing God, Share Jesus, Spiritual Gifts*, and the list goes on and on. *Live B.I.G.* and Confirmation classes. There'll be something for every member of the family. Make plans now to set aside some time in your busy week to grow in the Spirit. Prayerfully consider facilitating a class. You'll be glad you did. Have a great Summer. Be safe. God bless.

**"Men's Fellowship Group"** All men are invited to join. Come for coffee and great conversation every Thursday, at 2pm in the Fireplace Room. All welcome!



## Nifty by 50

### **NEW LEGISLATION: IRA Rollover Provision – part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006**

New legislation has been signed into law by the President allowing donors over the age of 70-1/2 to exclude from adjusted gross income gifts directed from traditional and Roth IRA accounts, up to \$100,000 each year, for tax years 2006 and 2007.

The income exclusion is for federal income tax purposes. The distribution amount may still be included for state income tax purposes. This varies from state to state.

The exclusion applies to direct gifts to charities but not to split interest gifts such as donor-advised funds, charitable gift annuities, or charitable remainder trusts.

To take advantage of gift opportunities from IRA accounts for 2006 and 2007, please talk to your financial advisor or IRA program administrator. Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to call Marv at the church office (701) 838-8530.



Kitchen equipment has been ordered, MDU is working on rerouting gas lines, electrical work is being scheduled. In between the removal of equipment and installation of new, painting and cleaning of the kitchen will be needed. Any help would be appreciated. The process may create a few inconveniences for the Soup Kitchen during the removal and installation of equipment, however, the Soup Kitchen people are changing their menu in exchange for the renovations. We are thankful to have received 45 pledges, however, we urgently request that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to the building renovation campaign. Summer is a critical time to have work completed and we cannot go forth with the necessary work without a firm financial commitment from our members. We need your help with many projects such as mailings, phone calls, and general errands. Volunteers have stepped up to serve on subcommittees for the kitchen and campaign funding. If you can assist in any way, please contact one of the Nifty by 50 members, or call Marv at the church office 838-8530. God bless you.

## Youth Happenings

What an amazing summer we have in store for the Great Believers! I am very excited to think of what is going to take place in our lives! I do want to remind everyone that Mondays from 12:00-7:00 I will keep my schedule open to spend time with y'all. *Mondays we will still have worship from 7:00-8:00.*

**Wednesdays will be business as normal.** Contemporary Worship is from 6:30-7:15 or so with youth group starting immediately following that. Due to the summer schedule, we will have no organized activities on Sunday mornings.

**June 21-24** is the all church campout. I strongly encourage you and your family to join the church for this amazing time!

**June 25-29** VBS will be held at First Presbyterian Church from 9:00-12:00. Anyone interested in attending or helping with VBS, please let me know!

**July 13-26** Youth Mission trip to Yakima, Washington. While we are gone, there will be no Wednesday night Youth Group, or Monday evening Worship.

**July 15-24** Triennium Presbyterian Youth Rally. We have two students who were invited to this worldwide event.

I ask, as we head into this summer, that we all keep the youth, leaders, and parents in our prayers as we do our part to advance the Kingdom! Also, please keep checking the your activities section of the webpage for updates throughout the summer!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Upcoming Summer and Fall events:**

-Crafts/sewing workshop, Tuesdays at 9:30

Ideas, donations, and workers, at the church or at home, are always welcome.

-Next Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 1, 2007 @ 10 AM

-Fall Cluster meeting in Minot, Friday, September 28, 2007 for PWP Clusters 1 & 2

It is Minot's turn to host this annual meeting; providing coffee, goodies and a noon meal. This is a time to receive information and to get new ideas for PW and our circles. This is for all members of PW, not just for the board; it would be great to be well represented by Minot's PW.

*The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains (PWP) is divided into nine clusters.*

*The PWP Clusters 1 and 2 include Minot, Watford City, Bottineau, Rugby, Towner, Westhope, Willow City and St. John.*

-September Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 5, 2007

-Circles resume; Priscilla on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and Ruth on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

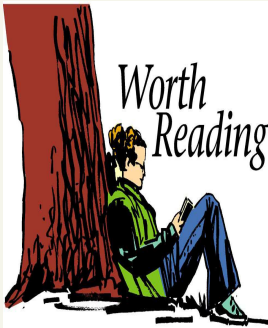
-September Luncheon, September 26, 2007

-October Board Meeting, October 3, 2007

-Fall Bazaar, Saturday, October 27, 2007

We are planning on adding a **BOOK CORNER** to the Bazaar this year; we are still working on the details, but for sure--- **we will need books**. This will be a wonderful way for us to recycle those "ever growing stacks of already read books". So--- please keep this in mind as you save and gather your usual wonderful White Elephants to be donated for the PW Bazaar.

Linda Sundberg, Moderator



Why would a group of avid readers calling themselves "The **Saturday Sisters**" decide to meet on **Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:00 a.m.? -- because they have no constitution, no by-laws, no president, and not a whole lot of common sense. What they do have is great fun as they meet to chat about their selected book each month. If anyone is interested in joining them there will be an extra chair for you at the home of Judy Winje (1420 11<sup>th</sup> St. SW). Our discussion that day will center around *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls which is available at a discount for club members at Walden Books. The selections for July and August are *Peace Like A River*, by Leif Enger and *The Runaway Quilt: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel*, by Jennifer Chiaverini.

**News From Fellowship and Outreach**

**NOTE FROM MARK FRUEH**

**"Annual Church Campout"**

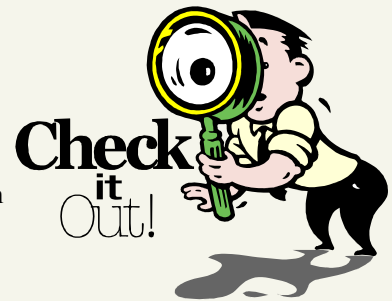
This year we have booked an awesome place that is full of trees, plenty of electrical hookups, our own chapel, and total privacy!! (We also have sleeping rooms with beds for those who don't want to camp.) We are headed for the 205 acre retreat center "*Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads*" located in the beautiful Turtle Mountains just 30 minutes east of Lake Metigoshe. In addition to reserving this new location, we have also secured a new time for our campout so please mark **June 21 – 24** on your calendars and get yourself registered on our sign-up sheet at the kiosk. Information fliers are also available at the kiosk. Several special events have been planned to enhance this year's campout. Questions, call Mark Frueh @ 833-6700.

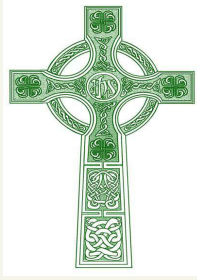
**"New Church Directory"** It's time to once again update our church pictorial directory.

We have many new members and it has been over 5 years since we completed our last directory so the need is there. We have designated the last full week in September as the time that we will be taking pictures so please mark that time on your calendars. On June 5<sup>th</sup> your Outreach and Fellowship Commission will be meeting with a representative from Olan Mills to plan out all of the details. We will give you more updates in the August newsletter.

**"Celebrate Recovery"**

We are continuing to make progress in putting together our "Celebrate Recovery" program. Deb Halvorson will be attending a regional training this summer and the people resources needed to begin an effective program are coming into place. Please continue to pray that God will help us find everyone necessary to develop this into the kind of ministry that He desires it to be.





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**Summer Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:30–9:50am Fellowship

10:00am Worship Service

**Starting May 27 there will be one worship service at 10am**

*Full nursery provided at all services during Adult Worship!*

*Office Hours 8:00-2 Monday thru Thursday, 8:00-12 Friday*

**Sunday June 3 & July 1 Communion service @ 10am**

**Wednesday June 6, & July 4 @ 6:30pm**

**Mission Statement**

"As Bible-based followers of Jesus Christ, we exist to love, glorify and praise God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nurturing a Christian community that grows in God's love, cares for one another and responds to the needs of the world."

