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The Purpose Statement for the First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown

- G** Growing in Christ through *worship*.
- R** Reaching out in *fellowship*.
- A** Affirming faith through *discipleship*.
- C** Caring for the lost through *evangelism*.
- E** Embracing others in mission and *ministry*.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 17, at 11:30 a.m. Please put this important meeting date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Annual Reports

All reports from pastors, committee chairpersons and PWC (including the Treasurer's reports) are due in the church office no later than Sunday, January 10, so the report can be assembled for the meeting.

The church financial report is due by noon on Friday, January 15.

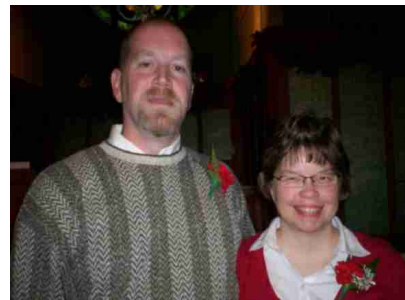
All those who are to write a report have received a copy of last year's report for ideas on what to put in the report. Emailed reports are the most efficient way to get them to the church office. Please be prompt with your reports.

Deacon & Elder Training

Training for the new Deacons and Elders will be held Wednesday, January 6, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. here at the church. Please plan to attend this important training session if you are a newly elected Deacon or Elder. Notebooks, the Book of Order and Book of Confession will be available for you to pick up at that time.

Deacons and Elders will be installed at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 10.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Ron and Linda Kauffman joined First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 6, 2009. They were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, December 13.

Ron comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. He was born in Illinois and moved to Marshalltown when he was very young and has lived here ever since. Ron is employed at Packaging Corp. of America (PCA). He loves, fishing, baseball, football, reading and likes to be outdoors. He attended a United Methodist Church before coming to First Presbyterian.

Linda comes to us by confession of faith and was baptized Sunday, December 13. She was born in Marshalltown and is the daughter of Roger McGrew. She worked as a nanny in Minneapolis for six years and is now employed with ING Insurance in Des Moines. She has worked there for eleven years. Linda's hobbies are reading and gardening.

Ron and Linda have two girls, Felicia (17 years of age) and Caroline (9 years old). Both Ron and Linda indicated they would be interested in the work of the Property Committee. They helped Roger McGrew with the extensive drainage pipe work in the front of the church this past summer.

Welcome, Ron and Linda and family.

Church Women United

Church Women United does not meet in January and February.



The flower chart for 2010 is up on the NW wall in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to sponsor the altar flowers for the coming year. We will again be getting the altar flowers from Renner's Flowers. At this point, the cost of the flowers will remain the same as last year at \$32.10.

ABC Quilt Project



Presbyterian Women of the Church invite members and friends to help make quilts as a mission project.

We plan to meet in the Lower Lounge from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, January 13, 20, and 27; February, 3; March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Plan to bring a can of soup to share for lunch.

Donations of washed cotton fabric, batting and embroidery floss to tie the quilts would be appreciated.

Questions about the project may be directed to Shala Ludley at 752-6894 or Linda Moore at 751-1871.



PWC News

Elizabeth Circle will meet **Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. at Stone's Restaurant.** Each one

attending should bring a \$5 grab-bag gift for the Christmas party.

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, **January 19, at 9:15 a.m.** in the Lower Lounge. Hostesses are Ruth Hayes and Barb McBride. Nancy Kremer will give the devotions and Sue Turbiville will present the program.

PWC will not meet in January.

PWC-CT will meet Tuesday, January 26, **in the Lower Lounge.**

Financial Report for November

NOVEMBER-09	Actual	Budget	+/-
Regular Offerings	34,693.12	1,515	(6,821.88)
Other Receipts	199.57	500	(300.43)
Total Receipts	34,892.69	42,015	(7,122.31)
Year to Date:			
Regular Offerings	327,437.39	395,544	(68,106.61)
Other Receipts	12,481.35	6,300	6,181.35
Total Receipts	339,918.74	401,844	(61,925.26)
Total Expenditures	(314,512.95)	(391,648)	77,135.05
Net Receipts-Expenditures	25,405.79	10,196	15,209.79
Beginning Cash Balance	(8,664.30)	(8,664)	(0.30)
Ending Cash Balance	16,741.49	1,532	15,209.49



The new privacy door in the woman's restroom has been installed as well as the solid wood banisters in the new entrance.

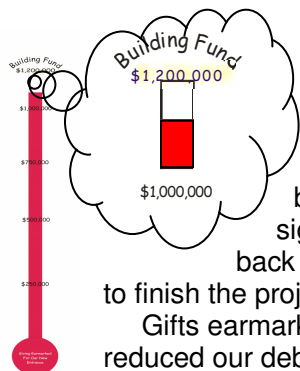
These projects were completed by our in house professionals; Bob Boeyink, Clyde Evers, Orlyn Langenbau and Rollie Freil. Capable supervision was provided by sidewalk superintendent, Nancy Diggins. Both these projects were made possible by your pledges.

---Stewardship Committee

Luke's Ministry Message Gastro Esophageal Reflux Disease

Gastro Esophageal Reflux Disease, referred to as GERD or Acid reflux, is a condition in which the liquid content of the stomach regurgitates (backs up or refluxes) into the esophagus. The liquid can inflame and damage the lining of the esophagus, although this occurs in a minority of people. The regurgitated liquid usually contains acid and pepsin that are produced by the stomach. Pepsin is an enzyme that begins the digestion of proteins in the stomach. The refluxed liquid also may contain bile that has backed-up into the stomach from the small intestine.

GERD is a chronic condition. Once it begins, usually it lasts a lifetime. If there is injury to the lining



Giving designated for the building fund during the months of November and December was extraordinary. We have been able, therefore, to make significant progress in paying back the loans we secured in order to finish the project.

Gifts earmarked for the building fund reduced our debt from \$178,203 at the end of October to \$159,523 at the end of November.

Giving in December reduced the debt to \$137,773.

It continues to be a thrill to see God's people

of the esophagus (esophagitis), this also is a chronic condition. Once treatment for GERD has begun, therefore, it will usually need to be continued indefinitely.

The body has mechanisms to protect itself from the harmful effects of reflux and acid. For example, most reflux occurs during the daytime when individuals are upright and in that position, the refluxed liquid is more likely to flow downward and return to the stomach due to the effect of gravity. In addition, while individuals are awake, they tend to swallow more often whether there is reflux or not, thus re-swallowing any liquid present. Besides that, the salivary glands in the mouth produce saliva, which contains bicarbonate. With each swallow, bicarbonate-containing saliva travels down the esophagus. The bicarbonate neutralizes the small amount of acid that remains in the esophagus after gravity and swallowing.

The causes of GERD are:

1. Lower esophageal sphincter not functioning appropriately.
 - a. Abnormally weak contraction of this sphincter to prevent reflux
 - b. Prolonged relaxation of the sphincter, especially post eating, preventing ability to prevent reflux.
2. Hiatal Hernia contributes to GERD; however, scientists are still studying the cause.
3. Emptying the stomach - most reflux during the day occurs after meals. This is probably due to item #1 and because some individuals have slower emptying of the stomach at that time.
4. Pregnancy
 - a. The elevated hormone levels of pregnancy cause reflux by lowering the lower esophageal sphincter pressure.
 - b. The growing fetus also puts increased pressure in the abdomen.
5. Diseases that weaken muscles - Any disease that causes weakness of muscle in connective tissue will cause this problem, e.g. Multiple Sclerosis, Scleroderma, etc.

Treatment for GERD can be:

Lifestyle Changes

- Elevating the upper body portion of the bed on blocks under the head of the bed. This raises the esophagus above the stomach. This can be done by the individual sleeping on a wedge, also.
- Eat smaller and earlier evening meals so that there is not increased distention in the abdomen when lying down.
- Chewing Gum - Chewing gum stimulates the production of saliva containing bicarbonate, and it increases swallowing this bicarbonate.

- Limiting certain foods that are known to cause GERD such as fatty foods, spicy and acid containing foods like citrus juices and carbonated beverages, coffee, peppermint and alcohol.
- Stop smoking.

Antacids

Despite the development of potent medications for the treatment of GERD, antacids remain a mainstay of treatment. Antacids neutralize the acid in the stomach so that there is no acid to reflux. The problem with antacids is that their action is brief. They are emptied from the stomach quickly, in less than an hour, and the acid then re-accumulates. The best ways to take antacids, therefore, is approximately one hour after meals or just before the symptoms of reflux begin after a meal.

Since the food from meals slow the emptying from the stomach, an antacid taken after the meal stays in the stomach longer and is effective longer. For the same reason, a second dose of antacids approximately two hours after a meal takes advantage of the continuing post meal, slower emptying of the stomach and replenishes the acid neutralizing capacity within the stomach. Although antacids can neutralize acid, they do so for only a short period of time.

Surgery

The first medications developed for more effective and convenient treatment of acid related diseases, including GERD are called Histamine Antagonists. Some brand names include Tagament, Zantac, Pepcid and Axid. These are available over the counter, but they are lower doses than what a physician can prescribe.

If you suffer from heartburn, regurgitation and nausea, you should see a physician for a proper diagnosis and treatment.

There are still many unknowns about GERD and scientists continue to search for answers.

News From the Adams'



Autumn greetings from Korea and Hanil University! The autumn season is really here with brightly colored leaves, clear blue skies, and leafless persimmon trees looking like Christmas trees with their bright orange fruit. Of course, we all know what will come later, but we are enjoying these balmy days while they last.

Our reason for writing is to give you a report on one of the students you helped with a \$500 scholarship. The students' name is Yu Jun-Su. At the time he received your scholarship, he was serving a small church on a remote island in the extreme south of the country. The church was

unable to pay him a salary so the Presbyterian Church of Korea helped to support the church as a domestic mission project. Each week, Mr. Yu would travel to Hanil by boat, local bus, and then an express bus and then another local bus in order to arrive at the campus. His Filipina wife and two young children remained on the island during the week. It was a difficult time for him but he finally completed his coursework and returned to the Philippines with his wife and family to begin mission work there.

We are happy to report to you that he has completed all of the requirements for ordination and his name was listed at the Presbytery meeting as being ready for ordination. Hopefully, his ordination will take place at the spring 2010 meeting of Jeonbuk Presbytery. He and his family are working as missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of Korea in the Philippines where they have a vision for church planting and student work. Your generous scholarship aid helped to make Yu Jun-Su's answering of God's call a reality.

Your most recent scholarship of \$500 has arrived at the mission office in Seoul and is in the process of being sent down to Jeonju. This scholarship will be given to a student early in 2010 in time for the spring semester. We have several students in mind and will let you know when one is chosen. We are entering the final five weeks of the fall semester when all of the scholarships for 2009 have already been given.

It is hard to believe that this is our last full semester of teaching at Hanil. At a meeting of the theology professors this past week, the topic of discussion was our retirement ceremony, dinner and publication of a festschrift honoring the three retiring professors in the department--Hwang In-Bok in New Testament, Carol in Christian Education and Dan in Systematic Theology. So...it really is going to happen--we will retire.

However, we have not retired yet and we still have classes to teach and much work to be done. May God continue to grant all of you both grace and blessing during this autumn season.

Faithfully in mission,
---Dan and Carol Chou Adams

Emergency Food Box



The Emergency Food Box needs your help now more than ever. There is still an increasing number of families in Marshall County to whom we provide emergency assistance.

Your offerings of food (please note the dates on the canned items) and/or **cash donations** are very much appreciated.

Currently, the items that we need the most are **peas, corn, green beans, carrots, tomatoes, pork and**

beans and macaroni and cheese. These items are not currently available from the Food Bank in Des Moines in the quantities that we need. Donations of these items would be very helpful at this time.

If you would prefer to give money, you may send a check or cash at any time. Make checks payable to: **Emergency Food Box.** Money may also be placed in your offering plate or mail to: **EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.** These funds are used to buy needed items locally and to pay handling charges for items we are able to get from the Food Bank of Iowa.

Again, thank you for your past contributions and please do continue to take into consideration the increasing need for food and/or contributions in our area.



The **Annual Meeting** of the **House of Compassion** will be on Sunday, January 17, at 1:30 p.m. We will vote on the budget & proposed new Board members. The House of Compassion is all of our responsibility and as a member of the community we hope to see you on the 17th at the House of Compassion. Your input is important.

---The Board of Directors

The House of Compassion and all our clients would like to thank everyone who supported us this past year with their prayers, time, supplies, and money. The services we offer have been increasingly utilized and could be offered only because of the wonderful generosity of this community.

We furnish supplies for the home not covered by food stamps: prescription drug help, school supplies, a shelter, a soup kitchen, and coordinate the Adopt-A-Family for Christmas. Our volunteers, director and assistant do an outstanding job of providing these services and sharing their time with our clients and guests.

As the year winds down, we have been blessed by what we can do and recognize there is an increasing need in this time of economic trial in our country. At the time of greatest need our donations this year are lower than in past years, making it challenging to provide a high volume of essential services with less resources. We do need more volunteers and funding!

If you are able contribute some of your time, please call the House of Compassion at 641-752-5999 or stop by and visit with our director, Jean Bergen. If you wish to make a donation, you may designate your gift to our general fund or specifically to the prescription drug, school supply, or supply closet programs. Donations for the House of Compassion may be sent to 211 West Church Street, Marshalltown.

In addition to the House of Compassion, there is a special giving program, called the Keystone Fund, which will provide funding for the House of Compassion for years to come. All monies donated to the Keystone Fund are invested and only the earnings of the investment is used for the House of Compassion operations. In past years, a mass mailing has been sent at this time of year. To reduce costs we are announcing the annual giving campaign to the Keystone Fund for this year through local newspapers and church bulletins. A small mailing is being sent to donors with multi-year pledges. Donations to the Keystone Fund may be sent to the House of Compassion or to United Bank & Trust, c/o Brandy Staker, 2101 South Center Street, Marshalltown.

As President of the Board of Directors, I want to personally thank and congratulate this great community for its past and future generosity. This community sets an example of living the Word, "to whom much has been given, from him much will be required!"

Blessings to all,
David Jacobson



Congratulations to **Kurt Lynch** on the birth of his first grandchild, a boy, Mason John Stein, born Friday, November 27, 2009 at 2:20 a.m. to Nick and Jennifer Stein. Mason weighed in at 6 pounds and 5 ounces. Nick and Jennifer live in Olathe, Kansas.

This makes Floyd and Nathalie Lynch the proud great grandparents.

Larry & Judy Erion are very pleased to announce the arrival of their grandson, Samuel Peter Brown, from South Korea. The very proud parents of Samuel are Allison and Pearce Brown of Des Moines. Samuel is 9 months of age and was born March 7, and arrived in the United States December 4. Samuel is Allison and Pearce's first child. All the family is ecstatic to have Samuel in their family.

Dave & Leanne Kilker are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Grace Delight Christensen, born Thursday, December 10, 2009 to James and Angie (Kilker) Christensen of Marshalltown. Grace weighed in at 7 pounds and 14 ounces. Grace will join a brother when she comes home.



Thank you so much for the Bible given to Payton after she was born. Thanks to the Presbyterian Women for the beautiful quilt presented to us at her baptism. We feel very blessed and are looking forward to bringing

Payton up in this wonderful church!

---**Chad & Angie Pietig**

I would like to thank the 2009 Nominating Committee who have worked so hard this fall to come up with a full and complete ballot for next year. They are: Chuck Colwell, Ruth Hayes, Stan Van Wyk, Joyce Scott, Keith Oleson, Carole Permar, Nancy Kramer, & Marylou Beckmann.

---**Lyn Rakowicz, Chairperson**

Thank you for the fruit from the Deacons and thank you to everyone for the flowers, cards, calls and well wishes. All your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. I feel very fortunate to belong to such a caring congregation.

---**Sharon Vogt**

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, concerns and especially, the prayers while I've been suffering from back pain. After the surgery, I hope the pain will never come back. What a great church family I have. Thank you all.

---**Beth Harrison**

Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts, and your expressions of support given to my family this Christmas.

---**Rich King and Family**

I would like to thank the church and the Deacons very much for the very beautiful poinsettia that I received. I just love it.

---**Mabel Bryant**

Thank you to the Deacons for the lovely basket of fruit they sent me. It was beautiful and I appreciated it very much.

---**LaVone Lee**

Thank you to the Deacons for the beautiful flower and to Marylou for bringing it over. Thanks to the group of singers that sang beautifully. Thanks again to Dave and Marylou. Now, thanks to the youth group for the card and gift sack. I like it all and the "little kid" in me really liked the cookie and candy.

---**Betty Emmons**

We feel so happy to be able to thank those of you who weathered the land of snow drifts to come and bring the Christmas Spirit to our home. How much we enjoyed all of you proclaiming the story of Christ's birth.

We would like to thank our two Deacons, Meg and Joyce, who seem to come at just the right time to bolster our spirits by bringing a beautiful poinsettia plant and help remind us what a wonderful family we have in the church.

---**Martin and Mavis Gray**

Sarah Circle wants to thank those who supported the Alternative Gift Fair. \$1194 was sent to Church World Service--given for various animals, literacy classes, seeds and tools, soccer balls, blankets, etc.

From the multitude of our God-given blessings we have shared to make a difference in the lives of those around the world who struggle to survive.



**Thanks &
a Tip of
the Hat to...**

---our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of December: **Marylou Beckmann, Carolyn Bell, Jean Evans, David Harris, Betty Jacobs, Ed Jackson, Pat Leytham, Edith Rankin, Bert Tice, Lynette Tovar, Agnes Ward, and Carolyn Wilkinson.**

---**Jan Faber, Dick McBride, Darrell Meyer, Bert Tice and Carter Strand,** the HOC shelter monitors in December.

---to **all those who decorated** the sanctuary for Christmas. The beauty helps celebrate Christ's birth.



**FROM THE
YOUTH DIRECTOR**

The new year is upon us, and I know for me that always means reflecting on the last year and making plans to improve for the next year. These "resolutions" range from eating better, to more exercise, being more patient, frugal, or kind. Generally speaking, all of us make an attempt to make the new year better than the last, at least for a little while.

Lately I've been reflecting about what is the "most important thing". What I mean by this is: If I were to do one thing right, and do it well, what would I want that thing to be? There are many things that I would love to do better than I do now, but none of those things seem to matter in the long run when I weigh the risks and benefits. So... turning to the Bible I come across the answer to my question in Matthew 22:37-40 which says: ³⁷Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

All of us have heard these verses countless times and comply with these two commandments at least on some basic level. But what would it mean to truly live out these two things? What would the world look like if we all respected and obeyed just two simple commandments that Jesus gave? My hope is that you will ponder that for awhile, and imagine your own life with these commandments projected even more obediently this next year.

For me, the kicker here is the last verse that most of us probably don't have memorized like the former ones. Verse 40 tells us that these two commandments are the foundation for everything else in scripture. If we can't do these two simple things, we are doomed, and we fail to follow Christ's example.

Most of the time loving God comes pretty easy. It is the other part, loving all people, (not just your friends and family) that gets difficult at times. However, if we wish to fulfill the rest of what God has

called us to in life, we must first master these two things. All I can say is good luck, and I will be praying for you! And remember, "love is a verb". Go out and love the world!! God bless you and your attempt at obedience in 2010.

Jon

Everything that happens in the church was started in response to a need that was evident at the time it began. We worship because we have a need to honor God and be connected to God. In the Book of Acts the church discovered that widows were being neglected in the distribution of food so ordained Deacons would serve those who were in need. We still have that need and so we continue to use "Deacons" in the church.

Our need to worship and serve those in need has been universal through the ages. But not all needs stay the same. It is important that the Church be "need responsive" in its ministry. What we do in the church should meet the needs of people rather than just continue a long standing program. It is important therefore to evaluate everything we do as to what need is it meeting and how well is that need being met.

When looking at each program of the church, whether it be the early service, our work at the House of Compassion, or Adult Sunday school, we have to ask what needs are we addressing? Has that need changed any over the last couple years? How can we do a better job of meeting that particular need? And are there new needs that have arisen that we need to address?

These needs are both within the community of the church and around us in our community. We all need to be thinking about what needs have presented themselves due to life stage or age issues in our church and community. Our Luke's Ministry grew out of a need for help in understanding and managing health issues in our church. We also need to look at our community and ask what justice issues and social concerns present needs that the church should address. What life skills are needed by the people of our community so that they might live a better life?

All these questions lead the church to a place of relevance in people's lives. We bring the gospel of Jesus into the concrete living of the people of our community. People don't come to church because they need another meeting. They come because they find that their basic need for God and for living can be met here.

In 2010 we should seek to make our ministry as "need responsive" as possible.

Rich

DECEMBER SESSION ACTIONS

A Called Meeting of Session of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

Motion prevailed to approve Ronald and Linda Kauffman as members of First Presbyterian Church after they answered all the questions satisfactorily following a group interview.

Motion prevailed to approve the baptisms of Linda Kauffman and Caroline Kauffman on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

A Called Meeting of Session of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Lounge on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

Betty Jacobs read her letter of resignation at the end of 2009 from the class of 2010 of Session due to health problems. **Motion prevailed** to accept Betty's resignation.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

The Stated Meeting of Session of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met in the Lower Lounge at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

Moderator Dave Beckmann opened the meeting and Carole Permar led the devotions and prayer. Rich King joined the meeting later in the evening.

Motion prevailed to approve the amended November 17, and December 6, Stated and Called Session Meetings minutes noting that those Elders who are absent should be marked excused

Ron and Linda Kauffman were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, December 13.

Linda Kauffman and Caroline Kauffman were baptized Sunday, December 13, 2009.

Matt Broshar discussed the financial reports noting that November giving was a solid giving month and just slightly behind the giving of the last three years and behind the budget. Spending has been held down and has been the third lowest spending month for the year. Presbytery was sent \$2,500 and no money has been transferred to the agency accounts yet. A sale of stocks was given to the church for the Building Fund. **Motion prevailed** to put an article in the newsletter each month to update the congregation of the building debt reduction. **Motion prevailed** to pay the Local Option Benevolence money at around \$13,075. **Motion prevailed** to pay \$1,100 to David Graef as \$100 per month had been designated to his mission work and only \$100 has been paid. Matt noted that the church has four CD's in the Investments that have had a small amount of interest received from them. **Motion prevailed** to pay 10% each year of the total amount of the seven notes from church members donating money for the Building Fund until these notes are paid in full.

Steve Strand reported for Stewardship that 89 faith pledges have been returned to the church.

Cindy Butler reported for Worship & Music that teams of Elders will be scheduled to take Communion to those people who aren't able to come to church regularly. Elders are needed to help serve Communion on

Christmas Eve and those Elders going off the Session will help serve Communion on January 3. Disposable cups will be used for Christmas Eve Communion. Communion preparers for 2010 are being secured. Shirley Egli will continue to wash the Communion napkins. Mary Lovig is contacting ushers to see if they will continue to serve next year.

Communion—219 on November 1, and 202 on December 6. Home Communion was taken to **Carol Ploeger, Frank & Carol Squiers, Alice Worsfold and Jim & Shirley Ziegenbusch**.

Dave Beckmann reported for Evangelism that the committee has all read a book together and have had good discussions on the book.

Mary Hemming reported that the Christian Education Committee has been planning for the Christmas season and the reception following the Children's Christmas program. End of the year teacher appreciation gifts were discussed. Steve Anderson is beginning to do background checks on volunteers working with the children and youth of the church. Work is being done to rewrite the Christian Education Coordinator's job description. The committee continues to discuss having a special spring children/family production and Follow Hard Ministries has been contacted to see if they have any ideas to help with this project.

For the A & P Committee, Bill Moore and Lyn Rakowicz discussed changes to be made in the Pastor's reports to show what pastors are doing and how they spend their time.

Shirley Egli reported for the M & I Committee that the committee is planning for Soup and Sing December 16. The youth are making goodie bags to be given to Friends of the Deacons at Soup and Sing. The pictorial directory has been proofed and returned to Olan Mills to complete. The committee reduced their yearly budget by \$150 and submitted their budget at \$550.

Orlyn Langenbau reported for Property that a new privacy door has been installed in the women's restroom by the kitchen.

Matt Broshar presented the proposed 2010 budget for discussion. He noted that the insurance for non-ordained staff has increased by \$13 per month. **Motion prevailed** to approve the 2010 budget at \$441,094.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with group prayer.

**Newsletter deadline for January
is WEDNESDAY, January 20,
2010.**

Reminder:

Jan. 1— New Year's Day

Jan. 6— Epiphany

Jan. 10—Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 18—Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 18-25—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan. 19— SESSION

Jan. 19— Deacons

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Richard King
Associate Pastor	Rev. David Beckmann
Youth Director	Jon Rottink
Volunteer Christian Ed Coordinator	Brent Thiessen
Organist	Wynona Anderson
Chancel Choir Director	Valerie King
Office Manager/Newsletter Editor	Nancy Diggins
Custodian	Yawo Sassouvi
Assistant Custodian	Jan Faber
Nursery Director	Heather Rottink

Members in mission making a difference.

GOOD NEWS from First Presbyterian Church is published monthly. Deadline for the following issue is published in the calendar. Comments and contributions are welcome.

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