

# The St. Andrew CHIMES

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## September 2010 Statistics

Average Weekly Contribution  
\$5,148  
Average Weekly Attendance  
96



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## From the Pastor's Pen...

**di·ver·sity:** the condition of being diverse; variety; *especially:* the inclusion of diverse people (as people of different races or cultures) in a group or organization.

Last week, I sat around a conference table with a handful of my fellow Presbyterian pastors, all gathered for the purpose of discussing diversity. *How do we achieve it? How do we develop congregations that reflect the racial, ethnic, and socio-economic make-up of the communities in which they're located? How do we nurture among our flocks attitudes of acceptance and open-mindedness toward the "other"?*

It's a serious matter, one of constitutional import within the PCUSA (see page 2, inside, for a sampling of constitutional provisions mandating diversity and inclusivity). But some of us wonder: *how much can we really worry about diverse congregations when some of our churches can barely sustain **any** congregation at all, regardless of its characteristics?*

It's a fair question. Because the PCUSA is in decline and has been for years. The median age of its members is now 61 and the average age is 65. The cost of maintaining dated infrastructure outpaces giving in many churches. And, of course, there is the "R" word – *relevance*. A creeping crisis of relevance is upon us, which accounts for the unhappy fact that most PCUSA churches have great difficulty attracting and keeping young people. These folks, in large measure, just don't see how what we're doing is relevant.

After 46 years of declining Sunday attendance, it's time to face facts. Most of our churches are still stuck in the Sunday morning paradigm. We work hard to build Sunday crowds. We measure effectiveness by average Sunday attendance.

But that's old school. And it doesn't work any more.

As one colleague explained, we're faced with a complicated mix of factors that the traditional Sunday morning paradigm just can't handle: *"Lifestyle changes. Boring liturgy. Trust issues. Negative perceptions of mainline churches. Mostly just people making new choices. We need to think beyond Sunday morning."*

I agree. The question is, *can we let go of the past and think creatively about new ways of serving others and "doing church?"*

Whatever the reason for our decline, there's clearly been a shift in attitudes among mainline Christians, at least those of pre-retirement age. Millions of them have gone elsewhere.

So what do we do?

First, we must see this as an opportunity, not a crisis. Heed this call for new ways. Stop trying to revivify practices that worked in the 1950s and embrace new ones.

Second, we must do what Jesus did. Engage people where they are. Talk to them. Listen to their yearnings. Listen for needs we can address with creative solutions.

And third, we must act. Act, act, act.

If we don't, if we persist in the old ways, we won't have to worry about diversity. Because all failed churches are the same.

--MV

## ***THE PCUSA ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY***

### *Provisions of the Book of Order*

G-3.0401(b) The Church is called to a new openness to its own membership, by affirming itself as a community of diversity, becoming in fact as well as in faith a community of women and men of all ages, races, and conditions, and by providing for inclusiveness as a visible sign of the new humanity;

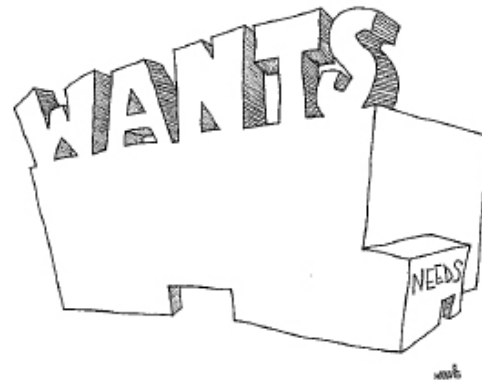
G-4.0203 Visible oneness, by which a diversity of persons, gifts, and understandings is brought together, is an important sign of the unity of God's people. It is also a means by which that unity is achieved.

G-4.0401 The church in its witness to the uniqueness of the Christian faith is called to mission and must be responsive to diversity in both the church and the world. Thus the fellowship of Christians as it gathers for worship and orders its corporate life will display a rich variety of form, practice, language, program, nurture, and service to suit culture and need.

G-4.0403 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall give full expression to the rich diversity within its membership and shall provide means which will assure a greater inclusiveness leading to wholeness in its emerging life. Persons of all racial ethnic groups, different ages, both sexes, various disabilities, diverse geographical areas, different theological positions consistent with the Reformed tradition, as well as different marital conditions (married, single, widowed, or divorced) shall be guaranteed full participation and access to representation in the decision making of the church.

G-5.0103 The congregation shall welcome all persons who respond in trust and obedience to God's grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the membership and ministry of his Church. No persons shall be denied membership because

of race, ethnic origin, worldly condition, or any other reason not related to profession of faith. Each member must seek the grace of openness in extending the fellowship of Christ to all persons. (G-9.0104) Failure to do so constitutes a rejection of Christ himself and causes a scandal to the gospel.



### ***FOOD FOR THOUGHT***, contributed by Ron Thomas

*Spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.*

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person will soon grow up and leave your side.

*Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember to say, "I Love You" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it.*

A kiss and embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

*Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment, for someday that person may not be there. Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.*

# October Sermon Texts

## October 3, Luke 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, *“Increase our faith!”* <sup>6</sup>Jesus replied, *“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.”* <sup>7</sup>*“Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat?’* <sup>8</sup>*Would he not rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink?’* <sup>9</sup>*Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?* <sup>10</sup>*So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”*

*Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”*

## October 10, Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, *“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”* <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, *“Go and show yourselves to the priests.”* And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, *“Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?”* <sup>18</sup>*Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”* <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, *“Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”*

## October 17, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be

persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## October 24, Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>*“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.”* <sup>11</sup>*The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.’* <sup>12</sup>*I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’* <sup>13</sup>*But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’* <sup>14</sup>*I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”*



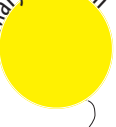


## October 31, Luke 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, *“Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.”* <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, *“He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”* <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, *“Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”* <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, *“Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.”* <sup>10</sup>*For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”*



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# October Special Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Marge Leeper 	8	9 Molen Hector 
10	11 Carl Slatt 	12 Brent Eoff 	13	14	15 Mark Powell 	16 Mary Herndon 
17	18  Joyce Harmon Tina McKenna	19  Paulene Janes Gary Leberer	20	21	22	23 Karla Goddard 
24 Greg Goddard 	25  Thomas Herndon, III Greg Lee	26	27 Melanie Eoff 	28	29	30 31

*"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."*

*The lessons we teach our children come not from the words we speak but from the lives we live."*



Did we miss your special day?  
Apologies!  
Please drop us a note!  
Thanks.

# Thoughts from the Pew

## Answers

Randy and Melanie Bordelon

### Different drug problem.....

Editor's note:

The following letter has appeared on the internet and was viewed by many readers. Many felt it would be appropriate for the readers of Avoyelles Parish.

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburbs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

### 12. Doublets: An Introduction

Other solutions are possible.

A. DOG, COG, COT, CAT

B. TEA, PEA, PET, POT, HOT

### 15. Build-a-Word Starter Set

Play a role	A	C	T								
A truth	F	A	C	T							
Desert plants	C	A	C	T	I						
Existing in fact	A	C	T	U	A	L					
Farm vehicle	T	R	A	C	T	O	R				
Break, as a rib	F	R	A	C	T	U	R	E			
Moral quality	C	H	A	R	A	C	T	E	R		
Cave hanging	S	T	A	L	A	C	T	I	T	E	
Hard to manage	I	N	T	R	A	C	T	A	B	L	E

### 15 Build-a-Word Starter Set

In the puzzle below, each row contains the same three-letter word, though its position may change from row to row. A clue is given for each row. Can you solve this Build-a-Word?

Play a role											
A truth											
Desert plants											
Existing in fact											
Farm vehicle											
Break, as a rib											
Moral quality											
Cave hanging											
Hard to manage											

### Riddle

What is the beginning of eternity,  
The end of time and space,  
The beginning of every end,  
And the end of every race?

Answer: The letter E

### 13 An International Mix-Up

The letters of the following words, when rearranged, spell the names of countries. How many can you unscramble?

- WENEDS      SUSIRA
- MERYGAN      DOLPAN
- TENDWARZILS      COXIME
- VOIBLIA      KRANDEM
- HANDOLL      CRANEF
- LEENUVEZA      CROOCOM
- HANIC

The preacher asked for anyone in the congregation needing special prayer to come forward. Wilbur came forward and asked for prayer for his hearing. The pastor placed his hands on Wilbur's head and they prayed long and hard. Then the preacher asked Wilbur, "How is your hearing now?" Wilbur answered; "I don't know; it's not until next Thursday!"

# Christian Education

Sunday School for our children is up and running! On September 19, the school-aged children and youth watched the second movie in C.S. Lewis' Narnia series, *Prince Caspian*. We are planning "Movie Sundays" once every two months for all St. Andrew's school-aged kids.

**Help!** We still need many volunteers for children's Sunday School. We need **three more** teachers in October. If you want to see how we do things, why not volunteer to assist a teacher? That means handling occasional bathroom breaks, assisting with crafts, games or skits, keeping inattentive students focused, getting forgotten items, and anything else the teacher may need. It is still our goal to have enough volunteers so that everyone works only one Sunday per month, but we have a long way to go!

Here is the list of teachers, assistants and lessons for October. Lessons can be previewed at [www.kidssundayschool.com](http://www.kidssundayschool.com). See Kaye Lamb for the user name, password and the sign-up list.

- Oct. 10      Preschool: *The Great Flood*  
Kaye Lamb & John Locke  
School-aged: *Noah*  
?  
Nursery:  
?
- Oct. 17      Preschool: *The Tower of Babel*  
Andrea Bergland & Becky Crocket  
School-aged: *Abraham*  
?  
Nursery:  
?
- Oct. 24      Preschool: *God Calls Abraham*  
Help!  
School-aged: *Joseph Obeys God*  
? & Helen Ritzler  
Nursery  
?
- Oct. 31      Preschool: *Joseph in Egypt*  
?  
School-aged: *God Speaks with Moses*  
Kristen Olson & ?  
Nursery  
?
- Nov. 7      Preschool: *Baby Moses*  
Mary Herndon & Rachel Herndon  
School-aged: *Pharaoh's Last Chance*  
Scott Smith and ?  
Nursery  
?

As for Adult Education, we meet every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for *Bible People - Disciples* by Anne E. Wimberly. So far, we've learned about Appolos, John, and Mary Magdelene. You are invited to join us for "Mary & Martha" on Oct. 10 led by Donya Powell. Then Donna Moller will facilitate our discussion of "Nicodemus" on Oct. 17. Andrea Bergland is scheduled for "The Samaritan Woman" on Oct. 24. Bob Gillis will do "Thomas" on October 31. These dates are tentative depending on interest and material to be covered.

The Adult Education Committee is scheduled to meet Friday, Oct. 8 in the conference room. We will be planning the 2011 Christian Education budget as well as the hiring of a nursery care giver for Sundays from 9AM to 11AM. Your input is welcome!

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## Answers

### 13. An International Mix-Up

Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, Bolivia, Holland, Venezuela, China, Russia, Poland, Mexico, Denmark, France, Morocco

### 12 Doublets: An Introduction

Lewis Carroll, best known as the author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, invented the game of Doublets. In his words, here is how the puzzle works:

"The rules of the Puzzle are simple enough. Two words are proposed, of the same length, and the Puzzle consists in linking these together by interposing other words, each of which shall differ from the next word in one letter only. That is to say, one letter may be changed in one of the given words, then one letter in the word so obtained, and so on, till we arrive at the other given word. The letters must not be interchanged among themselves, but each must keep to its own place."

For example, here's how to turn SAD into FUN (in 3 steps) and REST into SOFA (in 5 steps):

SAD	REST
FAD	LEST
FAN	LOST
FUN	LOFT
	SOFT
	SOFA

## 5k Walk/Run Successful

When we measure the success of a fund raising event we look at the bottom line. Using this measurement we can say that this year's run/walk was very successful. After expenses, we netted just over \$5,000. Much of the money was raised by people sponsoring others to participate. This year St. Rose of Lima won the Golden Shoe trophy for the largest number of walkers and runners. St. Andrew Presbyterian won the golden dollar sign trophy for raising the most money, bringing in close to \$2000.00. They were followed closely by St. Rose of Lima and Brentwood United Methodist who raised over \$1,000 each. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, walked, ran and donated to the success of the 5k walk/run. Joyce Neufeld, Director



## Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Day

Community Ministry is partnering with Ten Thousand Villages for a shopping day on Thursday, October 28 from 5-8 p.m. 15% of all sales will go toward helping Community Ministry feed the hungry. Ten Thousand Villages provides vital fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts in North America. Ten Thousand Villages is located at 2626 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Denver, CO 80206, near the Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Parking in the area is \$1.00. Bring a friend, do some early holiday shopping and support Community Ministry and artesian in the third world on October 28.

## Calendar of Events

October 5 – CiCi's Pizza  
October 15 – Thanksgiving Box Sign Up  
October 22 – Christmas Food Sign Up  
October 28 – Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Night  
October 29 – Sharing Tree Sign Up  
November 2 – CiCi's Pizza  
November 20 – Boxing Day  
November 22 – Thanksgiving Box Distribution  
November 25-28 – Closed for Thanksgiving

## Strategic Planning Meeting

The board or Trustees spent Saturday, September 25 together looking at the future of Community Ministry and discussing if we should expand services, hours, and the choice of food. One area became very apparent – we need volunteers to work on committees alongside the board members and staff to get everything done. If you are interested in helping with marketing, fund-raising, event planning or working with client services please call.

## Children's Books Needed

If you haven't been here in a while you may not know that we have a children's area where the kids can play, read a book or watch a movie while their parents are doing paperwork or choosing their food. We have been letting each child take home a book from this area and as a consequence we are running low on books. If you have children's books just lying around please consider donating them to us.

## Boys Underwear & Socks and Toiletries Needed

We have gone through hundreds of pairs of socks in the last few weeks. Boy's underwear is our biggest need right now in addition to girl's socks and underwear. Thank you to all of those who have helped us so far. We are also in need of tooth brushes, toothpaste, bar soap and toilet paper for our families. If you travel and collect the shampoo from the hotels we can use those to make small hygiene kits. Please drop of your donations at the food bank during operating hours.

**No plastic bags are needed** at this time. We will let you know when we need more. Thank you for your generosity.

Community  
Ministry



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October 28, 2010 from 5-8 p.m.

**WHAT: Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Day!**

**WHEN: Thursday, October 28, 2010**

**TIME: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Ten Thousand Villages, 2626 E. 3rd Ave.**

**Denver, CO 80206**

**Near Cherry Creek Shopping Center**

**WHY: 15% of all sales that evening are donated to Community Ministry to help us feed the hungry.**

Ten Thousand Villages provides, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts in North America. In addition to unique and beautiful jewelry and gifts, nativity sets will be available for purchase.

**Bring a friend and join us on October 28.**

Community Ministry is a non-denominational, non-profit agency whose mission is to meet the basic needs of qualified people in SW Denver who are experiencing economic hardship and related problems.

## Girl Scouts Rescue Cat

Troop 1776 was having their ice cream social on Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup>, when they heard a cat's meow. After investigating they found a small cat stuck in a 6-foot deep window well. One of the girls was lifted down and was able to extend her hands to lift the cat out. It was then discovered the cat's rear leg was injured. An animal lover friend of the troop, Sheryl, came with food and a pet carrier. The poor cat was starving and devoured the food. Sheryl took the cat to Deer Creek Animal Hospital ([www.dcah.com](http://www.dcah.com)) where Dr. Todd Rezac discovered she was under a year old, had a dislocated hip, a puncture wound to her leg and that she had recently given birth.

The troop leader contacted the Grizzly Gulch Unit Manager with the news and was delighted to find out that the sister of Troop 1986's leader, Karen, had coincidentally found a litter of 6 kittens in their mother's back yard just two days prior. The kittens were safe under a wheel barrel and crying for attention. After searching with no luck for their mother, Karen (also a huge animal lover) decided to take them to the Boulder Humane Society ([www.boulderhumane.org](http://www.boulderhumane.org)), knowing she could not properly care for 6 loving kittens. It was estimated that the kittens were 3-4 weeks old and have been put into two foster homes to get the care they need before going up for adoption.

The mother cat, now named "Lucky" by one of the girl scouts, had hip replacement surgery and spent 10 days in the hospital. She was released on September 16<sup>th</sup> and adopted into a safe and loving home. The same person will also be adopting one of the kittens. Dr. Rezac was touched by this situation and has not charged for any of his services. He should be commended for his help and both troops involved are donating some money from their troop funds to go towards his generosity. Any troop wanting to also donate should send their contributions to: The Lucky Fund, c/o Deer Creek Animal Hospital, 10148 W. Chatfield Ave, Littleton, CO 80127. (Make checks payable to Deer Creek Animal Hospital).

In a few weeks the kittens will also need safe and loving homes. If you are interesting in adopting, you can put one on hold by calling the Boulder Humane Society 303.442.4030, ask for Megan at extension 657. Mention the girl scout kittens and she will know what litter you are wanting.

It is amazing how intertwined this story has become between two girl scout troops and the community. Please pass this story along and remember everyone can help someone else by just extending a kind hand.



**DRAFT**  
**Minutes**  
**Stated Session Meeting**  
**St. Andrew Presbyterian Church**  
**Conference Room**  
**September 14, 2010**

**Opening** – The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Vickstrom.

**Moderator** – Pastor Mark Vickstrom

**Elders Present Constituting a Quorum** – Becky Crockett, Chuck Hendricks, Mary Herndon, Paulene Janes, Kaye Lamb, Scott Smith and Marge Wylie.

**Elders Absent** – John Locke

**Visitors** – John Wilson

**Stewardship Campaign** – John Wilson discussed the Stewardship drive with Pony Express 2<sup>nd</sup> year. He reviewed the role of Session members as trail bosses and advised them to pick up their packet for their zone on Sunday. June will do the office support for the campaign. Each trail boss should review the order of the route so that it makes the most geographic sense and any changes should be given to John and June. Saddlebags will be distributed on October 31 (with kick off breakfast). This allows two weeks before Stewardship Sunday which will be November 14. John will check with Lynn to see if he can be a trail boss for his zone.

**Devotion** – Mark gave devotion regarding changes that have happened to churches and the way in which they are run. He used the metaphor of a hurricane having changed the course of a river. The bridge that onced spanned the river is no longer useful. Similarly, a hurricane of change has blown into our churches and left the old structures and ways of doing things behind. Now some ministries are changing from the old school Presbyterian rules to new ways of thinking. We all need to fulfill our calling from God and not worry about rules that have been in place -- wee need to create new rules and forge new paths.

**Reports**

- **Congregational Life** – Becky gave a committee report. Corn maze visit at Chatfield and chili supper will be Friday, October 15. The committee is working on the square dance in November. The dine arounds will be organized after this Sunday for the next go round. The TIPS class will be next week for serving alcohol at the hockey games to help raise money for the church.
- **Clerk of Session** –
  - **Review and Approval of Minutes** – *Motion passed for approval of minutes for Session meeting from August 11.*
  - **Communion served** – September 5.
  - **New members joined since last meeting** –None
  - **Baptisms since last meeting** – None
  - **Next Presbytery meeting** - October 26 at Central Presbyterian Church

- **Miscellaneous Information** – Mary distributed correspondence received as Clerk of the session.
- **Record Review Report from Presbytery** – Mary discussed the Presbytery Record Review and shared the information with each session member.
- Mark led a funeral for a non-member Betty Hicks Jenkyns Boehler (mother of Corby Wilson) on September 13 here at the church.
- **Treasurer** – Balance sheet and P&L update was passed out will be attached to the minutes. Scott Smith gave overview of our standings as of the end of August.
- **Deacons** – Kaye gave an update on continuing service by the Deacons. They are meeting tomorrow.

### **Committees**

- **Finance** – Scott gave a report on finance. Discussed having a \$10,000 emergency fund put in next year's budget; would take money from the general unrestricted account and put it into the 2011 budget as restricted funds under building and grounds. *Motion passed to set aside \$10,000 for building and grounds emergencies out of general equity fund.* The financial accounting books for the church will need to reviewed soon and Kaye and Chuck will take on this task. A discussion on fund raising for the windows was held. Anne Vickstrom will work with Scott on a plan and present it to session (discuss this at the next church chat at the end of the month to include feedback from members).
- **Stewardship** – John Wilson will step in to head up the Stewardship campaign for this year.
- **Building and Grounds** – Chuck gave an update on committee activities. The sprinkler system was severed in the front but fixing this problem needs to wait until water damage is settled. Lawn will look dry. There will be a painter who will paint under the roof eaves by the new windows this week.
- **Membership** – No report
- **Worship** – Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 21. October 3 is World Communion Sunday.
- **Mission** – Paulene reported the current mission actions. The habitat dinner raised \$2800. They are looking for volunteers for the pumpkin patch sales on Mondays in October at St. James Church to support Habitat for Humanity.
- **Christian Education** – Kaye reported on Youth Sunday. The Sunday school teachers will have a lunch meeting on Saturday to review curriculum. No update on the status of the youth room changes.
- **Personnel** – Marge had distributed minutes from the meeting via e-mail. Personnel manual will need to be done soon. Session asked that the committee come up with a formal motion on making choir director an employee (from contractor status). The committee needs to research background checks and make recommendations. Marge would like to have a copy of the call for Mark.
- **Nominating** – Committee will need to start recruiting new session and deacons for next term of call. Give recommendations to Mark or John.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Mark met with staff. All music selections have been delegated to Greg, who will communicate with Mark and Sueng Mee. Music leaders will be meeting with the Worship Committee to discuss how music in the worship service is perceived and if any additions or changes need to be made.

- Looking ahead on whether we will need to replace the CE director as a paid position.
- Mark presented a draft sabbatical leave policy for Personnel Committee to review. Committee will be directed to look at possible leave of absence policy versus and a sabbatical for the pastor.
- Mark is directing session members to provide a draft of their committee budget by next Session meeting.
- Mark will be at PCUSA Western Leadership Meeting October 3-9 in Jackson Hole, WY.

**Zones** – No updates

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer** – *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.* Scott closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting ended about 9:27 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Moderator Rev. Mark Vickstrom

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Session, Mary Herndon

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## Our St. Andrew Family—One by One

Bob and Judy Farley joined St. Andrew and began touching the hearts of members here right away! You know them – they sit on the aisle, right in the middle of the church. The church is always a bit happier when you see them and you notice their absence when they're away!

This is Bob's story. Some facts we already know, others may surprise you. For example, Bob was born in Jackson, Michigan, but he's called many other places home. In Michigan: Leslie, East Lansing, Corruna, Hudson, Royal Oak, and Clawson. In Colorado, Littleton and Denver. Whew!

Bob's father was a soils engineer with the Michigan Highway Department. His mother was a village, township and county clerk, a librarian, and a secretary. Bob has one brother, Kevin, who was chief of the document room for the Michigan State Legislature.

As a child, Bob liked social studies and history. He also thought he'd grow up and make a difference in the world and in other people's lives. He certainly was a good judge of his own future!

Bob graduated from Leslie High School in 1954 and attended Jackson Community College where he earned his Associate of Arts degree. He followed this with a BA from Michigan State University, and then earned an MBA from Colorado University at Denver where he also studied political science and public administration.

Bob's job history reads like the fulfillment of the American dream: paper boy, gas station jockey, city manager, Deputy Executive Director of Southeast Michigan Council of Government, and finally Executive Director of Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). He was a member of numerous organizations, including the International City Management Association and

the National Association of Regional Councils. Now, that's a resume!



Bob and Judy Farley

Every bit as impressive as the work he did is Bob's family. Since we know what an amazing person his wife, Judy, is, it's no surprise they made a great family. Bob and Judy met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, became high school sweethearts, and married February 20, 1954. They have three children: Christopher lives in Arvada and works for Frito Lay; Kathy lives in Littleton and is a homemaker/accountant; and Robin lives

in Castle Pines North and is an investment advisor assistant. Bob's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have given him his greatest joys!

Bob remembers the bravest moment of his life as time he saved his son from drowning. His favorite memories surround his sports activities (baseball, football, basketball and track) and the leadership positions he held (class president, student council president and student senate). Bob has some not-so-pleasant memories too: like when he bought his first car, a '47 Chevy with a cracked block and a back fender held on by sheet metal strips! But the thing he remembers most is hearing, "*Now that you're married to our daughter ....*"

Bob joined his first church, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church in Leslie, MI, in 1954. About his current church home, St. Andrew, he says it causes him to *want* to attend church and feel here the Holy Spirit. Bob wants our church to continue to grow, prosper, and nurture its members.

One thing Bob doubts that his fellow church members know about him: he is a passionate liberal and passionate alumni of the University of Michigan!

Three transforming times in his life:  
(1) marrying Judy; (2) having children; and (3)  
moving to Denver.

Three things he likes to do: (A) eat; (B)  
read; and (C) follow politics. Oh, and sleep.  
That's four.

The three happiest times in his life: (i)  
college at MSU; (ii) retirement and travel; and (iii)  
any time spent with his family.

Bob says a number of people made a  
difference in his life, most especially his wife,  
Judy; his mother; and several mentors who helped  
him along the way.

His three highest values are honesty,  
loyalty, and courage. And among Bob's favorite  
things are these:

Book: *Trinity*

Color: *Blue*

Food: *Steak*

Jellybean: *Raspberry*

Ice Cream Flavor: *French Vanilla*

Celebrity: *Bo Schembechler*

Politicians: *John and Ted Kennedy; Barak  
Obama; and former Michigan Governor*

*John Swainson*

Song: *Hail to the Victors*

Place: *Home*

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### Never Give Up

**P**ain is temporary. It may  
last a minute, or an  
hour, or a day, or a year, but  
eventually it will subside and  
something else will take its  
place. If I quit, however, it  
lasts forever.

—LANCE ARMSTRONG  
*Cyclist*

## Presbytery Missions

The congregations of the Presbytery of  
Denver are doing amazing things in mission.  
Together the presbytery is accomplishing  
astounding things across the earth. And through  
Presbyterian Church (USA) our gifts multiply to  
offer ministries of compassion and healing, work  
for justice and preach the love of Christ in more  
than sixty countries. Here are three “moments” in  
three different countries that show the work of the  
Presbyterian Church.

- In Thailand many children are orphaned due to  
the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The Church of Christ  
in Thailand AIDS Ministry (CAM) provides,  
with the help and support of the Presbyterian  
Church (USA), education to affected  
communities. The program also trains churches  
to provide foster care for the orphaned children.
- Did you know that the Kinnaird School in  
Lahore, Pakistan has provided education for  
girls since 1864? In 1997 the school was  
evicted from their building by the government.  
The Presbyterian Church (USA) gave them  
use of a building and the school thrived!  
Presbyterians throughout the world also heard  
of the school's plight and offered both money  
and prayers. Today 400 young girls walk  
through the door of a new building.
- In 2011 the Rev. Derek Forbes, a minister  
member of Denver Presbytery, will begin  
his work in the Presbytery of Zimbabwe as a  
mission coworker. Derek will be working to  
strengthen the administrative functions as the  
Presbytery continues to grow in members and  
numbers of churches. The position was created  
by the Presbytery of Zimbabwe in cooperation  
with the Presbyterian Church (USA) who now  
funds and supports Derek in his three-year  
appointment.

There are thousands and thousands of  
other stories and ways the Presbyterian Church  
is reaching out and doing Christ's mission in the  
world. But their reaching out and our common  
mission all depend on our committed giving. We  
appreciate all you do and all the ways you continue  
to support this mission.

### Of indoor pools and inland seafood

by TOM EHRICH

Once, on a reporting assignment, I flew into Bismarck, North Dakota, just before winter's brutal assault.

I stayed at a Holiday Inn that had two oddities: an indoor swimming pool and a restaurant menu featuring ocean-caught fish.

The motel's managers had realized they were open twelve months a year and weren't just a stopover for summer vacationers on Interstate 94. What could they offer in the long Dakota winter? How about an affordable way to get warm (indoor pool) and a taste of the exotic (crab legs on the Prairie)?

In the same vein, winter ski resorts offer summer hiking and getaways, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway added a NASCAR race and a motorcycle race, burger joints added a breakfast menu.

In all cases, the logic is clear: if you're paying the mortgage or franchise fee anyway, why not get maximum benefit? Keep a steady pace of business, avoid the pitfalls of semi-trained seasonal staff, make your assets more productive, keep your brand in front of people at all times.

The Multichannel Church grasps this logic. It seeks ministries and building uses that keep the church humming seven days a week, twelve or more hours a day.

Expanded usage pays off:

- » Now the cost of maintaining relatively inefficient space makes sense.
- » Staff can grow in quality and quantity.
- » The congregation's "brand" gets high recognition.
- » Prospective constituents multiply.
- » Some constituents, like teenagers who have no interest in Sunday church, can be engaged.

Those are enormous benefits that simply don't occur when Sunday morning is the sole focus.

How do you get there? You need to think creatively.

To reach their year-round audience, Bismarck motel managers needed to think beyond summer vacationing. Vermont ski resorts needed to think beyond snow. McDonald's needed to invent a breakfast menu and invest in technology to produce it.

In the same way, clergy need to imagine opportunities that go beyond their available hours and skills. Church leaders need to risk the expense and exposure that come with being heavily used. Church members need to rejoice in daily operation, even if it means stained carpeting and unusual people roaming the halls.

For a church, it's about letting go, not just of facilities and tidiness, but of an identity grounded in Sunday morning worship.

What stands in the way? The usual obstacles, of course: fear of change, fear of strangers, risk aversion, me-first. Those obstacles can kill anything.

We serve an entire community, not just the handful we know. We need to believe that our community is open to us if we align ourselves with their needs. We need to think beyond our traditions of putting worship first and everything else second. (That isn't at all what Jesus taught.)

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# Bread for the Journey

## The Invitation

*It doesn't interest me  
what you do for a living.  
I want to know what you ache for  
and if you dare to dream  
of meeting your heart's longing.*

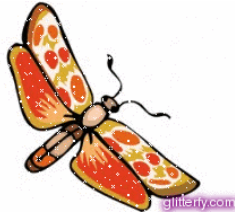
*It doesn't interest me  
how old you are.  
I want to know if you will risk  
looking like a fool  
for love  
for your dream  
for the adventure of being alive.*

*It doesn't interest me  
what planets are squaring your moon...  
I want to know if you have touched  
the centre of your own sorrow  
if you have been opened  
by life's betrayals  
or have become shriveled and closed  
from fear of further pain.*

*I want to know  
if you can sit with pain  
mine or your own  
without moving to hide it  
or fade it  
or fix it.*

*I want to know  
if you can be with joy  
mine or your own  
if you can dance with wildness  
and let the ecstasy fill you  
to the tips of your fingers and toes  
without cautioning us  
to be careful  
to be realistic  
to remember the limitations  
of being human.*

*It doesn't interest me  
if the story you are telling me  
is true.  
I want to know if you can  
disappoint another  
to be true to yourself.*



*If you can bear  
the accusation of betrayal  
and not betray your own soul.  
If you can be faithful  
and therefore trustworthy.*

*I want to know if you can see Beauty  
even when it is not pretty  
every day.*

*And if you can source your own life  
from its presence.*

*I want to know  
if you can live with failure  
yours and mine  
and still stand at the edge of the lake  
and shout to the silver of the full moon,  
"Yes."*

*It doesn't interest me  
to know where you live  
or how much money you have.  
I want to know if you can get up  
after the night of grief and despair  
weary and bruised to the bone  
and do what needs to be done  
to feed the children.*

*It doesn't interest me  
who you know  
or how you came to be here.  
I want to know if you will stand  
in the centre of the fire with me  
and not shrink back.*

*It doesn't interest me  
where or what or with whom  
you have studied.*

*I want to know  
what sustains you  
from the inside  
when all else falls away.*

*I want to know  
if you can be alone with yourself  
and if you truly like  
the company you keep  
in the empty moments.*

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