

Prayer Concerns

Additions will be left for 3 months.
Please notify the office with updates.

Pray for our Senior Minister

Our country and those serving in the military, those adjusting after service

Lym TenEyck—Failing health 6/09

Helen Carrier—In Tendercare 6/09

Gail Newcomb—Health concerns 6/09

Jan Postma—Health concerns 6/09

Brett DeYoung (friend of Hank Kott)—Brain cancer 6/09

Erma Gallagher's niece—Breast cancer, chemo 6/09

Roxanne Harris (Tom Rambo's sister) - Many health concerns 6/09

Lonia Brisson—Wound won't heal 6/09

Brenda Brown—Overactive thyroid 6/09

Sharon Morley—Home, surgery for cancer went well, awaiting lab results 7/09

Kevin Farrar - Breathing problems, rheumatoid arthritis 7/09

Donald Norris (Willie Floyd's bro-in-law) - Cancer 7/09

Gail Ulrich—Hip replacement surgery July 27th 7/09

Pastor Mark Sanders (Mt. Hope Church)—Recovering from stroke, doing well! 7/09

Anthony Pietrangelo (Dave's nephew's son) - Baby with heart problems, surgery went well 7/09

Pat Story (friend of Liz Pietrangelo) - Not doing well after recent surgery 7/09

Nancy Wilson (Jerry's sister) - Health problems 7/09

Ed Holm (Trina's father) - Mini-stroke 7/09

Piper Oliver—2 mo old baby at DeVos Children's Hospital—blood disorder 07/09

Jude Blenkhorn—Respiratory problem, 3 mo old at DeVos Children's Hospital 07/09

Claire McConkle—11 yr old in Mott's Children Hosp, needs a heart transplant 07/09

Mike Gregg—PRAISE! PET scan shows no cancer! 7/09

Myrna Campbell—Autoimmune disease, more testing next week. 7/09

Sam Vert—In hospital, weaker 7/09

Sandy Long—In hospital, high potassium 7/09

Gail Martindale—Health concerns 7/09

Cancer Concerns

Pam Thompson 6/09 Marta Houston (D. Nelson's cousin) 6/09 Bonnie Weber 6/09

Jane Ogle (B. Brown) 6/09 Deb Pifer (Dan Smart's sis-in-law) 6/09 Darby McCoy 6/09

Steve Romzek (P. Allison's bro-in-law) 6/09 Ken Vert 6/09

Please call the office with updates.

We have a portable communion set, located in the office, for anyone to use.

If you would like a visit from an elder or one of the ministers,
please call the church office at 632-6511.
Elders and ministers are listed on the back of the bulletin cover.

Please pray for these young men and women from our
community who are deployed:
Joey Eitrem (Derek & Jill's son) - Iraq

Welcome to First Church of Christ Announcements for July 26, 2009

Today:

Teen Youth Group—6:30 p.m.

Wednesday:

Worship Team Practice—5:45 p.m.

Tuesday:

Prayer Time at FCOC—5-7:00 p.m.



Read the Bible in 90 days! We have begun our whole church challenge to read the Bible through in 90 days. It isn't as daunting as it seems. It only requires about 45 minutes a day of reading. **This week: Isaiah 14:1—Jeremiah 33:22**



Softball is here! Check out the softball schedule and go cheer on the First Church of Christ softball teams!

Co-Ed: Today at 4:00 p.m., 8th Ave. field

Mens: Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., SW field



Discovery 101 Class will be offered again soon !! This class covers what we as a church believe and how it follows the Bible's teaching. Please sign up at the News Table in the lobby.



Music Camp 2009 is coming fast! Please sign up your kids! We are ordering T-shirts this year, which are \$5.50. Adults that are helping and kids that are participating can order shirts. CDs are available to begin practicing, see Ann Peasley. Dates are August 17-21 from 9:00-12:00. **The Music Camp Performance will be August 23 at 10:00 a.m.!** **NEEDED:** Paper towel and TP empty rolls for crafts.



Concert: There will be a concert by Bill Miller at 6:30 p.m. on August 15, 2009 at FCOC.



Thunder Falls Family Fun Day is coming August 24th! Sign up at the News Table in the lobby. Information on the sign-up sheet.



Summer sports camp 2009 by Carolyn Darch Ministries. August 11th—14th. This camp is for grades K-4 and will be held at the Norris Center. See Steve Habusta for registration and fees.

Attention: Nomination forms are now available for leadership positions in the church. They are located on the table by the entrance.

General fund giving last week: \$7,377.55 . Weekly requirements: \$5,880.00.



Kids Quest +



Kids Quest is for children from age 4 through 4th grade during the 11:00 service. Located down the stairs and straight thru in the Fellowship Hall.

Attention First Church of Christ Members
Nominations for leadership positions are now open.
Forms are located on the table across from the entrance.

Please read all instructions before filling out a form.
Completed forms should be folded and
placed in the box next to the forms.



Free Children's Books!

Check them out in the library just off the lobby.



Gardening Day is coming!

We are going to have another
gardening day on July 30th at 9:00 a.m.
Please join us! See Ann Peasley for details.



Bicycle Tour sponsored by Wilderness!

August 21-23, 2009

Tour begins at Frankfort Church of Christ at 10:00 a.m. Friday
Dismissal at 5:00 p.m. Sunday
Cost for 2 days is \$50, 3 days is \$70
Bring your own bike and bedding.

Riding to Arcadia Dunes, Sleeping Bear Dunes and Crystal Lake!
To sign up send email to don.ruff@yahoo.com



Do you have 15 minutes to spare on Wednesday nights?

Do you like playing games or making crafts with children?
Maybe God has a place for you on our Faith Weaver team.
If you are interested, please sign up in the lobby.



Mission of the Quarter His House Christian Fellowship

We are collecting paper products, such as toilet paper,
paper towels, napkins, etc.

Please place your donation on the Mission Table in the lobby.
There are baby bottles to fill with change to support Care Net on the
Mission Table in the lobby.

Psalms—Song of Solomon

John Robenault

Text Psalm 27 - David shares some thoughts that give us wonderful insight as to his ultimate quest in life; that being an intimate relationship with God. David's one request was for intimacy. More than anything else, David longed for an intimate relationship with God. Whereas Solomon was known as the wisest man ever to live, David was known as a "man after God's own heart." (1 Samuel 13:14) People who have an intimate relationship with God have taken certain steps to make it that way.

1. I can build intimacy with God by _____ from God

Verse 4 Eugene Peterson's The Message says it this way: "I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet." David knew that just hanging out wasn't enough. He needed to be a learner. A lot of Christians think that they can have intimacy with God by just hanging out once a week at church. You won't develop intimacy with God by going to church once a week! (Hebrews 1:1-3, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:105)

2. I can build intimacy with God by _____ God

Verse 5 David learned to trust God! He knew that his trust in God was absolutely necessary for an intimate relationship with him. "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." (Psalm 20:7)

3. I can build intimacy with God by _____ God

Verse 6 The truth is worship is all about offering your life back to God, laying your life on the God's altar. Saying, "Here I am Lord, I'm not much, but you can have all of me." "Offer your bodies as living sacrifices...this is your spiritual act of worship." (Romans 12:1)

4. I can build intimacy with God by _____ to God

Verses 7 and 8 David saw prayer as a time to be face to face with God. Intimacy comes when we discover God's will and then ask God for the wisdom and strength to conform our life to it. You want to be near God!

5. I can build intimacy with God by _____ God

Verse 11 "Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path..." David wants God to lead him. His desire is to obey God. He wants to follow through on God's commands. "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me." (John 14:21)

Conclusion: It is rare for our culture to witness the church "be strong and take heart." The Sault Ste Marie community needs to see a church that is strong and courageous. I believe God wants this church to be just that for this community.



Art Bush & Steve Foster

Join us for a time of music and speaking
designed to affirm and strengthen your faith!

First Church of Christ, August 9, 2009
9:00 and 11:00 services, concert at 6:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!