



# The BELL RINGER

SEPTEMBER 2009

## MINISTERS

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

## STAFF

INTERIM PASTOR – REV. KEN GORMAN  
PASTOR EMERITUS - REV. PAUL MOYER  
CLERK OF SESSION – MARY ELLEN MOYER  
TREASURER – PAM FISHER  
CHOIR DIRECTOR – PEGGY BOLING  
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(2009) GIL FISHER 482-5055  
(2009) MARK SEARS 226-1949  
(2009) LEANN STARLIN 223-9213  
(2010) GENE BOLING 225-0670  
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(2010) INGRID TEGTMAN 206-9489  
(2011) SHARON JONES 214-7442  
(2011) CLARENCE SITZMAN 484-7612  
(2011) AMY WIMMER 223-6919

## COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

SESSION REPS and/or CHRS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
GENE BOLING

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
INGRID TEGTMAN/LEANN STARLIN

CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
AMY WIMMER

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE  
GIL FISHER

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
CLARENCE SITZMAN

MEMORIALS  
GORDON KRUSE, CHR.

MISSION COMMITTEE  
MARK SEARS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
GENE BOLING/AMY WIMMER

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
AMY WIMMER

WORSHIP COMMITTEE  
MARY ELLEN MOYER

WORSHIP/OUTREACH/WELCOMING/EVANG.  
SHARON JONES

YOUTH GROUP  
INGRID TEGTMAN – 206-9489

EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES TEAM  
CLARENCE SITZMAN

OFFICE HOURS - 9:00 A.M.--2:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS –  
10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. – TUESDAY thru FRIDAY

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m.

Church office phone w/voice mail – 970-493-8996  
Church office e-mail address:

[staff@timnathpres.org](mailto:staff@timnathpres.org)

Church Web address: <http://www.timnathpres.org>

Interim Pastor, Rev. Ken Gorman –  
(970) 377-0703 (home)  
(970) 231-4645 (cell)

Pastor's email – [pastor@timnathpres.org](mailto:pastor@timnathpres.org)

**TPC MEETING @  
TIMNATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time**

**TPC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
ARE INVITED  
TO MEET WITH YOUR SESSION MEMBERS  
TO PRESENT YOUR IDEAS/CONCERNS  
Regarding Building Reconstruction  
(ideas in writing will be helpful)**

**11:30 a.m., Sundays:**

**August 30,**

meet with **Clarence Sitzman & Leann Starlin**

**September 6,**

meet with **Sharon Jones & Mary Ellen Moyer**

**September 13,**

meet with **Ingrid Tegtmann & Gene Boling**

**7:00 p.m., Thursdays:**

**September 3,**

meet with **Clarence Sitzman & Amy Wimmer**

**September 10,**

meet with **Gene Boling & Mark Sears**

**(MEET IN THE CHURCH OFFICE)**

## *Notes from Ken*

*August was a difficult and tumultuous month in the life of Timnath Presbyterian Church. With the gas explosion on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> resulting in the loss of our fellowship hall and our not being able to worship in our sanctuary, life has become more chaotic for all of us. As we settle in to our temporary worship space at Timnath Elementary School we must find strength in God and in each other to work together as God's people and continue to do the work and ministry we have been called to in this place.*

*Change is always difficult for people to deal with. Change caused by a disaster is even more difficult. But we have the assurance of God's gracious love and presence as we endure this temporary displacement and its consequent stress. Scripture tells us that God is with us in times of trouble and will surround us with love and care.*

***And the psalmist reminds us:***

***"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change..." (Psalm 46:1-2a)***

*The next several months will be a time of disruption but also a time for us to rally around one another in support as we endure this inconvenience. The choir will begin practicing soon and will again be an integral part of our worship. Sunday School will also get underway in September for children and adults. Sometime in the fall I will be offering a class on what it is to be Presbyterian, which will serve as education for the whole congregation as well as a "new members" class for anyone interested.*

*We will endeavor to continue with as many of our regular activities as possible during this time. Out of necessity we have put the interim process of preparing to search for a new called pastor on the back burner. We will begin doing some of the preparatory work later in the fall.*

*I want to encourage you to persevere in this uncertain time and to be aware of God's presence and love each day.*

*With Christ's Blessings,*

*Ken*

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

➤ Sunday, November 8, 2009, is Stewardship Sunday.

➤ Dick Craft, Interim Presbytery Executive, is making available to Timnath Presbyterian Church **\$10,000 from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, through One Great Hour of Sharing, to be used for "filling the gaps."

➤ Approval was given Church Treasurer, Pam Fisher, to set up a **separate bank account** for the depositing of insurance money and monetary gifts designated for reconstruction. Pam is authorized to pay reconstruction bills from this account.

➤ Approval was given to engage Guide One Taylor Ball as **construction services** for reconstructing Timnath Presbyterian Church facilities.

➤ Approval was given for Timnath Presbyterian Church to participate in four church-wide offerings during 2009 - 2010. They are: **Peacemaking Offering (October 3), One Great Hour of Sharing, Joy Offering, and Pentecost Offering.**

➤ **Nominating Committee** has the following people as members:

**Amy Wimmer - Chair & Session Rep.**

**Mark Sears - Session Rep.**

**Nancy Greenwood - 2010**

**Jeff Loyd - 2011**

As stated in our bylaws, there shall be five members of this committee, two from Session and three active members of the congregation. At the next Stated Session Meeting, one active church member will be named to complete the 2009 term due to a committee member's increased involvement with Buildings and Grounds.

➤ Negotiations are pending for further use of Timnath Elementary School.

➤ Presbytery-wide Elder/Deacon training will be held for our area at Harmony Presbyterian Church on Saturday,

**September 12, 9:30 a.m. - Noon.**

➤ On the following dates, members and friends of the congregation will be given an opportunity to **meet with Session members in order to give further input and ideas (in writing will be helpful)** as we look at reconstructing our church facilities. **You can meet on Sundays following Worship at 11:30 a.m., in the Church Office and/or on the Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office.** The following dates give a variety of selections for any further conversation you may wish to have.

### SUNDAYS @ 11:30 A.M.

**Sunday, August 30,**

meet with

**Clarence Sitzman & Leann Starlin**

**Sunday, September 6,**

meet with

**Sharon Jones & Mary Ellen Moyer**

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**Ingrid Tegtman & Gene Boling**

### THURSDAYS @ 7:00 P.M.

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**SEPTEMBER 6, is FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Updates

Thank you to all who participated in Vacation Bible School (including the children!). Despite road-blocks and rain, we had a successful week. We cannot express enough appreciation to everyone for all the hard work and love put into this.

Thank you to Sue Lorimer for leading VBS this year.



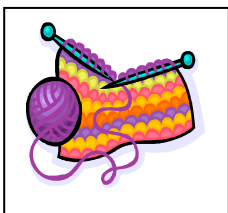
Please consider teaching Sunday School this upcoming school year. We are looking at a 'rotational/age-inclusive' style this year.

Our C.E. meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Church Office. Please join us! Those involved in Adult SS, please evaluate what you will need for the upcoming year.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*We are MOST grateful to God that we were not in the Fellowship Hall when the explosion occurred!*



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue to meet in members' homes or other facilities for the time being. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

For this month:

**Sept. 12 @ Sunflower Community Center**  
**Sept. 26 @ home of Leann Starlin**

Please join us for knitting or crocheting, prayer, and fellowship. If you have questions about this wonderful ministry, please call Joan Saxbury or talk with any of our members.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> MILE MISSION

Arrangements have been made with Harmony Presbyterian Church for 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Mission to meet at their facility from

**9:30-3:00 p.m., on**

**Tuesdays, September 1, 15, October 6, 20.**

Please bring a sandwich and fruit to share for lunch. Address:

**HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN  
400 EAST BOARDWALK, FT. COLLINS**



## PLANS FOR CHOIR -

Tentatively, Choir will sing for worship on Sunday, Sept. 20. If all things fall into place for the first practice: i.e., a place to practice with a keyboard. Peggy is working on the details and is hopeful things will easily come together. Until Choir begins, special music will be provided--HOPEFULLY.



**ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**LOCATION- TO BE ANNOUNCED**

## AFTERNOON & EVENING CIRCLES

**AFTERNOON & EVENING CIRCLES** will meet for a joint meeting on Thursday, September 10, at 1:30 p.m. **(This is the regular meeting date of Afternoon Circle.)** Laurene Aldrich and Arlene Jones will co-host this meeting. Maxine Hansen will review the books selected for additional reading this year. Each person attending is requested to bring a few cookies for refreshments served with punch.

**EVENING CIRCLE** will begin a study of JOSHUA on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:15 p.m. June Haynes will host this meeting with Sharon Jones leading the Introduction and Lesson One in the *2009 - 2010 Horizons Bible Study, JOSHUA: A Journey of Faith.*



## THANK YOU

A belated **"Thank-You"** to all who provided meals to our family during my gallbladder surgery. In my drug-induced state, I don't recall all of the names & faces, but do remember how delicious the food was & how wonderful it felt to be taken care of. Love to you all!

An additional **'Thank-You'** for all of the prayers for Jacob's recent surgery. We were worried & stressed as parents and it was wonderful knowing our church family was lifting him up in prayer.

*Mark & Ingrid Tegtman*



## ROCKIES GAME FUN-DRAISER

It's time for Baseball!!!

We have tickets for sale for the Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Rockies vs. Cincinnati Reds Game. The game starts at 6:40 p.m. (Also a promotional night for the first 10,000 fans.)

Tickets are \$20 each and are available from Bev McBride by phone 482-9386. All of the money collected from the ticket sales stays right here at Timnath Presbyterian and will be contributed to the EXPO fund. If interested in going, contact Bev no later than Thursday, September 3.

*Our thanks to Jerry & Mary McMorris for donating these tickets.*



## GELLER CENTER (United Campus Ministry)

The Geller Center for Spiritual Development will host its annual gala on Oct. 23, at the Sunset Event Center. The theme is **"Dancing with the Geller Stars,"** featuring dinner, a silent auction and dance contest with local celebrities. Tickets are \$35/person or \$65/couple.

Auction donations, volunteers, and sponsors are needed to make this event successful. All so needed are Frontier Airline miles. Please contact Cheryl Beckett or Laura Nelson at 482-8487.



## THANK YOU

A hardy THANK YOU goes to those persons, in the aftermath of the explosion, who have been able to give of their time and effort to orchestrate the “emptying-out” of the church building, planning the storage of our personal property, and dealing with the “business” of the event. Those on the forefront are the 5 men appointed by Session: Gene Boling, Gil Fisher, Mike McBride, Clarence Sitzman, and Russ Skinner. Multiple hours of time have been spent meeting with insurance representatives, ranging from those contracted by the insurance company, as well as, engineers, lawyers, inspectors required by government, etc. Among those asked to sort property for short-term/long-term storage, were Peg Boling, Nancy Greenwood, Maxine Hansen, June Haynes, Patsy Hutcheson, Sharon Jones, Joan Saxbury, Clarence Sitzman, Phylis Sitzman, Leann Starlin. Our THANKS to them as well.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO SESSION MEMBERS** who have spent many hours hearing and digesting the initial reports and making immediate determinations. And who will be offering many hours to hear and weigh the congregation’s input and ideas—while still conducting the normal business of the church.

**THANKS ALSO** to Pastor Ken for his guidance. And **THANKS** to Don Hutcheson who has faithfully kept the church lawn mowed and manicured, since the explosion.

## SEPTEMBER 11, 2009, Patriotism

In the days, weeks and months following “9/11”, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the symbol of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.



On Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of one of our country’s worst tragedies. you are encouraged to display the American Flag outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. We do this to honor those who lost their lives on “9/11”, their families, friends, and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

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## Pathways Hospice

Pathways Hospice, formerly Hospice of Larimer County, is looking for volunteers who are willing to share their time and compassion with people in the community who are facing a life threatening illness. Pathways Hospice volunteers provide companionship and support for patients and their families. We are also looking for registered massage therapists and beauticians. No medical background is required. Prospective volunteers are asked to attend a 22-hour comprehensive training which includes the hospice philosophy of care, the history of Pathways Hospice and specific skill building tools for the role as a volunteer. Many have called this training a “life changing experience”. If you have a big heart and would like to give back to your community then this opportunity is for you.

Fall training session will be offered Oct. 1, 2, 3, 2009  
 For additional information:  
 Call the volunteer office at (970) 292-1068  
 Visit our website: [www.pathways-care.org](http://www.pathways-care.org)  
 Email at [nancy.moulton@pathways-care.org](mailto:nancy.moulton@pathways-care.org)