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Sow for yourselves  
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Hosea 10:12, NIV

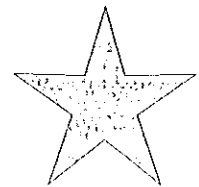


## September 2011

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# SEPTEMBER

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## NORTH CHURCH AND ISSUES IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Rev. Gary A. Chorpenning  
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There's been a lot of upheaval in the Presbyterian Church (USA), the denomination to which North Church belongs. I've written about that in several previous *North Star* columns (see especially, the [July/August 2011](#) edition). There is a wide range of thoughts and feelings concerning these matters among the members of North Church, and so session has decided that it is best to begin addressing the issues openly and directly and to create ways for the congregation to discuss them together with the help of presbytery. What follows is the text of a letter that session asked me to send to the members of North Church. It is important to session and me that all members and friends of North Church be well aware of the issues and actions described in the letter. Therefore, I have decided to reprint it here:

*August 18, 2011*

*Dear North Church Members,*

*The session of North Church has been aware of a growing sense of uncertainty and anxiety within the congregation over the past year. Much of that unease centers on the decision by the Presbyterian Church (USA) concerning ordination standards in the denomination. The decision, which went into effect in July 2011, makes it now permissible in the PC(USA) to ordain people as elders, deacons, and ministers who are sexually active, heterosexually or homosexually, outside of marriage. This decision has caused a crisis of conscience for many of our members who see it as a rejection of the authority of*

*scripture. Discussion about the possibility of leaving the Presbyterian Church (USA) has arisen in a variety of quarters of the congregation.*

*Other members of the congregation find talk of leaving the PC(USA) to be very unsettling. For some, their anxiety centers on fears of the possibility of losing North Church's building and financial resources. Others find their own consciences troubled by the prospect of breaking loyalty to the PC(USA).*

*Session has become increasingly concerned that allowing these issues to remain below the surface will only cause anxiety, uneasiness, and potential disunity and conflict with the congregation to grow. Therefore, session has concluded that it would be wise to begin an open, intentional, and formal discussion of North Church's future relationship to the Presbyterian Church (USA). To that end, session has formally asked the presbytery to form a response team to work with North Church. The response team and session will create a process for an open and thorough dialogue in the congregation. We will all have extensive opportunities to share our own thoughts and feelings and to listen to the thoughts and feelings of others. Most important, we will pray together, fervently seeking God's help and guidance.*

*Please, understand the aim of session's action. It is session's deepest desire to find a course that will enable North Church to continue forward as a faithful, united, and effective congregation in service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Session's decision initiates a presbytery policy and procedure designed to help a congregation to discern whether it should ask to be dismissed from the PC(USA) to another Presbyterian/Reformed denomination. Session's action, taken at its regular August meeting, initiates an intensive period of congregational prayer, sharing, listening, and more prayer. That process will*



*likely take the better part of a year before the congregation is asked to make any final decisions. Presbytery representatives will be meeting soon with session to begin to lay out the steps we will follow. Rest assured, you will be the first to bear when our plan is in place.*

*Second, also at its regular meeting on August 15, 2011, session took action to provide some relief to the consciences of some of our donors. Some of North Church's members and contributors have expressed the strong desire that none of their contributions to North Church be used to support the PC(USA). Of particular concern is North Church's per capita payment. Our previous practice has been to pay the per capita apportionment to the denomination using the general operating funds of the church. The result of the practice is that everyone who makes a general contribution to North Church, in effect, pays into the church's per capita payment.*

*In order to separate the per capita moneys from the general funds, session has ordered that only those contributions that are specifically designated for per capita will be sent on to the denomination. No general contributions will be used for per capita.*

*That being said, session and I encourage all those who have no objection to paying into the operations of the PC(USA) to designate some of their contributions to "per capita." You can do that by using the "Per Capita" envelope in your box of contribution envelopes. You can also use a plain envelope and write "Per Capita" on the envelope along with your name. You can simply write "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check. The full per capita assessment for 2011 is \$43.00 per member. We encourage you to make the full payment. However, contributions of any amount designated for per capita will be accepted and applied to the church's payment to the denomination.*

*Session was concerned that this action not be falsely interpreted as a camouflaged attempt merely to reduce expenses at North Church. In the 2011 budget, North Church's full per capita payment would have been \$13,330.00. To avoid misinterpretation, session has ordered that the difference between the total budget figure*

*above and the actual contributions designated for per capita shall be given to mission projects. So, for example, if North Church receives \$3,000.00 in designated per capita contributions, then the difference -- \$10,330.00 (\$13,330-\$3,000) -- will be given to mission projects recommended by the Mission Committee and approved by session.*

*The denominational courts have ruled repeatedly that all use of the congregation's funds is solely the province of its session to decide. Presbyteries and higher governing councils may not require or force congregations to make contributions of any kind. The church courts have ruled that per capita payments are voluntary benevolences and are, therefore, governed solely by the sessions of individual churches. North Church is simply exercising its rights to determine the per capita policy that is in the best interests of its congregational unity and well-being.*

*If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of session. Please pray fervently for God's presence and guidance for North Church in the months ahead.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Gary Chorpenning, pastor*

*Above all session and I want to urge you all to fervent prayer for North Church and all your fellow members. As you pray, listen carefully for God's leading. It is crucial to the process that we all speak openly to each other and that we listen carefully and receptively to what others have to say to us. In this process of prayer, talking, and listening, God will move us and direct us in the path he has for us.*

## **PRAYER IS ANSWERED**

**This past February 17<sup>th</sup> I fell down our back stairs going out of the house. The result was that both bones in my wrist were broken. Surgery was necessary. Several weeks after the fall, I was still having pain in my wrist and up my arm. After an event at the church I mentioned this pain to Meg Chorpenning. Her reaction was "let's pray about it". We were in the hall; Gary Chorpenning and Kevin Moshier were in a room off the hallway. Meg hauled me into the room, told the men they needed to pray for my wrist, and she sat me down in a chair. Kevin put one hand on my shoulder and his other hand on my broken wrist. Meg put one hand on my other shoulder and her other hand on my arm above the broken wrist. Gary placed one hand above my wrist. Each one prayed in turn for God to take the pain away. Even though the bright lights were on, there was a masterful peace in this setting. Once they began praying the pain accumulated above my wrist and up to a spot on my arm. At the Amen, the pain went straight up and out of my arm. Amazing, but true. Little to no pain lasted for several days. When the pain returned, it was not as strong and I was able to muddle through the rest of my recuperation.**

**Prayers from the prayer team of the church also played a major role in my recovery. If you are not using the Community Outreach/Request Prayer on the NPC website, please do.**

**When you are invited at the end of our Sunday worship service to meet with the "prayer person" in the front of the sanctuary, don't hesitate to let them pray over and for your pain or other problems you are having. Positive answers to prayers are alive and well!**

**My wrist will never be "normal" again. But it is healed. Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> I was dismissed by my doctor with a rousing "doing very good".**

**Thanks for all the prayers,  
Linda Williams**



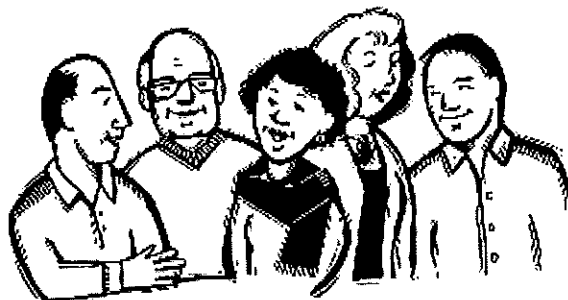


Are you looking for a great way to have a closer relationship with others in the congregation? Are there people you find interesting and would like to know more about than you can discover in a few minutes on Sunday morning? Do you enjoy good food, good fellowship, and a true sense of belonging? If that sounds like a good deal to you (and I can assure you that it is), let me invite you to participate in the Dinners For Eight program. It is designed to bring small groups together to help everyone get to know each other in a more personal way.

"How does it work?", you might ask. First and foremost, the program is open to all adults irregardless of age, gender, or marital status. All interested parties are then teamed up with other singles and/or couples to form a group of approximately 8 people. (More or less may attend, but the object is not to make the groups too large). You can decide on the frequency, dates and times of your meetings based on the schedules of those participating in your group. At each meeting, there is a "host" (either a couple, or it can be shared by two single individuals) who will provide a "main course", while the other participants provide the "side dishes". Some people show off a unique cooking or baking prowess, while others may choose to let a store do the cooking or baking. Both are perfectly acceptable ways of contributing to the meal. While some groups may choose to stop after everyone had hosted, others may choose to continue to meet as often as possible. Your group literally gets to call its own shots. The fare can be as simple or elegant as you desire, and choosing a theme and/or decorating is also an option. Location is optional too. If you are comfortable having the group in your home, super. If not, parks or even restaurants may be another way to go. Depending on availability, some groups even use Willits hall. (Just make sure you have a building use slip approved by the trustees!). After that, just relax and enjoy each other's company, and learn things about your co-worshippers that you never knew before.

There will be advance sign-ups for those interested, with a kick-off dinner for the entire group of participants date to be announced (More details to come). If you might be interested, but have child care issues, please talk to one of the committee members. Likewise, if transportation (especially night driving) is a concern, let us know. While we can't guarantee a resolution, we may be able to help work something out. Committee members are

Wendy Swatling (chair), Linda Williams, Cindy Kalwait, Barb Fitzsimmons, and Tim Allison, who all hope that we get a chance to get to know YOU better!



## Fellowship Committee



Recommended reading:

*The Winter Garden* by Johanna Verweerd

This story is about a grown woman dealing with the past she has tried to run from all of her life. When her sister sends Ika a letter explaining their mother is dying of cancer, Ika decides to pack her designs for the winter garden she is planning and return home to care for the woman she has been trying to ignore. While home, she meets her sister's family for the first time and confronts her own sense of internal winter.

The book is a little confusing when it switches from Ika's childhood to her adult life and initially I felt let down that it concluded so suddenly, but Ika is like her winter garden, blossoming suddenly at the correct season of life. It is a quick read and is available at the church library.

### Library News

Earlier this year I wrote that I wanted to modify the library, and I invited input and volunteers. Unfortunately, I didn't have the time I thought I would and none volunteered. However, I hope to begin working on some of my ideas soon. If anyone has any input on what needs done or how to do it, please let me know.

There are a number of books that have been checked out and not returned. Please check to make sure you don't have a book that belongs to the library.

Thank you. Mary Ruth



## **RUMMAGE SALE**

Saturday, October 22, 9-2  
Bag Sale 1-2

## **NORTH CHURCH NIGHT**

Thursday, October 20 6-7

HELPERS NEEDED: Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, October 20 9-3  
Please call Glenda at 733-9538

Please bring good used items and fall/winter clothing to the North end of Willits Hall starting Monday, October 3 to Monday, October 17. Please have your rummage here no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>, so the workers have time to sort and price.

Clothes on hangers will be appreciated.

NO OLD BOOKS, TEXT BOOKS, MAGAZINES OR COMPUTER ITEMS.  
Only children's books and current best sellers will be accepted.

Tax slips for donated items are available.

Thanks  
Glenda Solowiej  
Ann Motley



This year's rummage sale at North Church will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The church will accept "rummage" as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. The money raised is used to purchase extra items not included in the church budget. Here are some of the items purchased in the last few years with the rummage sale funds.

- Contributed to the purchase of the kitchen ice machine.
- New card tables
- New and matching silverware in Willits
- Tables and chairs in the nursery
- Tables and chairs in the Sunday School rooms
- Assorted kitchen utensils
- High chair in Willits
- New 6-8' tables
- \$500.00 was given to the Heifer Project Mission in 2010
- Contributed to past youth groups for their help

Glenda and I would like to thank everyone who donates to the rummage sale; both in time and rummage. If anyone has a suggestion as to where the rummage earnings should go, please feel free to talk to Glenda and myself. We plan on donating to a mission every year and hope to contribute to North Church in additional ways.

Once again, thank you to all and we hope to have another successful rummage sale this year on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Blessings,

Ann Motley and Glenda Solowiej



**Volunteers are needed for flower delivery. Please contact Audrey Vanderhoff 733-3158 if you can help**

**Flower Delivery for September**  
4- Nancy Shirk  
11 - Kevin & Karen Moshier  
18 - Dick & Marge Schornstheimer  
25 - Cathy Campbell

# 7th Annual **BLOCK PARTY**

North Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
1-4 p.m.



FREE food, entertainment & fun for the entire family! With games, giant inflatable, live music, and more!



# Block Party 2011



September 17, 2011  
1-4 p.m.

The Block Party is part of our Church's mission outreach to the community. It takes all of us working together to make it successful. Please indicate below how you'd like to help & drop it in the collection plate or return it to the Church office:

Making cookies \_\_\_\_\_

Serving food \_\_\_\_\_

Grilling burgers \_\_\_\_\_

First Aid Station \_\_\_\_\_

Information booth \_\_\_\_\_

Set-up \_\_\_\_\_

Clean-up \_\_\_\_\_

Food/beverage runner \_\_\_\_\_

Supervise inflatable \_\_\_\_\_

Games \_\_\_\_\_

AV set-up \_\_\_\_\_

Face painting \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Station \_\_\_\_\_

Donating school supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hours available to work \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU!

## Fall Women's Bible Study

*God will never give up on you.* Explore how David's life proves this promise to be true in this updated edition of the best selling **A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David**. In this examination of the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. You'll want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you!

If you have done Beth Moore studies before, you won't want to miss this one. Also, look around our church family and invite someone who has not been part of one of the Bible studies before. If you have never done a study with us, please join us and learn God's Word with the rest of us.

Books need to be ordered by September 1<sup>st</sup>, so call Nancy Shirk at 731-5275 to order a book. The cost is \$16.00. Susie Hoskins, Cindy Kalweit and Nancy Shirk will be facilitating the studies on Sunday and Thursday evenings beginning Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>



### A LOOK AHEAD

There will be an issue of *The LINK* this summer with details of our **DAY OF INSPIRATION/FALL GATHERING** at Camp Whitman on **Wednesday, September 21**.

If you've been wondering why your Coordinating Team chose to combine those events, it's because the camp was not available earlier and it was felt that having our Day of Inspiration and Fall Gathering (traditionally the latter part of September) close together wouldn't work well.

As to **plans for lunch** that day, we will be asking that those attending **bring their own bag lunch**. The Coordinating Team will provide beverages and fruit and cookies for dessert.

Please put the September 21 date on your calendars and plan to attend!

**\*\*Attention All Church Organizations\*\***

[Church organizations: includes all committees, sub-committees, Bible study groups, College Ministry, Youth Ministry, and any other NPC group within the church.]

Due to the increase of NPC church organizations and outside groups using our church building, there is now a **Building Usage Sign Out Form** that must be filled out for any church organization wishing to use the church building for meetings and/special events. The sign out forms are located in the church office workroom.

**Once a completed form is received and approved by the Board of Trustees, your meeting/event will then be added to the church calendar.**

Any "**Special Event**" usage should be received at least six weeks prior to the special event to ensure that the date is available.

**\*\*Any NPC church member** who wishes to use the church building for personal use or sponsor an outside group, must also complete the building usage sign out form and have approval from the Board of Trustees before the event is put on the church calendar.\*\*

Thank you,

Board of Trustees



Two Pack & Play Cribs have been donated to the NPC Nursery in Memory of our Mother, Celia Kokoszka, who loved our Lord, who loved life, and who loved children and babies. She, too, was loved dearly and is missed tremendously.

Cathy & Larry Campbell

**Men's Monthly Breakfast**

**The monthly men's breakfast, Saturday September 24, will feature an end of summer theme with Harry Fitzsimmons presenting highlights on their mission trip to Jamaica. Breakfast starts at 8 am and out by 9.**

A View from the Pew:

## GPS Key to Evangelicals

We love those ubiquitous GPS devices--they rest on the car's dash or maybe are secretly hidden in your cell phone, or lay quietly in your iPad. The GPS knows where you are (usually) and knows how to get you where you wish to go. Some even report to others your travels and location.

The GPS sends out signals and receives your triangulated location which can be quite nice when you are not so sure. Like the GPS, evangelicals have a signal telling the world who we are and also telling us our boundaries. It is sort of a triangulation.

The GPS foundational site for evangelicals consists of three keys. The first key is evangelicals express their conversion experience in terms of John 3:3. Presbyterian (reformed) evangelicals tend to be more precise (of course) and may include the initiation of sanctification within the "born again" process. What this means on a bottom line basis is that the evangelical speaks of having a personal relationship with Jesus as his Savior and Sustainer.

The second key is Scripture. The word inspired in all its nuances finds its way into evangelical language characterization of Scripture. Evangelicals use the word "inspired" to mean "God breathed". Usually the term errorless is applied – and I will be quick to point out that it only applies to – the original manuscripts which scholars spend a lifetime debating. The cry of the reformation was "*Sola Scriptura*". Scripture becomes the frame for our lives and therefore critically important.

The third key is that evangelicals take the Greek word *εὐαγγέλιον*, meaning Gospel or Good News, seriously. They strive to meet Jesus' directive, to take the Gospel to the farthest corners of the world. If Jesus is one's Savior, the result will be to share it. The world will notice that the proclaimer of the Gospel, in some way, is different. Key 3 interlocks back to key 1.

Historically evangelicals were founded in England in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. The modern offspring have been organized as a body since 1942. They have been particularly active supporting para-church organizations such as Campus Life, missions such a YWAM, etc. Their voice can be heard on local Christian radio such as Family life Network, and their print voice is found in *Christianity Today* and *Books and Culture*.

Some of us take the history a bit farther. It was Ben Franklin who suggested the Evangelist George Whitefield had a voice that would cover several blocks. George's message almost persuaded Ben. The third key idea of advancing the Gospel will be clear.

And then there are a few of us who will go back even farther to an early second century bishop named Ignatius who, being led to Rome to die in the arena, pleaded with his church followers not to attempt to interfere. He wished to be ground between the teeth of a lion for Christ. Such is the evidence the GPS will find of the three keys of the evangelical.

The family house in the ancient world was alive with many cousins in, out, and all around. It would seem the house of evangelicals is similar. It takes a GPS to sort out the location

of all the evangelical cousins. They may not be Presbyterian or not even reformed but they are fellow believers who stress the three keys. You can be sure of where they stand on salvation in Christ, authority of Scripture and the necessity to spread the Gospel.

Pointing our GPS toward the Arminian cousin (read Methodist, Wesleyan, Salvation Army etc.) one might hear their views on sanctification and living a holy life but the core issue is the three keys.

Then there is the biggest cousin - Anabaptist (read as all sort of various Baptist fellowships including the huge Southern Baptist Convention). This cousin will talk about the need for baptism as an adult believer. Sacraments, to them, are really Ordinances, and they do them because (Jesus ordered and their efficacy is being a witness). The basic issue remains the three keys.

The loudest group the GPS blinks at is the Pentecostal-Charismatics (Assemblies of God and other Pentecostal churches). They fondly believe in the presence and use of the Charisms or gifts. If I am in need of prayer, in a life or death circumstance, I want one of these folks around. Their lives are powerful and emotional and usually a roller coaster ride. After saying that, it is still the keys which join us, and they usually are fun if somewhat different in theology and practices.

The GPS will shiver as it points to the next two cousins who are so close yet so far apart. Consider The Roman Catholic/Greek Orthodox and the Lutherans. These cousins will talk about the real presence in the Sacraments and mean two different things. The Catholics will strive to do good works and the Lutherans will hunt out any works in one's theology. But, on the three keys they and we are united.

The GPS can find a cousin who just doesn't fit neatly into a category. The Christian & Missionary Alliance was founded by a Presbyterian as a Missionary Society and now is a major denomination. They probably really belong to the Anabaptist group.

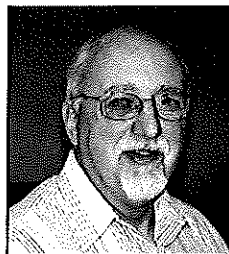
Having so many cousins with differing theologies explains why the sorting confusion exists. Many people wrongly associate denominational distinctive as a tenant of evangelicals. Equally important is that evangelicals do not have one style of worship. Remember the three keys: Personal commitment to Christ, Authority of Scripture, and Spreading the Gospel. The roads traveled vary.

Notice no mention has been made of a political stand. Contrary to popular media sensationalism, evangelicals today populate the left, the right and the honorable center.

We Presbyterians have among us our own reformed evangelicals. Come Sunday and hear our pastor preach on personal commitment, Scripture as "God's word" and making disciples.

See Ya Sunday if not before.

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To Our NPC Family:

We have the privilege to have exceptional musical presentations in our Sunday worship services. This music enhances our worship experience. The musical experiences are to glorify God. They are not entertainment. Clapping after a solo or group presentation disrupts the flow of meditation and worshipful experience that is being presented. Even when our sweet, darling children sing – clapping tells them they are entertaining, not worshipping. Children can begin to think that whatever they do in worship deserves a round of applause. We do not think this is what we want to teach our children.

Thanks and appreciation for a fine musical presentation can wait until after worship when you can congratulate the person(s) individually or what about a hearty “Amen” at the end of the presentation?

We would appreciate your prayerful thinking on this matter, and anticipate that no matter how good a musical presentation is, that it will be accepted as a part of the worship and nothing else.

Your friends in Christ,

Bob and Linda Williams



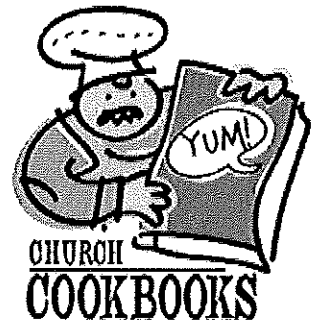
**Needed:**

I am in need of an indoor, ground level space to rent for approximately 3-4 weeks. I will be selling the entire contents of my home which has been stored since my coming to Bethany Courtyards. A single room large enough, or a first floor apartment, will suffice. If you know of any space, or know where I might contact someone who would possibly help, please contact me at 739-8711. Ask for me or please leave a message.

I appreciate any efforts on my behalf.

**God Bless, Diane M. Green**

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WOMEN'S  
COOK BOOK



IS STILL FOR SALE. WE HAVE SOLD ENOUGH BOOKS THAT WE ARE NOW MAKING A PROFIT. THE PROFIT WILL GO TO NEEDS WITHIN THE CHURCH.

WE WILL BEGIN SELLING COOK BOOKS AT CHURCH BEGINNING THE FIRST OF OCTOBER. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS AT TWO COMMUNITY EVENTS TO SELL BOOKS. ANYBODY WHO COULD VOLUNTEER SOME TIME OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST IN ELMIRA HEIGHTS BETWEEN 10 AM & 4PM TO SELL BOOKS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. ALSO, WE WILL BE SELLING BOOKS 10 AM TO 3 PM AT THE WEST ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT CRAFT SALE. IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME FOR PART OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS - PLEASE CALL LINDA WILLIAMS AT 215-0594.



**Men's Thursday night Bible Study**

The men will continue to meet this fall at 7-8:30 pm to work through II Samuel and consider the House of David and his and his children's struggles, falls, shortcomings, the consequences and the blessings. Tom Knight will lead. Hope to see all the men there to enjoy the fellowship and learn a bit about the ancient world and how God works.



## PEACEMAKING OFFERING 2011

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God,” said Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace (Matthew 5:9). Peace is the wholeness and well-being that God wills for all creation. Although the effects of human sin wound all creation, God is continually at work in the world offering healing, wholeness, mercy, justice, and peace. God’s peace is offered wherever there is brokenness—in individual lives, families, congregations, communities, nations, and creation.

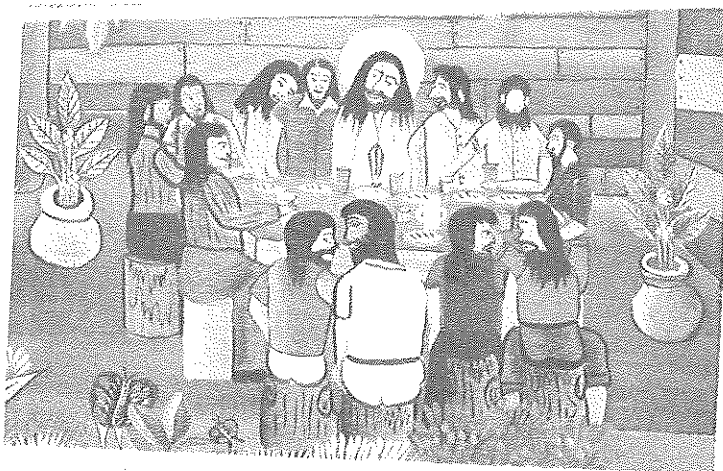
God’s gift of peace is most profoundly exemplified in the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christ calls all who profess faith in him to share the gospel message of peace with a broken and insecure world. Responding to this gracious gift, the church, as the body of Christ, is called to join others and go into the world to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God’s creation.

We become peacemakers when we join God in the task of healing and reconciling that which has been hurt or wounded in creation. Since 1980, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program has been providing support to Presbyterians as we engage in peacemaking. This work has been undergirded by the Peacemaking Offering.

**25% is retained** by this congregation, providing support for our own peacemaking ministry. **25% is allocated** to Presbytery and Synod for their peacemaking efforts. **50% is sent** to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program to support a variety of resources and events designed to help the whole church do peacemaking.

**God’s peacegiving is vast** and unending. It touches lives and transforms all creation. Because we have been given the gift of peace through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we respond, offering our lives and our resources. The Peacemaking Offering is one way of responding. Please give generously.

## PEACEMAKING OFFERING WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



**“A harvest of justice is sown in peace”**

(James 3:18)

DEACON VISITATION LIST FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4

Theresa DeZee  
Appleridge C405  
3005 Watkins Road  
Horseheads NY 14845

SEPTEMBER 18

Agnes Gunderman  
Woodbrook #212  
1250 Maple Ave  
Elmira NY 14904



SEPTEMBER 11

Bruce Flaherty  
CCNF 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
103 Washington Street  
Elmira NY 14901

SEPTEMBER 25

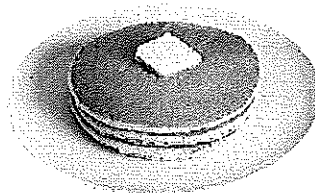
Cynthia Klungle  
506 South Ave  
Elmira NY 14904



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST -- 8AM  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**All men of the church are invited to a fellowship  
breakfast. Meet at North Church for good food, good  
conversation, great fellowship. BRING A FRIEND**

**Guest Speaker - Harry Fitzsimmons  
Mission trip to Jamaica**



- PANTRY NEEDS**
- Canned Fruit**
  - Peaches, Pears, Mixed**
  - Canned Soup**
  - Chicken Noodle, Vegetable**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Alexis Van Osdol     | 16 | Gail Hicks          |
| 3  | Marge Schornstheimer |    | Joan Barneski       |
| 4  | Thomas King          | 17 | Margaret Densberger |
|    | Camden Ripley        | 18 | Evvan Hoskins       |
|    | Larry Campbell       | 19 | Brian Hatfield II   |
| 5  | James Lord           |    | Linda Buice         |
|    | Karen Paul           | 20 | Christopher Paul    |
|    | Barbara Russell      | 22 | Mackenzie Mosher    |
|    | Josie Burleigh       | 24 | Elijah Burleigh     |
| 6  | Virginia Hatfield    | 25 | Guy Rogers          |
| 7  | Charlotte Thatcher   | 28 | Seth Hungerford     |
| 8  | Jerry Russell        | 30 | Christian Kalweit   |
|    | Bill Furnas          |    | Kathy Wilcox        |
| 10 | Kelley Batrowny      |    |                     |
| 12 | Terri Sambroski      |    |                     |
|    | Karen Mosteller      |    |                     |
|    | Frank Heinsohn       |    |                     |
| 14 | Theresa Donovan      |    |                     |
| 15 | Susan Gustafson      |    |                     |



**SEPTEMBER PRAYER FAMILIES**

**SEPTEMBER 4**

Frank & Liz Salatino  
Steve and Ann Sambroski  
Terri Sambroski  
Richard & Marge Schornstheimer

**SEPTEMBER 11**

Helen Scollon  
Leister and Nancy Shirk  
Joseph & Glenda Solowiej  
Michael & Deborah Stamp  
Sarah Jean Stamp

**SEPTEMBER 18**

Wanda Stebbins  
Francis H. Stethers  
Joseph & Christen Shaw  
...Joseph, Riley  
Mark & Crystal Stethers

**SEPTEMBER 25**

Annette Stevens  
David & Pok-Sil Swan  
Wendy Swatling  
Cory Swatling

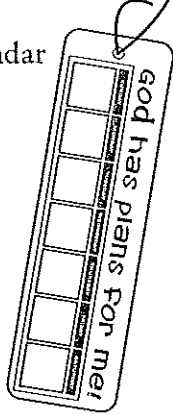


# A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

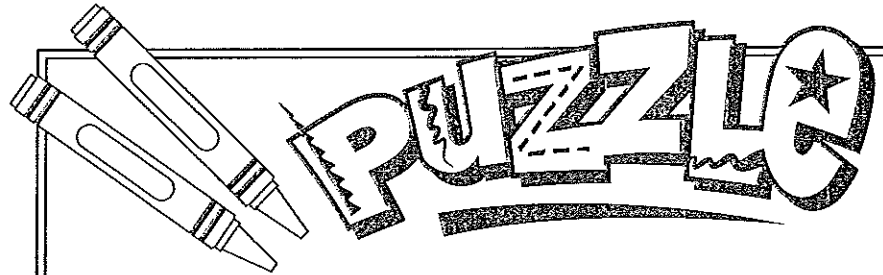
## What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



## What you do:

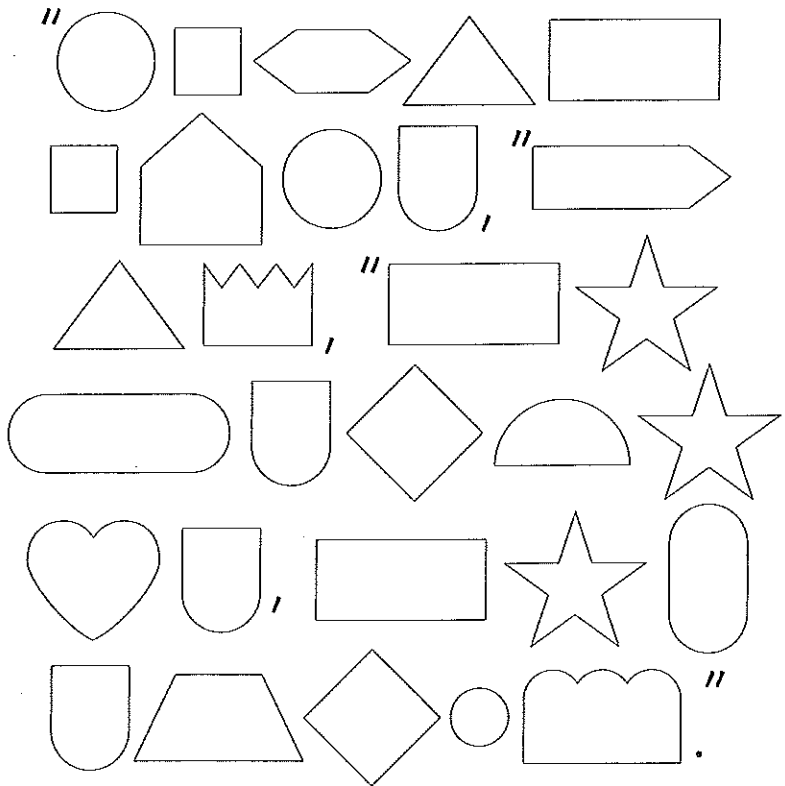
1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



# GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)