

## **THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday, January 1 .....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
.....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
Monday, January 2 .....		Office Closed
Tuesday, January 3 .....	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
.....	7:00 p.m.	Deacons
Wednesday, January 4.....	5:30 p.m.	Gospel Ringers
.....	6:00 p.m.	Gospel Rock
.....	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation (Mentors)
.....	6:30 p.m.	Bells
.....	7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth
.....	7:45 p.m.	Choir
Thursday, January 5.....	4:30 p.m.	Soul Sisters
.....	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
.....	6:30 p.m.	Music Team
Sunday, January 8 .....	8:45 a.m.	Adult Education
.....	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
.....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
.....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
.....	11:00 a.m.	Nurture & Fellowship Committee

**Ushers:** Bud & Harriet Altman

**Projectionist:** Deb Grunwald

**Coffee:** Anderson's and Bakker's

**Communion:** Sherry Myers; Terry Holmquist

**Greeters:** Sherry Myers; Renee Allen

**Pulpit Assistant:** George Christensen

**Pianist:** Jill Boeyink

**LAST SUNDAY:** 74 members and visitors gathered for worship. There was no Sunday School or Adult Education.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** 150 members and visitors gathered for worship on Christmas Eve for the 5pm service, 60 members and visitors gathered for worship on Christmas Eve for the 10pm service.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORMS** are on the stand at the back of the sanctuary-please give to the ushers. We also ask for prayer requests at the time of congregational prayers.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Terry Woitaszewski and the passing of his brother-in-law; Bruce Stromert

**FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING ELSEWHERE:** Rob Grunwald, U.S. Coast Guard – Lake Michigan in Two Rivers, Wisconsin; Jon Underdahl-Peirce – Peace Corps, Burkina Faso West Africa, Jeffrey Johnson, Army National Guard – Afghanistan; Steph Ourada, Army – Afghanistan

**Deacon Offering** - Today is our special Deacon offering, received every other month. The Deacons are a very important part of the church and do many things for our church family and friends. What do the Deacons do?

- Visit shut-ins, and members and friends in the hospital
- Buy and deliver poinsettias and Easter lilies
- Send sympathy cards and special occasion cards and flowers
- Pay for the devotional booklets: These Days and Upper Room

**VALET PARKING:** Valet parking is now, during the winter months, beginning one-half hour before worship service. Look for the “valet parking” sign at the south entrance to the church and feel free to drive up, get out, and have someone park your car. Service will also be available following the worship service and following coffee hour.

**2012 PLEDGE CARDS:** Budget and Finance Committee is reminding you that if you have not turned in your 2012 pledge for the general fund you do so as soon as possible so that the 2012 budget can be completed. Building Fund pledges were made for three years in 2010, so only those who have not made a three year pledge should complete a pledge for the Building Fund. Pledge cards are available in the office if you have mislaid yours. The Committee would also like to remind you to catch up on your 2011 giving if you are behind. Thank you, again from the Committee for your good responses this year.

**“FAITH TALK OF THE WEEK”:** “What would you wish your mother had told you about her faith?” Discuss this at home or with friends!

**The gift that keeps on giving...and giving...and giving-through First Presbyterian Church's Endowment Fund.**

**SUNDAY ADULT ED CLASSES:** January 8<sup>th</sup>-What Makes us “Conservative” or “Liberal”?; January 15<sup>th</sup>-“What If I Don't Really Believe That?”; January 22<sup>nd</sup>-Travels in St. Paul's World-Connie Spartz; January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>-The Role of the Sacraments in our Faith Lives.

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT:** Our church pays \$30.10 for each confirmed member, as a “per capita apportionment” to pay for the basic working of our denomination, from the Presbytery (which received the majority of it) to the national General Assembly level. It supports administrative costs of offices, staff and meetings at all these levels, and frees up our mission giving to go completely for mission causes. We ask that as many of you as can to please give an extra \$30.10 per confirmed member in your household, to help us in our church budget-thank you for your support!

**WILLMAR AREA FOOD SHELF:** Our January special mission giving is to support the Willmar Area Food Shelf. The needs continue, and continue to grow, so any money you can give will be used to make a real difference for a family to survive another month! You can use the mission envelopes in the pews, or write a check to First Presbyterian Church and earmark it “food shelf.” Thank-you!