

November 2011

# The Chimes



C O M M U N I T Y P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H



## REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR DENNIS

On Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, I preached a sermon entitled "Pastor's Appreciation". During that sermon and worship service I gave thanks for each and every person related to Community Presbyterian Church and how each of you makes this a wonderful place to serve the risen Christ.

A goodly number of you were in worship that day, but many of you were not able to be in attendance that day. So, this being the month for giving thanks, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I continually give thanks for all you do in and beyond the church in the name of Jesus Christ. Here is the prayer I opened the sermon with:

*I always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in my prayers. I continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*I give thanks for all who have been a part of the church for over 25 years, those who have been a part 10 - 25 years, those 5 - 10 years, and those who have recently joined.*

*I give thanks for those who have served on or are serving as elders of the church, and the many of you who have served on one of the committees of the church.*

*I give thanks for those who help keep this place in tip top shape, and those who have helped teach Sunday School or worked with the youth or participated in one of our small group experiences.*

*I give thanks for those of you who participate in Presbyterian Women and their many activities.*

*I give thanks for all who have helped put on one of our many church dinners; potlucks, consecration meal for another church, or bereavement dinner.*

*I give thanks for those who assist with worship; choir members, liturgists, ushers, greeters.*

*I give thanks for all who pray daily for me and the church.*

*I give thanks for past and present staff of the church.*

Whenever you make a list like this, you forget someone. So, if I did please accept my apology and know that I do keep you in my prayers.

So, as we approach Thanks Giving know that I first and foremost give thanks for God's amazing grace and love poured out upon us through His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Secondly, I give thanks for each of you and the blessings you are to the ministry and mission of Community Presbyterian Church.

God's blessings and peace be upon us all,

Dennis



## Session Digest Meeting - September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

*"Come share God's inspiring love,  
Through the nurturing of this caring community,  
As we enrich living traditions with the good news of Christ."*

Meeting opened with the reading of God's word from 1 Corinthians 16:1-9 and then a devotional lead by Pastor Dennis. The devotional focused upon our need to give, individually and as a church, in response to God's generous gifts given unto us. He then offered the opening prayer.

First item of business was to hear from Jack Kinkade about the plans for our Consecration stewardship campaign for this year. Some of the highlights noted were: Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>, Jack sharing a "Conversation with God" during morning worship, Pastor Dennis preaching on consecration Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and members from Ozark Presbyterian Church catering our Celebration Dinner immediately following worship that day. The elders thanked Jack for heading up this year's Consecration stewardship campaign.

During the Pastor's report to the session, he shared that there would be a slight increase for his medical benefits in 2012 and 2013 of around \$340 each year. This was due to continued increases in medical costs for members of the benefits plan. He also reported on his recent continuing education experiences at the Synod held "Coaching Teams Seminar" and then at the mandated pastor seminar on "Boundaries" workshop. The Coaching Teams seminar will be helpful in working with different groups and teams (not sports teams but work group teams) within and outside the church. The boundaries workshop was a helpful refresher for information learned in the past.

The treasurer reported on the income and expenses for the past month and noted that income is at the expected level and we're holding the line on budgeted expenses. The needed repairs to our building are being paid for out of our building and reserve funds. The elders gave thanks for recent contributions in memory of family members that will help cover some of the expenses on this project. The elders then passed a motion to allow the treasurer to cash in one of the church's CD's, if needed, to help with cash flow related to this project and regular expenses. (See the Treasurer's regular report on page 3.)

Under new business the elders enthusiastically concurred with Tammy Hagler's suggestion that we send Christmas boxes to go to the troops that are deployed. She'll gladly head up the project and work with others to get this accomplished. (See related article in this newsletter, page 7.)

Under committee reports the session heard:

That the Care of Members Committee continues to send out cards, visit and make phone calls to members of the church and sends notes to those who are serving overseas.

The Congregational Life Committee reported on plans for the Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Candlelight Dinner that are coming up. Gerri De Bres also shared their plans for the Celebration Dinner being served at Ozark Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> following their Consecration Worship Service. (Pastor Dennis heard from Pastor Phyllis that the group did an outstanding job catering this meal for them and even came up with a dance routine to entertain them. The Session of Ozark Presbyterian is very grateful for our participation in their Consecration Sunday Stewardship campaign.)

Main committee business came from the Building and Grounds Committee. The tree in front of the sanctuary that is not in good health will be cut down by Empire Electric and wood stacked for hauling off. A couple of the members of the church have spoken interest in the wood and helping with clean-up. The hope is that something can be done with the trunk, but we'll only know that once the tree has been taken down to the main trunk. They then reported on the progress of repairing of the sanctuary windows. This project should be completed early November. In the process of working on the windows other needed repairs to the facility have been discovered. Elders voted to work on these projects as time allowed. This will include repairing windows behind the sanctuary, roof line repairs at the back of the church and repairs to one window in the basement area. The elders gave thanks for the expertise shown in accomplishing all these repairs with proficiency and economically.

The Nominating Committee noted that it would be holding its initial meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> at noon, in the hospitality room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm with prayer. Next regular meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

*Community Presbyterian Church*  
**Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)**  
 Consolidated - January 2011 - October 2011

	Current Period	Current Budget
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INCOME		
BUDGETED	\$97,011.26	\$103,750.00
NON-BUDGETED		
DONOR RESTRICTED	295.00	0.00
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Subtotal Non-budgeted	6,378.04	0.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	6,378.04	
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TOTAL INCOME	103,389.30	103,750.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	96,986.74	103,750.00
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	6,402.56	
EXPENSES		
PASTOR	\$55,473.74	\$57,662.50
STAFF SERVICES	16,680.22	18,875.00
CARE OF PROPERTY	13,091.80	15,666.70
MISSIONS	9,737.30	9,673.20
OTHER	4,529.15	5,583.40
NON-BUDGETED	17,374.39	1,666.70
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TOTAL EXPENSES	116,886.60	109,127.50
<i>Budgeted</i>	98,409.98	109,127.50
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	18,476.62	

**Benevolence Fund Report:**

During October, we helped 9 families: 4 with a place to stay, 1 with transportation, 3 with electric and 1 with clothing.

We also received several donations to the fund, for a total of \$250. Thank you!

If you would like to make a donation to the Benevolent Fund, please do so by marking your check "special gift - benevolent fund". Those who receive our assistance greatly appreciate your gifts!

***A thankful people***

Thankfulness is a quality of character without which we miss life's central melody. The hardest sin to excuse is ingratitude and it comes from thoughtlessness. A thinking people is a thankful people. Many personal woes would be eliminated if more time were spent on thinking of our blessings and expressing our gratitude to God and to the many who contribute to our happiness.

*-Sunshine Magazine*



**Generous donations toward window repairs!**

The repairs to the window casings and windows in the sanctuary are just about complete. We recently received 2 generous donations to help offset the cost of these repairs:

**Mel & Carol Ballard**  
in memory of:

**Mel & Millie Carpenter**  
**Emerson Ballard**  
**Venie Bennett**

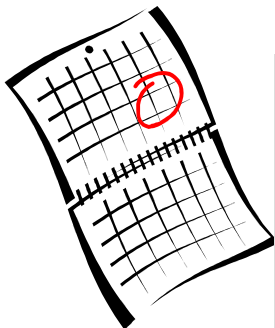
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**Wayne & Barbara Graham**  
in memory of:

**Raymond & Edna Graham**  
**Ervin & Mary Mollett**

**Thanks for your generous support!**

If you would like to donate toward the cost of repairs, please make sure your check is marked accordingly.



**Mark your calendar-  
Consecration Sunday  
is coming!**

**November 13th, 2011**

Plan to join in the Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship!

Members of Ozark Presbyterian Church will be providing and serving our meal at no cost to you so come and join the celebration!

**Diabetes Focus Group**

Valerie Newcome, Outpatient Dietitian and Coordinator of the Diabetes Education Program at Skaggs Regional Medical Center in Branson will be speaking to the Forsythe Diabetic Focus Group on Monday November 7. She will be providing information and answering your questions regarding proper nutrition to assist in effective diabetic control.

The Meeting time is at 10:00 AM, November 7 at Community Presbyterian Church 271 Main St. Forsyth, MO.

The public is invited.

**Consecration Sunday Singers!**



**Consecration Sunday Kitchen Crew**



## Echos from the Choir Loft



Eleanor Wright has passed her pencil down to me to report on what's happening in the choir. She just celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 7 at the Forsyth Nursing and Rehab, but we miss her all the same. Life in the Choir loft has been very eventful in 2011. We have had a wonderful summer and early fall. Our choir has been working hard on perfecting new music as well as some old favorites. On November 6 we will join choirs from the area in Springfield for the annual Presbyterian Church Choir Festival. We invite everyone to join us for the exciting and inspiring musical event. Keep watching the bulletin for time and place. We are learning 2 new pieces of music, "Old Hundredth" arranged by Ralph Vaughn Williams and an amazing arrangement of How Great Thou Art to be performed by all of the choirs combined and our choir will perform our favorite, "New Born Again" We are starting to get into the Christmas spirit with new music for the holidays.

The choir is not all work, work, work. We have lots of food and fellowship as well. We have had 2 after choir get-togethers at Yummy Donuts to celebrate birthdays and to say "farewell" to our Winter Texan, Esther, for the winter. Lee Click, our choir chef, has treated us to some wonderful feasts after practice.

Even though she has a broken leg, nothing can stop our amazing accompanist, Linda Stillings. We hope she will be on two feet soon.

On November 6, we will have a guest performer, Robyn Hurst, who will perform our anthem.

You may have noticed some new faces in the choir this year. We added several new choir members in 2011: Pat and Paul Wearne, Anna Koelling, Mary Parr and Gail and Ken Bavuso. Don't think we are full-up. There is always room in the "loft" for willing voices. Remember, God gave you a voice, use it to make a joyful noise.

## Events our choir is participating in:

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Choir Festival**  
**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Southminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Springfield, Missouri**

The Choir Festival is a cooperative service of music and liturgy.

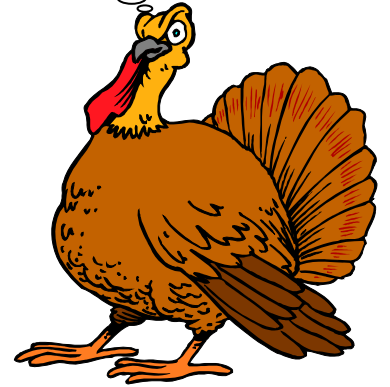
Our choir is participating in this festival again this year.



**Community Christmas Cantata**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Forsyth, Missouri**



Join us!



## THANKSGIVING DINNER

Plan now to join us on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 P.M.  
In the church fellowship hall.

Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Rolls and  
drinks will be furnished.

Please bring a dish as follows:

A thru G --- Salad

H thru O --- Vegetable

P thru Z --- Dessert

Hope to see you there!

**RSVP to 417-546-2584 by November 21<sup>st</sup>  
if you plan to attend.**



# Christmas gift requests:

## **Shut-ins Christmas Gift Bags**

The Presbyterian Women are collecting items to fill gift bags for shut-ins again this year, as well as money donations to help purchase needed items for the bags. The following is a list of things that are needed for the bags:

- ♥ Hotel/Motel Toiletries
- ♥ Cotton or Diabetic Socks
- ♥ Playing Cards
- ♥ Cookies and Sugar-free Cookies
- ♥ Candy and Sugar-free Candies
- ♥ Fruit, such as Apples & Oranges
- ♥ Toothpaste
- ♥ Note Pads & Pens
- ♥ Money
- ♥ Anything else that someone who can't get out might need

Please leave these items at the church office by mid-November, but no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Money donations can also be left in the Plexiglas church on Sundays.

Thanks!



## Consecration Sunday



## **Operation Christmas Boxes!**



Tammy Hagler is heading up an effort to send some Christmas cheer to the troops that are deployed. She would like to make up enough Christmas boxes to send to each soldier/loved one that is listed on the bulletin insert each week. If she can collect more items than needed for those boxes, the plan is to send them to someone on the list to distribute to troop members that don't have home church or family support.

Items for the boxes can include:


- ♥ Homemade cookies/treats
- ♥ Nuts & dried fruit
- ♥ Christmas cards and cards/pictures drawn by little kids
- ♥ Hand warmers (like hunters use)
- ♥ Lip balm (like Chapstick)
- ♥ Unscented lotions
- ♥ Tissues (Kleenex)
- ♥ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ♥ Playing Cards
- ♥ Small throw blankets
- ♥ Money to help with the cost of the mailings (Each box is \$11-13 to mail, depending on the size)

Please have these items in by November 30<sup>th</sup>, for mailing by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Also, Tammy says, "Thank you for praying for my son Nic (Ingenthron) and the others each week. It helps me to know that while he is deployed his name is lifted up to God for protection."

Life is a gift.

Have you thanked the giver yet today?



*Christmas Candlelight Dinner  
Tuesday, December 13, 2011  
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

*Catered by Forsyth Flower Cottage and Tea Room*

*Pecan Crusted Chicken Breast  
or  
Baked Pork Roast*

*Cream Sauce or Black Raspberry Sauce*

*Mashed Potatoes  
Almandine Green Beans  
Hot Rolls and Butter*

*German Chocolate Cake  
Holiday Pie  
Chocolate Mousse (Sugar Free)*

*Non Alcoholic Wine, Water, Coffee*

*Cost \$15 Per Person*

*RSVP by Friday, December 9, 2011*

*Denise, 417-546-2584 or [compresby@centurytel.net](mailto:compresby@centurytel.net)*

*\*\*Must specify chicken or pork and which sauce\*\**



## November 2011 Daily Lectionary

### **Tuesday November 1-**

#### **All Saints Day**

Morning: Ps. 42  
Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47  
Rev. 11:1-19  
Matt. 13:44-52

### **Wednesday November 2**

Morning: Ps. 89:1-18  
Neh. 13:4-22  
Rev. 12:1-12  
Matt. 13:53-58

### **Thursday November 3**

Morning: Ps. 97  
Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26  
Rev. 14:1-13  
Matt. 14:1-12

### **Friday November 4**

Morning: Ps. 51  
Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36  
Rev. 15:1-8  
Matt. 14:13-21

### **Saturday November 5**

Morning: Ps. 104  
Ezra 9:1-15  
Rev. 17:1-14  
Matt. 14:22-36

### **Sunday November 6**

Morning: Ps. 19  
Ezra 10:1-17  
Acts 24:10-21  
Luke 14:12-24

### **Monday November 7**

Morning: Ps. 135  
Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25)  
Rev. 18:1-8  
Matt. 15:1-20

### **Tuesday November 8**

Morning: Ps. 123  
Neh. 9:26-38  
Rev. 18:9-20  
Matt. 15:21-28

### **Wednesday November 9**

Morning: Ps. 15  
Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18  
Rev. 18:21-24  
Matt. 15:29-39

### **Thursday November 10**

Morning: Ps. 36  
Neh. 6:1-19  
Rev. 19:1-10  
Matt. 16:1-12

### **Friday November 11**

Morning: Ps. 130  
Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47  
Rev. 19:11-16  
Matt. 16:13-20

### **Saturday November 12**

Morning: Ps. 56  
Neh. 13:4-22  
Rev. 20:1-6  
Matt. 16:21-28

### **Sunday November 13**

Morning: Ps. 67  
Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26  
Acts 28:14b-23  
Luke 16:1-13

### **Monday November 14**

Morning: Ps. 57  
Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36  
Rev. 20:7-15  
Matt. 17:1-13

### **Tuesday November 15**

Morning: Ps. 54  
Ezra 9:1-15  
Rev. 21:1-8  
Matt. 17:14-21

### **Wednesday November 16**

Morning: Ps. 65  
Ezra 10:1-17  
Rev. 21:9-21  
Matt. 17:22-27

### **Thursday November 17**

Morning: Ps. 143  
Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25)  
Rev. 21:22-22:5  
Matt. 18:1-9

### **Friday November 18**

Morning: Ps. 88  
Neh. 9:26-38  
Rev. 22:6-13  
Matt. 18:10-20

### **Saturday November 19**

Morning: Ps. 122  
Neh. 7:73b-8:3, 5-18  
Rev. 22:14-21  
Matt. 18:21-35

### **Sunday November 20**

#### **— Christ the King / Reign of Christ**

Morning: Ps. 108  
Isa. 19:19-25  
Rom. 15:5-13  
Luke 19:11-27

### **Monday November 21**

Morning: Ps. 62  
Joel 3:1-2, 9-17  
1 Peter 1:1-12  
Matt. 19:1-12

### **Tuesday November 22**

Morning: Ps. 12  
Nah. 1:1-13  
1 Peter 1:13-25  
Matt. 19:13-22

### **Wednesday November 23**

Morning: Ps.  
Obad. 15-21  
1 Peter 2:1-10  
Matt. 19:23-30

### **Thursday November 24**

Morning: Ps. 116  
Zeph. 3:1-13  
1 Peter 2:11-25  
Matt. 20:1-16

### **Friday November 25**

Morning: Ps. 84  
Isa. 24:14-23  
1 Peter 3:13-4:6  
Matt. 20:17-28

### **Saturday November 26**

Morning: Ps. 63  
Micah 7:11-20  
1 Peter 4:7-19  
Matt. 20:29-34

### **Sunday November 27 —**

#### **1st Sunday of Advent**

Morning: Ps. 24  
Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8  
1 Thess. 5:1-11  
Luke 21:5-19

### **Monday November 28**

Morning: Ps. 122  
Amos 2:6-16  
2 Peter 1:1-11  
Matt. 21:1-11

### **Tuesday November 29**

Morning: Ps. 33  
Amos 3:1-11  
2 Peter 1:12-21  
Matt. 21:12-22

### **Wednesday November 30**

Morning: Ps. 50  
Amos 3:12-4:5  
2 Peter 3:1-10  
Matt. 21:23-32





**BIRTHDAYS!**

- 11 Pete Frantzen
- 12 Nathan Winzenried
- 18 John Keith, Bertha Smith
- 20 CJ Gailey
- 22 Aage Jensen
- 23 Bonnie Hawkins, Debra Robbers
- 24 Truman Persinger
- 25 Barbara Dorgan
- 26 Howard Gathman
- 27 Pat Hibben
- 28 Jim Berry, Barbara Graham



**NOVEMBER  
CELEBRATIONS!**



**ANNIVERSARIES!**

5 George & Nancy Iden 1983

***Partners in Prayer Advent Study***

For the Advent season this year, we will have available a self-study from *Partners in Prayer 2011*, which has scripture readings, meditations, and prayers each day to serve as your guide to the coming of Christmas.

“Advent means coming; a yearning for justice and love, and the means to contest injustice and fear. It’s about to be born, if we just let it. And instead of passively waiting for it to be born, let’s welcome, with open arms, the Advent of Christ in us.”

Pastor Dennis will use this material in his Sunday school class, but we will have extra copies available if you would like to use the study on your own, just inquire at the office.

Dear Church Family,

On September 29 I fell at home and broke my right leg above the ankle. Thanks to all of you who sent flowers, cards, food and most importantly prayers. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness! You have truly shown the love of Christ to Arliss and me during this time of healing.

Blessings,  
Linda Stillings

**THANK YOU!**



Thank you for your kind contribution of \$ 10 in support of the 2011 Walk to Defeat ALS™.

The ALS Association is the only not-for-profit voluntary health organization dedicated solely to the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig’s Disease. In Kansas, Nebraska and western Missouri, The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter covers all the bases with research, patient services, advocacy and community education. Thank you for joining us in the fight against ALS. Please plan to join us at the next year’s Walk to Defeat ALS™!

The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter  
www.alsa-midwest.org

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Our Federal Tax ID# is 48-1021611*

***PANTHER PARTNERS  
MENTOR PROGRAM***

We welcome Jim Weeks  
as our newest mentor!




That now makes 22 from  
our church--  
what a wonderful  
response from some  
wonderful people!

Ushers/Greetings

Liturgist

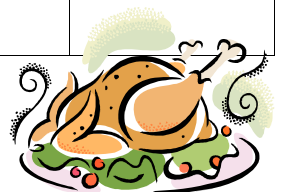
Barbara Graham

# NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am		<b>1</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am Small Group 10:00 am Hannah Circle 1:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>3</b> Bar Assoc 11:30 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>   AA 7:00 pm
<b>6</b> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 	<b>7</b> Diabetic Group 10:00 am	<b>8</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am Calico Cutups Small Group 10:00 am Chamber Lunch 11:30 am Choir 7:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Veterans Day</i> 	<b>12</b>   AA 7:00 pm
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Esther Circle Noon	<b>15</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>16</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am PW Meeting 1:30 pm  Choir 7:00 pm	<b>17</b>   Session Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>   AA 7:00 pm
<b>20</b> <i>CHIMES Deadline</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>23</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am  Choir 7:00 pm	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>   AA 7:00 pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>30</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am PW Sewing 9:30 am Small Group 10:00 am Choir 7:00 pm			

### ***Giving Thanks...***

The man was wise who prayed over a heavy Thanksgiving table: "God, please grant us one more blessing...a thankful heart."



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## Community Presbyterian Church



### Staff Members

Pastor.....Dennis D. Winzenried  
Secretary.....Denise Carr  
Choir Director.....Arliss Stillings  
Organist.....Linda Stillings  
Custodian.....Paul Weeks

Sunday School                    9:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service    10:30 am