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Our Congregational Dinner and February Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27. The dinner will be at 5:00 p.m., and the meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is for the purpose of electing our officers and receiving an update on the Capital Campaign. Nursery care will be provided. Please sign up at the table by Gathering Place if you can attend. See pages 3 & 9 for more details!

Lent and Easter come late this year. We will have our usual Lenten activities, except that we won't have a *Walk to the Cross*. Please mark your calendars for these activities:

- † Ash Wednesday: March 9 (6:30 service in chapel)
- † Wednesday Evenings: See below
- † Palm Sunday: April 17 (Chicago Salvation Army Band)
- † Maundy Thursday: April 21 (7:00 p.m. service)
- † Good Friday: April 22 (7:00 p.m. service)
- † Easter: April 24



Worship Schedule

- 8:30 Chapel Service
- 9:15 1st Bridge Service (Lower Level)
- 11:00 Sanctuary Service
- 11:00 2nd Bridge Service (Lower Level)

Church School

Children's Classes

10:00 a.m.

Youth Classes

10:20 a.m.

Adult Classes

9:45 a.m. Reception Room



Frederick Hohman Organ Recital

Join us on Sunday afternoon, March 20, for an organ recital by Frederick Hohman, an internationally-known artist (and husband of our own Elizabeth Hohman). Though Fred has played all over the world, this will be his first Elkhart concert. The concert is sponsored by the Ralph & Barbara Miller Endowment. See page 8.

Wednesday Nights Soup & Taizé Worship March 16-April 13



Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent for a simple meal and quiet, Taizé-style worship. From March 16 through April 13 (the week before Palm Sunday), we will share bread and soup in Room 100 at 5:45 p.m. (note earlier time!), and then move to the Chapel for a gentle worship service of prayer and singing. Come and reflect, come and pray, come and find the "quiet center" where you may reconnect with God.



from the Pastor's desk

Should ordination be open to men or women regardless of sexual orientation?

This question has been debated in our denomination for the past 30 years. During most of this time, the official Presbyterian position has been to deny such ordination. Our denomination has been narrowly divided, however, and many presbyteries and congregations, including ours, have favored open ordination. The past two General Assemblies have voted to amend our Book of Order (constitution) to remove the explicit ban. Amending the constitution requires ratification by a majority of the presbyteries, however, and ratification has failed so far.

Our most recent General Assembly voted again, by a margin of 373-323-4, to remove the barrier, and the issue is again before the presbyteries for ratification. At its February 22 meeting, our presbytery will vote on the matter. The last time our presbytery voted on this, I spoke in favor of removing the ban. I will speak again this time, and I want to share with you what I will say (which is similar to what I said last time). You may or may not agree with me — Presbyterians *are* divided on this issue — but I want to state my view. If you would like to know more about this matter, or the exact language involved, please contact me or see www.pcusa.org/news/2010/7/12/ordination-standards-questions-and-answers.

It was about 100 years ago that my grandfather, Samuel R. Braden, was ordained as a Presbyterian minister. He and his wife immediately set sail to be missionaries in China. My father was born there, though his parents returned to the States for health reasons.

Had I come up for ordination 100 years ago, I would have been denied. Why? Because I had been divorced prior to being called into ministry. A century ago, divorced men were categorically excluded from ordination. "Categorical exclusion" means that if a person is part of a "category," he or she is automatically excluded, regardless of gifts, faith, abilities, or sense of call.

Divorced people were not the only categorical exclusion. Although ordination of women as deacons had just recently been allowed (1906), they were still excluded from ordination as elders (which came in 1930) or as ministers of word and sacrament (1954).

Why did our denomination make these categorical exclusions? It was thought that the Bible required them. And indeed, there are passages that would seem to support such categorical exclusions. Yet, over the past century, the Presbyterian Church has come to understand that the categorical exclusion from church office of divorced people and women is not only not required, it is in fact contrary to Jesus' life and teachings.

How has this happened? We have prayerfully considered how Jesus dealt with the categorical exclusions of His day — how He associated with, ate with, and repeatedly included people whom the religious authorities categorically excluded as "sinners." Those exclusions were done on the basis of scripture; it was believed God required them. Yet time after time, Jesus welcomed tax collectors, shepherds, prostitutes, lepers, women, and other "sinners" and outcasts, much to the consternation of the religious authorities. It appears that categorical exclusions, even if based on scripture, were abhorrent to Jesus. Jesus' understanding of God's grace did not permit them.

I believe that, guided by the Holy Spirit, our denomination has come to a deeper and more faithful understanding of Jesus. Just as He showed us that God's grace includes people whom the Hebrew scriptures would categorically exclude, so the Holy Spirit is showing us that God's grace embraces people whom we categorically excluded a century ago.

At the presbytery meeting we will vote on what, I think, is the last categorical exclusion from ordination. I will vote to remove this exclusion because I believe such a vote is consistent with Jesus' life and teachings: in Him, God's grace breaks down all categorical exclusions of people.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are rolling into spring continuing with our stories of Jesus. Teachers are: Russ Gilpin, Pat Van Dyke, Will Evens, Marcia Howard and Sarah Mauser. We want to thank all of them for their dedication to our children's program. Come see the Children's Library and the wonderful way Mr. Gilpin has been decorating it since Christmas for the different seasons. Our bulletin board has also had the children's artwork incorporated in it and it looks great with their fabulous lambs! There will be more of this every month.

We also want to thank the parents of the children who are regular attendees. We know how hard Sunday mornings can be but rest assured that your children are learning about God in a great way. We enjoy seeing them every week and look forward to it as well. For the children who we see only occasionally, please come visit again! We miss you!

PYF UPCOMING CALENDAR

February:

- 20: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
PYF: Operation Bridge/Tech Team – We will help with both services
- 27: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
PYF: 4:00-7:30 p.m. Congregational Dinner/Taco and Dessert Bar. This is also a fundraiser to assist Beardsley School! Plan to help set up, serve, and clean up. We are asking each family to donate a dessert...

March:

- 6: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
PYF: Study during Sunday School
- 13: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
PYF: 12:00-3:00 p.m. Lunch & Bowling – bring a friend!!
- 20: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
PYF: Operation Bridge/Tech Team – We will help with both services
- 27: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
PYF: Food Scavenger Hunt for Church Community Services

General Announcement for congregation:

PYF will be hosting a Taco and Dessert bar on February 27 for our Congregational Dinner! All proceeds will go to Beardsley Discretionary fund in our church budget, which funds the children's school trips and other special needs! To increase our profits we have asked PYF families to donate a dessert. We would like to open this up to the congregation as well. If you are willing to provide a dessert, or an item for the Taco bar, please contact Mary Seddon at: 574-707-1321 or MaryMall2000@aol.com, and she will assign an item! Sign up sheets are located on the table by the Gathering Place and also in the lower level.



Thanks to all who "voted" on Souper Bowl Sunday!! Based on the money collected, the Packers were predicted to win, and that came to be!! Thanks to your generosity, \$198.00 was sent to Church Community Services.



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Growing in Christ; Children's Ministry

A Sharing Calendar

One Great Hour of Sharing

It's remarkable what your gift will do.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dehydration caused by diarrhea kills 2 million children a year. Oral rehydration therapy for 11 children costs \$10. Give one unit for each child precious to your heart.	400,000 Chicago residents live in areas with no or very distant grocery stores, predisposing children to obesity and type 2 diabetes. Give one unit if you have access to a grocery store.	Child labor is a fact of life for children in Cambodia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Ghana, and Mexico. Give one unit for every unemployed person you know.	I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good (Ps. 122:1, 9). Give two units in honor of your congregation.	The leading cause of preventable childhood blindness, Vitamin A deficiency, affects 190 million preschool-age children. Give one unit if you had your eyes checked in the last year.	About 17.5 million children under the age of 18 have lost one or both parents to AIDS. Give one unit for each of your parents who is alive now or was alive when you turned 18.	1.3 million babies die every year because they are not properly breastfed. Give one unit for each time you have eaten today.
The 2010 earthquake that rocked Haiti left more than 1 million people in need of shelter. Give one unit for each home you've lived in throughout your life.	The Haitian earthquake killed at least 230,000 people. Give one unit for each blessing that provides you a strong foundation in times of trouble.	For the cost of a 55" HDTV, a disaster survivor can be trained in a construction trade, helping rebuild the community plus earning a livelihood. Give one unit for each TV in your home.	God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7b). Give one unit for each thing that made you laugh today.	Emergency preparedness training and shelter upgrades help communities through typhoon and flooding disasters. Give one unit for each time you have been awed by creation this week.	Damage to local food stocks and infrastructure meant Chilean families affected by the 2010 earthquake lost access to adequate food for 3 months. Give one unit for each snack you ate today.	For the cost of a CD, three disaster survivors can each receive a blanket providing shelter, privacy, and a way to carry belongings. Give one unit for each 10 CDs you own.
1.1 billion people in the world still rely on unsafe sources of drinking water. Give one unit for each glass of water you drank today.	About 2.5 billion people lack adequate sanitation facilities. About 1 in 4 people in developing countries have no plumbing. Give one unit for each bathroom in your home.	About 14 million adolescent girls become mothers every year. More than 90 percent of these very young mothers live in developing countries. Give two units in sorrow for lost childhoods.	O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (Ps. 63:1) Give one unit as an "Amen."	Educating girls affects not only their but their children's survivability, health, and productivity. Gender gaps in school attendance have closed in many foreign countries. Give one unit in thanks.	Education can break the cycle of poverty. Yet, 46 million primary school-age children are out of school in sub-Saharan Africa. Give one unit if you have an elementary school education.	Every school day, about 7,000 U.S. students drop out of school. Only 70 percent of entering high school freshmen graduate each year. Give one unit to honor a teacher important in your life.
Worldwide, one billion people, about 1 in 7, are chronically hungry. Give four units to help.	Without the right nutrition in the first two years of life, a child's physical and mental development is compromised irreversibly. Give one unit for your favorite fresh food item.	Children who experience hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety, depression, and behavior problems than children with don't. Give two units if being hungry made you irritable this week.	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice (Phil. 4:4). Give one unit for each person, experience, thought, or blessing today that brought you joy.	A child dies every 5 seconds from hunger. That is like more than 23 elementary schools being wiped out each day. Give one unit for each child in your family who ate a school lunch this week.	Nearly one in four children in the U.S. is at risk for hunger. Give two units if you remember feeling hungry as a child or teenager.	Poor nutrition and calorie deficiencies cause nearly one in three people to die prematurely or have disabilities. Give two units for each vegetable you ate this week.

Both urgency and joy permeate the work of One Great Hour of Sharing. The calendar above highlights some of the challenging situations we address when extending care to God's people in the U.S. and around the world. Each day suggests a donation of coins. Your household can decide what coin is best for your situation each day.

"I know without a shadow of a doubt what God has done for me. I get pleasure from being able to bless others." —Yvonne Douglass, OGH's contributor

"Giving just feeds my soul. This is what life is about—not collecting things, but helping people." —Frederick Schmidt, OGH's contributor

Sources: Church World Service, Bread for the World, Children's Defense Fund, UNICEF (United Nation's Children's Fund), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Food Programme, World Health Organization, American Red Cross, the U.S. Census Bureau.



Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

Throughout February

www.soles4souls.org



**...only 8 days to go
For Soles4Souls...
...don't delay another day,
Clean out your closet...**

Please bring us your worn shoes: Shoes help prevent parasitic diseases, and infections from scrapes, cuts, puncture wounds and burns.

Please bring us your worn shoes: Soles4Souls coordinated relief efforts for the Asian Tsunami and hurricanes Katrina and Rita, donating over 900,000 pairs of shoes. They've distributed shoes in over 125 countries.

Please bring us your worn shoes: Soles4Souls wants all sizes: infant through adult, men, women's, and children, sandals and boots, tennis and dress shoes,

Please spread the news: to your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, teachers, barber, everyone. Around the world 300 million children have no shoes.

Your unused shoes can make a difference.

Bring them to First Presbyterian by February 28 and place them in the Soles4Souls boxes around the church. Each pair bound with a rubber band would help.

Sharing Christ's Love: Mission



MALAWI MATTERS

On Sunday, February 13, Phyllis Wezeman and others joined us to tell more about the Malawi Matters mission. This is an innovative program of AIDS education through churches, using storytelling, music, arts, and other readily-accessible and culturally-appropriate methods. The Presbyterian church (Presbyterian Church of Central Africa) is very strong in Malawi, and can be a powerful force in helping stem the tide of AIDS.

We will be supporting Malawi Matters through the mission component of our capital campaign. We are seeking a "Malawi Matters Team" to champion this cause and plan how best to use our financial contributions. Will you join our team? Contact Connie Minzey or sign up.



Facts About Malawi...

- ❖ An estimated 930,000 Malawians are infected with HIV or AIDS (total population 13.6 million)
- ❖ An estimated 840,000 adults are living with HIV or AIDS
- ❖ An estimated 91,000 children age 15 or below are living with HIV or AIDS
- ❖ An estimated 500,000 children have lost one or both parents to AIDS
- ❖ An estimated 560,000 orphans due to AIDS
- ❖ An estimated 68,000 people died from AIDS



March 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		<p>1 9:30 Music Together 10:00 Staff & WT 12:00 IPG 2:00 AAUW</p>	<p>2 Regular Schedule</p>	<p>3 10:30 Tai Chi 7:00 Quilters</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Communion Regular Schedule 2:00 Eastlake</p>	<p>7 8:00 PBJ 6:00 OA 7:00 AA Committee 8:00 AA</p>	<p>8 9:30 Music Together 10:00 Staff & WT</p>	<p>9 Ash Wednesday Regular Schedule 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship/Chapel</p>	<p>10 10:30 Tai Chi 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Regular Schedule 12:00 PYF Lunch & Bowling</p>	<p>14 8:00 PBJ 1:00 EGS 5:00 DAR 6:00 OA 7:00 EEG 8:00 AA</p>	<p>15 9:30 Music Together 10:00 Staff & WT 7:00 Session</p>	<p>16 Regular Schedule 1:00 Circle of Grace 6:30 Taizé Worship</p>	<p>17 7:30 Samaritan Cnt 10:30 Tai Chi 7:00 Quilters</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9:00 PW Sewing</p>
<p>20 PYF Operation Bridge Regular Schedule 4:00 Fred Hohman Recital Newsletter</p>	<p>21 8:00 PBJ 11:30 Nifty 60's 6:00 OA 8:00 AA</p>	<p>22 9:30 Music Together 10:00 Staff & WT 7:00 Deacons</p>	<p>23 Regular Schedule 6:30 Taizé Worship</p>	<p>24 10:30 Tai Chi 6:30 PW CT</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Regular Schedule 12:00 PYF Scavenger Hunt</p>	<p>28 8:00 PBJ 6:00 OA 8:00 AA</p>	<p>29 9:30 Music Together 10:00 Staff & WT</p>	<p>30 Regular Schedule 6:30 Taizé Worship</p>	<p>31 10:30 Tai Chi 6:30 PW CT</p>		

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Bridge Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Chapel Worship Service
9:15 a.m. The Bridge Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Adult Class
10:00 a.m. Church School (all ages)
10:20 a.m. Youth Class
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
The Bridge Worship Service

Regular Wednesday Schedule

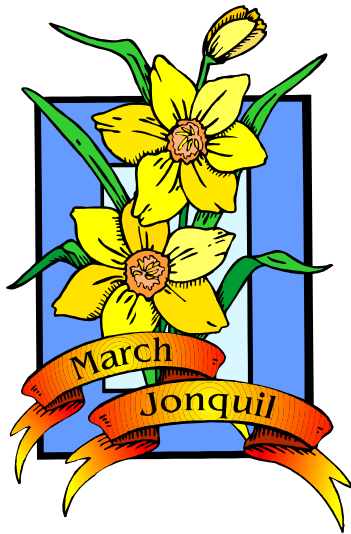
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:45 a.m. Wednesday's Table
5:00 p.m. Melodia Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Jr. Chorale Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Bridge Planning Team
6:30 p.m. Westminster Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Bridge Band Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Legend

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous
AAUW – American Association of University Women
DAR – Daughters of the American Revolution
EDCA – Elkhart Day Care Association
EEG – Elkhart Embroiderers' Guild
EGS – Elkhart Genealogy Society
IPG – Independent Prayer Group
OA – Overeaters Anonymous
PBJ – People Between Jobs
PW CT – Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
WT – Worship Team

March Birthdays

March 1	Dick Griffen	March 13	Jennifer Sailor	March 20	Brigitte Evens
March 3	Donielle Boal		Bailey Stockman	March 21	Steve Eldridge
March 7	Madeline Bond		Sam Thompson	March 22	Dick Scholtes
March 8	Patricia Brotherson	March 15	Helen Good	March 23	Joyce Carver
	Kirk Linton		Dorothy Haught	March 24	Sean Sullivan
	Patrick R. O'Connell	March 16	Michele Salmon	March 25	Mary Decker
	Tori Boal	March 17	George Compton	March 26	Sara Chrobot
March 9	Cinda Olinger		Anthony Wood	March 27	Cami Amendt
March 10	Andy McCaskey	March 19	Sean O'Neill	March 31	Phid Wells
	Diane Evans		Adam Hoffer		Alexander Boyer
March 11	Dorothy Randall		Thomas Markel		
	Bette Brownell		Marsha Howard		
	Dylan O'Connell		Braden McCormick		
March 12	Stephen Brown				



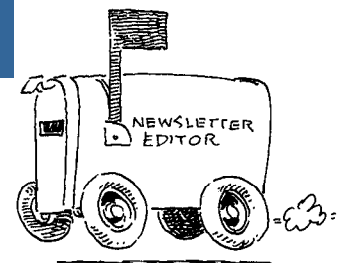
March Anniversaries

March 6	Kathy & George Frey
March 8	Mary & Jeff Freed
March 15	Ruth & Alex Eraybar
March 24	Sandy & Al Haimbach
	Jeanne & Dave Van Putten
March 25	Alice & Rich Morris
March 26	Michele & Geno Braun
March 29	Aaron & Nichole Slagel
March 31	Linda & Bill Loftus
	Cinda & Dan Olinger

Interim Associate Pastor Search Update...As of this newsletter, the Interim Associate Pastor Search Committee is in active discussion with a candidate from out-of-state for the interim position. As to the search for the "called" associate pastor, the church's Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates to the congregation at the February 27 Congregational Meeting for the Associate Pastor Search Committee. Please see the large chart in the hallway, which explains the process.

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be emailed on March 19 and available for friends without emails on March 20, and mailed the following week to those who are not in worship. Please submit articles for that newsletter by March 11.

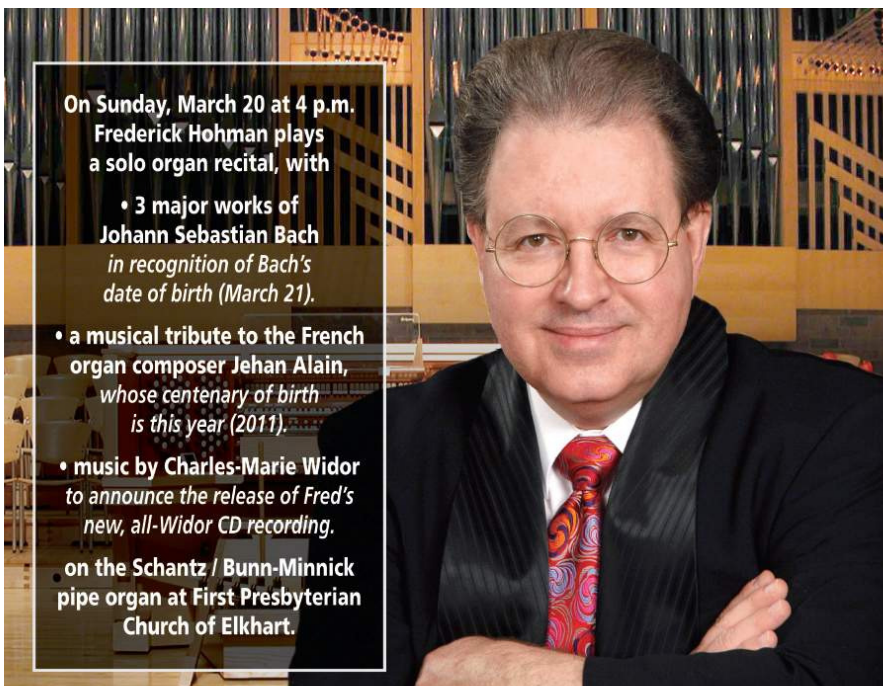


An Invitation from Frederick Hohman

I'd like to invite the congregation to my organ recital, on Sunday afternoon, March 20 at 4:00 p.m. Back in February of 1993, the Lord bestowed on me a special Grace when I was wed, with Rev. Steve Kolderup presiding, in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in Elkhart, to Elizabeth Cone. Now, many of you already know Elizabeth and her mother, Gladys Cone, from the activities they have at church, with highlights being the Cookie Walk, Church World Service, and Soles for Souls.

Although I served as a church musician from age 17 to 38, since 1993, I've made my career as a touring pipe organist, playing solo concerts, but sometimes with orchestras (including the South Bend Symphony back in 1992). While my concerts have covered cities in most of the U.S. states, I've also toured in the UK, twice in Finland and twice in Australia. I also help other concert organists, by producing their commercial CD recordings (I've done about 350 of those so far). So I travel quite a lot each year. I've even been seen playing on t.v. and most recently on YouTube, where one of my videos has over 350,000 views!

I was honored when Celia Weiss suggested I perform on the endowed organ recital series at First Church. Although I've performed in South Bend and Goshen, March 20 will be my first concert appearance in Elkhart. It will be special to share my music with the people of the church with which my Elizabeth and mother-in-law Gladys have been so closely tied.



On Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m.
 Frederick Hohman plays
 a solo organ recital, with

- 3 major works of Johann Sebastian Bach in recognition of Bach's date of birth (March 21).
- a musical tribute to the French organ composer Jehan Alain, whose centenary of birth is this year (2011).
- music by Charles-Marie Widor to announce the release of Fred's new, all-Widor CD recording, on the Schantz / Bunn-Minnick pipe organ at First Presbyterian Church of Elkhart.

At Celia's request, and in recognition of Bach's birth date (which is the day after the concert, on March 21), I'll play three works of J. S. Bach, plus music by French composers Jehan Alain and Charles-Marie Widor.

I hope all will come out and share the joy of my organ music on Sunday, March 20 at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free, made possible by underwriting from the Ralph & Barbara Miller Endowment for Arts and Enrichment at First Presbyterian Church.

Since being wed in 1993 at First Presbyterian, Elkhart, in addition to radio & tv broadcasts, and releasing several CDs, Fred has toured widely with hundreds of organ concerts throughout the USA, Australia, Finland, & the United Kingdom.

The March 20 concert is his first public appearance ever in Elkhart.

Please attend and invite family & friends.
Free admission.

FREDERICK HOHMAN ORGAN RECITAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011
 4:00 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 200 East Beardsley, ELKHART

"His manual dexterity is undeniable, and his pedal technique the best you'll ever hear."
 - St. Louis Post-Dispatch

"His performance was full of personality and gusto - definitely NOT your run-of-the-mill organ recital."
 - Raleigh News & Observer

Cordially yours,

Frederick Hohman

This concert is sponsored by the Ralph & Barbara Miller Endowment for Arts & Enrichment at First Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Women



A SEWING DATE has been set for March 19. Plan to help with our mission projects at 9:00 a.m. in Room 100. You may bring your own sewing machine or use one already at the church. If you knit, come join us too.

CAN YOU HELP? Kathleen O'Connell's mother loves to knit. But, alas, she has run out of yarn! For the past several years she has made mittens, hats, scarves, and prayer shawls and sent them to us for our mission work. Now we need to help her. If you have leftover yarn from projects, please consider donating it. She loves the challenge! She has agreed to continue helping with our mission to the Mitten Tree even though Kathleen is no longer with us. So please drop off your donations to the church office. Thanks!



Congregational Meeting February 27

The Youth will be preparing a Taco & Dessert Bar. Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. All proceeds will be going to Beardsley Discretionary Fund. For more information on the dinner go to page 3 under PYF Youth.

At the congregational meeting on February 27, the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of candidates:

- ❖ **Session** (Class of 2013): Debby Burton (Adult Education), Lori Eber (Welcome & Assimilating), Colleen Goode (Youth), Mike Weiss (Foundation & Nominating), Dick Whitcraft (Stewardship & Finance), and Sean O'Neill (Youth Elder). There is one slot still open for Mission.
- ❖ **Deacons** (Class of 2013): Dottie Arnold, Paula Barb, Jill Cornelius, Linda Mauser, Laura O'Neill, Carol Steede, and Andy Braden (Youth Deacon).
- ❖ **Trustees** (Class of 2014): Ron Downs, Will Evens, Steve Slusser, Guy Smith, and George White.
- ❖ **Foundation** (Class of 2013): Leslie Greising and Jeanne Van Putten.
- ❖ **Nominating Committee** (1 year term): Helen Free, Marsha Howard, Robert Nix, Mike Stoll, and Lynnette Valentijn.
- ❖ **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee**: Doni Boal, Steve Eldridge, Diane Evans, Dennis Hoffer, Vern Pitcher, Starr Robinson, and Sara LaLone (Youth Representative)



The Capital Campaign December 2010 Capital Campaign Update

Pledges Received to date:	\$1,070,000.00
Money Received to date:	\$995,704.16
Balance Remaining on Campaign Pledges:	\$80,228.44

Thank you to all who have paid and are paying your capital campaign pledges. The original campaign commenced in May, 2008, for three years. It will end in May, 2011, and we encourage everyone to complete their pledges by that time. There were several important projects that were not funded in the original campaign, including restroom renovation, new stove and dishwasher for the kitchen, and resurfacing the parking lots. It is anticipated that the trustees will request extending the campaign for a year for these.



Elsie (Y) Kintner

December 1, 1918—February 1, 2011



Thank you so much for the nice Valentine Card made by the children.

*Love,
Avia Baker*

Thank you for the Get Well cards and your prayers.

Helen Good

Congratulations go to:

- Tiana Zornow Webb on the birth of her son, Quinnten Nathaniel David Webb on January 26, 2011.
- Marilyn & John Horvath on the birth of their great-grandson, Lucas Charles Butler, born to parents Anna & Brent on February 6 in Des Moines, IA.

CRICUT MACHINE...We are currently showing people how to use our new Cricut machine. We will accept donations of solid scrapbook paper and cartridges. Please feel free to check with me about our cartridge collection. So far, we only have Plantin Schoolbook, Pink Journey, and Accent Essentials. Watch for more bulletin boards and other projects! If you would like to learn how to use the Cricut, please let me know. It's pretty fun and easy!



We also need to continue our scrapbooking of our church history to get it up to date and keep it there. Anyone who would like to assist either working on it at church or at home, please contact me (Brigitte at 574-273-2393). We will be happy to teach you how to create pages as well.

2011 Worship Flower Calendar...

Please sign-up for any Sunday's Worship Flowers in 2011. They may be in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of an anniversary, or birthday, etc. The regular cost is \$34. If you would prefer a special arrangement, please call the church office. We would love to have fresh flowers each Sunday in 2011. The calendar is located outside the narthex of the Sanctuary in the hallway going to the Gathering Place. The flowers are being provided by Linton's.



Cemetery Plots....Our church has been given adjoining cemetery plots in a pretty area of Chapel Hill Cemetery. We wish to sell them. If you want more information about purchase price (which will be considerably below market value), please speak to Tim Good or Carol Eldridge. If you are interested in learning about the location of the plots, please speak to Starr Robinson.

Food Collection: Because of First Presbyterian Church (you), Church Community Services has been "flush" with toilet paper. We are continuing our "On a Roll Campaign." Please bring toilet paper each Sunday to help CCS's mission of providing food and personal items for those in need. Also, continue to bring in used grocery bags.



Homebound Communion

Elders and Deacons – current and 'retired:' We will be visiting homebound and nursing home residents on **Sunday, March 6** following each of the morning worship services. If you are available, would you share an hour of your time to enable our members to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you've never served homebound communion, you'll be paired with an experienced server. Contact Harriet Sloop or the church office (264-3109) if you are available.

Upcoming Weekly Worship Schedule

Date	February 27	March 6	March 13	March 20
Preacher Upstairs	Steve Braden	Steve Braden	Steve Braden	To Be Determined
Bridge Preacher	Jan Van Lear	Jan Van Lear	Walt Davis	Steve Braden
Liturgist (8:30 C) (11:00 S)	Jackie McCoy Jennifer Pitcher	Pat Van Dyke Ron Downs	Marsha Howard	Connie Minzey Jake Free
Special		Communion/Homebound Communion		4:00 p.m. Fred Hohman Recital/Sanctuary
Welcome Table	Susie Lehman Jackie McCoy	Ruth Linton	Phid Butler Andy McCaskey	Dick Griffen Jennifer Pitcher
8:30 a.m. Ushers (Chapel)	Pat & John Van Dyke	Carol & Steve Eldridge	Pat & John Van Dyke	Lori Eber Lou Putnam
9:15 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)	Kristy & Robert Nix	Mary & John Seddon	Jennifer & Vern Pitcher	Presbyterian Youth Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Ushers (Sanctuary)	Milcah, Charles, & Elizabeth Kinyua Jackie MacKenzie	Judy Bechtold Trudy & Hans Disch	Diane & Doug Evans Vernease & Jim Pyles	Sean & Liam O'Neill Susie & Wen Wu
11:00 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)	Teresa & Mike Swanson	Shennendoah Zinkan Zach Hoffer		Presbyterian Youth Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Music (Sanctuary)	Melodia & Chancel Choirs	Chancel Choir with Eliza Bracken, cello	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
Hospitality Host	Gladys Cone	Debby & Bill Burton	Susan & Dick Freeman	Dottie Arnold

Daily Prayer Listings

the week of February 27, 2011

Sunday – Sara, Andy, Katie, & Kyle Chrobot
 Monday – Karen & Jack Cittadine
 Tuesday – Kimberly & George Compton
 Wednesday – Nancy & Gordon Compton & Haley Stouder
 Thursday – Gladys Cone
 Friday – Herb Cormican
 Saturday – Jill Cornelius
 And at Beverly Living Center – Barbara Karay

the week of March 6, 2011

Sunday – Patti, Jim, & Kelli Davis
 Monday – Elizabeth & Walt Davis
 Tuesday – Mary & Robert Decker
 Wednesday – Trudy, Hans, Tamara, & Michele Disch
 Thursday – Lain, Ron, Hanna, & Sarah Downs
 Friday – Alice Duncan
 Saturday – Pam & Ron Duncan
 And at Greencroft Retirement Center – Barbara Hilbish

the week of March 13, 2011

Sunday – Daisy Eastman
 Monday – Lori Eber
 Tuesday – Carol & Steve Eldridge
 Wednesday – Ruth & Alex Eraybar
 Thursday – Jane Eslick
 Friday – Diane, Doug, Karen & Julia Evans
 Saturday – Brigitte, Will, & Erienne Evens
 And at Home – Helen Good, Gerry Gorsuch, Orvis Rupe,
 Vivian Vetter, Jane Pinkerton, Carol Benson,
 & Howard & Jean Thursby

the week of March 20, 2011

Sunday – Kathy, Richard, Andrew, & Michael Fair
 Monday – Angela, Rhett, Selma, & Sloan Fisher
 Tuesday – Waneta Follett
 Wednesday – Linda & Phillip Forgey
 Thursday – Helen Free
 Friday – Jenny, Jake, Isaac, & Hannah Free
 Saturday – Mary, Jeff, & Heath Freed
 And at Greencroft Nursing Facility – Mary Jane Blanken



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Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

As we begin our preparation for Lent, we begin thinking of the traditional One Great Hour of Sharing ministry, which began in 1949. Through this special offering, Presbyterians join with millions of worldwide Christians to share God's love through:

- * Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: providing responses to immediate needs and disasters (see Haiti information on the bulletin board by the Gathering Place)
- * Presbyterian Hunger Program: teaching land management and agriculture
- * Self-Development of People: strengthening families and communities.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9, a guide for Lenten prayers in your home, the fish boxes, and the Sharing Calendar (also in this newsletter) will be on the materials table by each worship area and One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes will be in the pews. The offering will be received throughout Lent and will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 17.

It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.