



The BELL RINGER

TIMNATH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 2011

MINISTERS

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

STAFF

INTERIM PASTOR – REV. KEN GORMAN
PASTOR EMERITUS - REV. PAUL MOYER
CLERK OF SESSION – MARY ELLEN MOYER
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CHOIR DIRECTOR – PEGGY BOLING
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(2011) SHARON JONES 214-7442
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(2012) NANCY GREENWOOD 669-0056
(2012) TRACIE DOUGLAS WOTOWEY 224-4542
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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
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CONCERNS COMMITTEE
NANCY GREENWOOD

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LAURENE ALDRICH

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CLARENCE SITZMAN

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SHARON JONES

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AMY WIMMER

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)
RUSS SKINNER

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AMY WIMMER

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
MARY ELLEN MOYER

WELCOMING AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE
BILL BELITZ

YOUTH GROUP

“BLASTED DEBT” TEAM
SUE SIFERD & BEV MC BRIDE

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.

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

MEET & GREET PASTOR MATT WEBBER

6:15-8:00 p.m. -- Friday, December 2nd
9:00-11:00 a.m. -- Saturday, December 3rd
Timnath Church Fellowship Hall



Read more about Pastor Matt and receptions further in this newsletter.



Notes from Ken

The famous line from the conversation between the walrus and the carpenter in Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass" reads: "The time has come," the Walrus said, 'to talk of many things: Of shoes—and ships—and sealing-wax—Of cabbages—and kings...' The time has come in the life of this church to talk of many things as well. Maybe not about sealing wax, or cabbages and kings, but certainly about two significant events that are about to take place.

One of those events is the arrival of Advent as we wait and watch with great expectation and hope for the coming of Jesus Christ. I enjoy the season of Advent because it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Jesus Christ in each of our lives. Who is Jesus for you and how do you understand His call for your life? Advent provides a time for us to slow down, even amidst the "hustle and bustle" and chaos of preparing for Christmas Day, and reflect on our life of faith and to think about what God might be inviting us into in the near future.

That brings me to the second significant event. Your Pastor Nominating Committee has extended a call to one of three finalists to be your new pastor. You will have several opportunities to meet-and-greet the Rev. Matt Webber on the first weekend of December. He will preach in worship on the 4th and following worship that day, during the congregational meeting, you will vote on calling him to be your next installed pastor.

You now have an opportunity, as you wait with anticipation and hope, to reflect on what the coming of this new pastor means for you and for the ministry of Timnath Presbyterian Church. Maybe, as the walrus said, some talk of shoes would be appropriate. How can you walk in faithful ministry with your new pastor? What can you do to ensure a gracious and successful transition?

I invite you to reflect on these questions as you wait for the coming of Christ and the arrival of your new pastor. I also ask you to think about how Christ's transforming love is at work in the calling of your new pastor, and in what ways that love can reinvigorate your commitment to doing ministry here in Timnath.

With Christ's Blessings,

Ken

FROM PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE...

It is with great pleasure, satisfaction and anticipation for our shared ministry that the PNC of Timnath Presbyterian Church presents the Rev. Matthew Webber as our selection as the next called pastor for the Body of Christ here in Timnath. We are confident that Matt's pastoral, theological, teaching and leadership skills will prove to catalyze the Christian spirit which already resides here. Besides which, he is a really nice guy.



Pastor Matt has many local connections, having grown up in Berthoud where the Presbyterian Church there provided the basis for his eventual call to ministry. Our COM liaison, Kathryn Churchill, whose husband was Matt's pastor when he was young, tells a story of her husband declaring while Matt was still in junior high that he was possibly the best theologian that he had ever known. Matt's ties to this area continue as he is a graduate of CSU (speech communications) where he enjoyed no small degree of success competing for the track team, was Youth Director at Westminster Presbyterian Church and continued under Westminster's care while in seminary, spent a summer as Chaplain and Activity Leader at Highlands Retreat Center and still has family in Colorado including a sister in Ft. Collins and parents in the southern part of the state. Despite having spent the last five years in Michigan, Matt remains an avid fan of both the Rams and the Broncos.

Matt comes to us from Holland, Michigan, where, for the last five years he has been the Associate Pastor for a growing, 550 member church. Monthly opportunities to preach have helped Matt to develop his considerable preaching ability while the many and varied responsibilities facing an associate in a program church have helped him hone the skills that the PNC identified as TPC's needs. He has particular skills and affinity for Christian education; adult, youth, small group--you name it; youth and young adult ministry, and a passion and sense for congregational pastoral care. When appropriate, you will find that Matt exhibits these talents with a healthy and well-developed sense of humor; he can be a pretty funny guy. In conversation, Matt has that singular ability to make you feel as if you are the only person in the room and the object of his full attention. Our almost immediate impression of Pastor Matt and an impression which has grown into conviction is that he is likeable, highly approachable, genuine, and committed to the ministry and spreading the Good News.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Matt has a girlfriend, Nicole. She is studying library science in Illinois. I would be further remiss if I neglected to mention Matt's current roommate, and possibly best friend, Rudy. Rudy is a golden retriever; Matt's running partner and I would hazard a guess, the first to hear and critique Matt's sermons.

It is the PNC's sincere belief that you will find in Pastor Matt all that you would hope for in called leadership. It is our further conviction that this is not a "hire" but a "call" in every sense of the word; God is calling Matt to us and us to him. God has blessed us.

The congregation will have several opportunities to meet and visit with Pastor Matt prior to the election--including receptions on Friday night, Dec 2nd and Sat morning, Dec 3rd. More information will follow in the forms of both electronic and regular mail, announcements in worship and hard copy stuff in the Narthex. Please contact any member of the PNC should you have questions.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

From November 10th Meeting



➤ On October 29, 2011, at the meeting of **Presbytery of Plains and Peaks** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Collins, **Russ Skinner was installed as Moderator for the year 2012**, officially taking office on January 1. Congratulations, Russ!

➤ **Edie Brooks will fill leadership role on Prayer Chain.** Calls may be directed to Edie at 482-2491.

➤ Kathy Moody received approval and support from Session to attend a **youth leadership conference** in Louisville, KY, March 2-5, 2012.

➤ We **welcome into active membership** of Timnath Presbyterian Church, received on November 27, 2011, the following:



Roy & Carol Stone
Harold & Sharon Waag.

➤ **New elders, Mark Sears, Sue Siferd, and Will Stone.** elected at Special Congregational meeting on November 6, 2011, will be ordained and installed during morning Worship on Sunday, December 18, 2011. Welcome to Session.

➤ Buildings and Grounds Committee and Congregational Life Committee **thank everyone who helped to clean-up the basement** on Saturday, November 5, 2011. Appropriate storage was found for most items and cupboards were labeled.



➤ Session is requesting **VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LIBRARY** to help with book check-out on Sundays, and general care and upkeep of the library for a few weeks.

The Maxine Hansen Library is in need of a librarian. If this is of interest to you, please contact a member of Session.

FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE...



We are fast approaching the end of 2011...which does not seem possible. We have two pledge drives that are currently going on – one for the General Operating Budget which is a yearly pledge and starts in January 2012. The other is the Capital Campaign which is a three-year pledge.



On November 13th, we had “Pledge” Sunday and asked for the 2012 Pledge Card and Time and Talent Sheet to be turned in. We have a good start on the General Operating Budget pledges with 32 pledges received for a total of \$65,360. Thank you to all of you who have turned in your 2012 Pledge Form.

In order to meet, in pledges, the 2012 Budget figure of \$91,920, we need an additional \$26,560 to be pledged. We appreciate your prayerful consideration. Pledge Forms are available on the table in the Narthex and completed forms can be placed in the Sunday offering, turned in to the church office, or handed to Pam Fisher, Treasurer.



Update from the "Blasted Debt" Task Force



We have now received 23 pledges for a total of \$ 38,700 toward the repayment of the “Blasted Debt”, monies owed to PILP on the property at 4012 Main Street in Timnath, and to restore our reserves. We are very appreciative of those who have pledged. Thank You.

If you have not been able to pledge and would still like to do so, we will accept your pledge at any time. If you are unable to pledge, but are able to donate, we are always willing to accept designated donations to the “Blasted Debt” Fund, with or without a pledge.

Thank you to all who have supported our efforts to repay our debt.



MUSICAL CD'S

A few years ago some of our many talented people here at Timnath Presbyterian Church recorded a CD of musical selections. Artists included a Women's Group, a Men's Group, solos by Clarence Sitzman and Edie Brooks, piano selections by Maxine Hansen and Joan Saxbury, and piano/organ duets by Maxine and Darlene Schnorr, among others.



We have several CD's left for sale at \$15.00 each. The entire price of each CD goes to the former EXPO fund, currently known as the "Blasted Debt" Fund. **These make wonderful Christmas gifts,** and we hope they will be a source of enjoyment to you, your friends and your families for many years to come.

Look for the CD's on the table in the Narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary. Place your payment in the envelope found beside the CD's. Make checks payable to TPC and please indicate "Blasted Debt" or "CD" on the memo line.

MISSION COMMITTEE



Mission Committee will have some opportunities during the Christmas Season for you to participate. The Giving/Angel Tree and Christmas Food Baskets are just two of them. Announcement will be made during Sunday morning Worship Services.



THANK YOU to all who helped decorate the church on Sunday, November 20th after worship. Your help is very much appreciated.

**MEET & GREET
PASTOR MATT WEBBER**

6:15-8:00 p.m. -- Friday, December 2nd
9:00-11:00 a.m. -- Saturday, December 3rd
Timnath Church Fellowship Hall



Receptions on Friday, December 2 from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. will be held in the Fellowship Hall for a meet-and-greet with Pastor Matt. Your PNC hopes you can attend one or both of the receptions for a very informal time. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday night's reception will begin after the TPC choir sings at the Timnath Holiday Lighting Festival at the old Town Hall across the street from the church.

Also please plan to join us after worship on Sunday, December 4th, for a sandwich lunch.

***The Children will be ringing
handbells*** during the following Sunday

Morning Worship Services:

November 27, December 4 and December 11.



AFTERNOON CIRCLE will meet at

the church at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15th.

We will assemble cookie trays for shut-ins. This will be a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck as well as 3 dozen cookies for the cookie trays.



EVENING CIRCLE will meet on at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13th, at the home of Peg Boling. We will look at Lesson #4, "Greatly honored are those who are famished and parched for justice."

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-9

Key Idea: Jesus promises sustenance to the famished but calls the "stuffed" to account. (Accompanying video with lessons)

2ND MILE MISSION will meet 9:30-3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6th. For lunch, please bring a sandwich and fruit to share.

Thank you to all who contributed money and items for the Health Kits. We were able to assemble 14 health kits for Church Women United.

NO GAME NIGHT – December 2nd.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be received on Sunday, December 18th, and Christmas Eve.



PRAYER CHAIN –

Edie Brooks will be the #1 contact person for the Prayer Chain.

Paula Matney will continue to be the #2 contact person.

And as always, you can contact the church office.



PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on December 10th at the home of Bev McBride from 9:00-1100 a.m. Bev's address is

4774 South Co. Road 3F. If you need directions, please call her at 482-9386.

We invite all knitters, crochet-ers, yarn and fiber enthusiasts, and pray-ers to join us in our efforts to keep our friends and loved ones wrapped in God's love.

We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and God's blessings for the New Year.

2011 BAZAAR

The final figures for the 2011 Bazaar--after all expenses--our proceeds are \$11,288.77 with the following breakdown:

Live Auction --	\$3,522.50
Grandpa's Booth --	317.48
Quilt Tickets --	284.75
Lunch --	401.50
Bake Sale --	6,762.54

CONGRATULATIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!!!

MANY, MANY THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!!

HIGHLANDS CAMP – MATCHING GRANT

June Hays, a generous supporter of Highlands Camp, has offered a

2 for 1 Matching Grant

to support debt reduction, to reduce the principal on their mortgage. For each dollar donated to Highlands for debt reduction

between

September 1 and December 15, 2011,

Jane will give two dollars...up to a maximum of \$100,000. All donations should be made directly to Highlands Camp specifying "Matching Grant—Debt Reduction".



You are all invited to a
**CHRISTMAS
 OPEN HOUSE**
 @
PASTOR KEN & DEE'S HOME
 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, December 17th

3306 Liverpool Street
 Fort Collins, CO 80526.

CONCERNS COMMITTEE: Please remember that Concerns Committee is here for you. Our efforts are greatly enhanced when you inform us of a concern within our congregation. Please don't assume that we already know. Hearing about someone's need multiple times is better than not hearing/knowing at all. You are our eyes and ears.

CONCERNS CONTACTS—

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| Coordinator & Session Rep. – Nancy Greenwood – 669-0056 | Patsy Hutcheson – 222-8073 |
| Funeral Dinners | Nancy Greenwood – 669-0056 |
| Emergency Meals | Louise Vance – 206-1120 |
| Prayer Chain | #1 Edie Brooks – 482-2491 |
| | #2 Paula Matney – 225-0440 |
| | Church Office – 493-8996 |
| Cards | Dorothy Weitzel – 482-8075 |
| Hospital Flowers | #1 Bunny Goshorn – 482-7849 |
| | #2 Church Office – 493-8996 |

Committee Annual Reports

As we near the end of the year, it's once again time to be thinking about Committee and Group Annual Reports. You can begin submitting them to the church office at any time.



HIGHLANDS CAMP

Christmas Party & Fund Raising

Auction

1:00 -4:00 p.m. -- Saturday, December 3rd

**TIMNATH
HOLIDAY LIGHTING FESTIVAL**

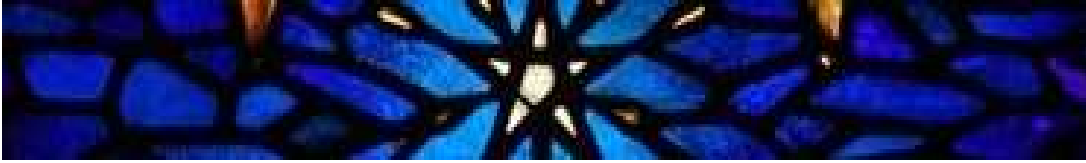
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 2nd

Town Hall, Main Street

Timnath Choir will be singing carols from 5:45-6:00 p.m. for the Lighting Festival.





*May the love of God
expressed in the birth of
Jesus Christ be yours
at Christmas and
throughout the year.*



*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on His shoulders.*

*And He will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6