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“You Make Them”

I was thinking the other day of Robert Frost’s poem “Fire and Ice” which I’m sure many of you know:

Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.
From what I’ve tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.
But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.

It thought of this because with all the things going on in Washington (or not going on) the Economist Paul Krugman commented on the government shutdown, “This may be the way the world ends—not with a bang but with a temper tantrum.” A lot of people seem to be concerned with the way the world ends. I’ve also noticed that there is a new reality series on, of all places, the National Geographic Channel, called Domsday Preppers. It profiles people who are preparing themselves and their homes for the collapse of society. Some of these people are religious, others are political, but they all seem to be convinced that our society is going down the tubes, and they need to get ready for it to happen. Many of them dig shelters, hoard food and guns, and get ready to try to live off the land. Is that the best thing to do to prepare to survive?

In a recent interview with the New York Times Review of Books, the global warming activist Bill McKibben was asked how to prepare for the world that climate change will bring. His response is to “live anyplace with a strong community.” Then he was asked where to find a community strong enough to survive the social divisions that global warming will bring, he says: you make them.

Building community is one of the things that the church should be doing. When some members of the mission committee took a day a couple of weeks ago to visit some of the mission partners that we support in Kalamazoo, one of the things that impressed me was how they are all building community—a safer, more just, more compassionate community. It just seems to me to not only be short sighted to be preparing to only take care of one’s self or family, it may be counter productive. Paul says in II Corinthians that we are part of the new creation (5:17). Shouldn’t our efforts be in helping that new creation, that compassionate community, become more of a reality each day? This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving ideal, at least what I was taught back in elementary school, is the coming together of different people even in times of distress, to build a new community. I’m thankful for all of you and all who are helping that come about.

November Volunteer Assignments

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Nursery Help</u>
3	T & B Farho	 T & P Vantine and Meitz 	C & J Gibson Meitz	Alspach
10	Bryer		Sunden Wright	Bryer
17	D & M Fisher		Gray Wright	Odar
24	Lebiecki		Wank Wright	Urban

Serving Communion

Please remember that only ordained elders and deacons should serve communion.

November 3

Brent Slezak
Sheryl Slezak
George Spengler
Jennifer Spengler
Dave Stasevich
Jackie Stasevich
Tom Stegink
Becky Stubbs
Ken Sunden

December 1

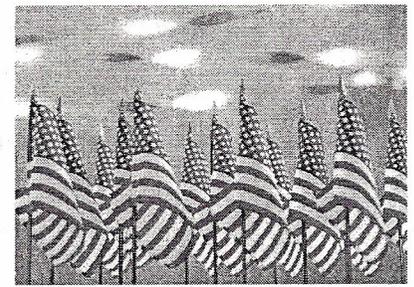
Christie Sutherland
Steve Sutherland
Ron Teall
Carol Thorne
Andee Trautman
Terry Vantine
Cheryl Wank
Darcy Wank
Donna Webb

January 5

Tunis Willemstyn
Jilisa Williams
Jerry Wittwer
Lib Wittwer
Irissa Wyckoff
Teresa Young
Phyllis Youse
Marilyn Alman
Andy Alspach

We rely on many members and friends to help Sundays run smoothly and be a good worship experience for those attending our church. If for some reason you are not able to help on the day originally selected, please find a replacement or someone to trade with, and let the church office know. The yearly list of volunteers can be found at www.fpcrich.com, under "Living the Faith", then "volunteer schedule". Or call Julie for a list of names. Thank you!

November 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4:00 Cub Scouts	2 Set your clocks BACK
3 9:45 Worship - Communion 11:10 Sunday School 12:00 Tribe at Ministry with Community	4 4:00 Care Team 6:00 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts 6:30 Choir Sing Mtg. 7:00 Kerygma	5 10:00 Connected Threads 1:30 Office Staff	6 1:00 Presbyterian Women Meeting	7 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Chancel Choir	8 4:00 Cub Scouts	9
10 9:45 Worship - 2 cents-a-meal 11:10 FORUM 11:10 Sunday School 12:00 Tribe Rake-n-Run	11 6:00 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts 7:00 Kerygma	12 10:00 Connected Threads 1:30 Office Staff	13 9:30 Flower Group in White Room 7:00 Session	14 9:00 Bible Study 6:00 Deacons 7:00 Chancel Choir	15 4:00 Cub Scouts	16
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24 9:45 Worship 11:10 Sunday School 12:00 Tribe Babysitting while parents Christmas shop. 5:00 Empty Chair Service	25 6:00 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts 7:00 Kerygma	26 10:00 Connected Threads 3:00 Office Staff	27 7:00 Chancel Choir	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> 	29 Be careful Black Friday Shoppers!!	30 9:00 Deacons Decorate the Church

10-24-2013 email from Deng

"The months are running by fast. It will be November next week. First I want to begin by giving you an update in Werkok and in Twic East County in Jonglei State. Werkok community lost three youth last Friday. The victims were killed by Murle men after Murle abducted an 11 year old girl in nearby village. The youth from Werkok were informed and they all went to the bush to ambush the Murle. The Murle were being followed by other youth while the youth from Werkok ambushed them along the road from hospital to Kapat, a village near to Werkok. The Murles fell in ambush around 12:45 pm, unfortunately they killed a youth leader from Werkok instantly. The other two youth were killed one hour later when they pursued the Murles after they had killed the first victim. No casualties from the attackers. The small girl was rescued in the second attack were they killed two youth. People from the hospital including me rushed to the scene where the first victim was killed and everybody was shocked. I reached the scene first and I couldn't believe what I saw. Among the victims was a friend of mind Deng Akar whom I have known since I came to Werkok in December 2011. Before he met his death, he visited patients in the hospital in the morning and he was killed later in the afternoon. Deng was one of my youth members in the local church. He was a youth leader both in church and in the community. All three victims were married and they left behind their kids and wives. The names of the deceased are: Deng Akar, Deng Manyok, and Khor Aguto. The community of Werkok has been mourning since Friday.

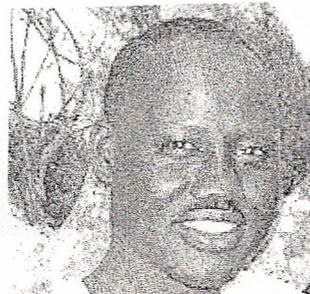
On Sunday morning, another attack occurred in Pakeer and Ajuong Payam in Twic East County, Jonglei State. The attackers were Murle tribesmen. Many people including children and elderly people were killed in this attack. 78 people are confirmed dead and 88 are seriously injured according to Monday's report. The number of the casualties and wounded have increased and it keeps rising as many victims are dying from their wounds both in the hospital and in the bush. Those who are critically wounded are taken to Juba and the rest of the victims are in Bor Civil hospital. Our hospital has not received patients from the attack.

The attackers confiscated more than 25,000 head of cattle; 24 children were abducted, many kids are missing, and the houses were burnt down. This incident has affected our community and I ask you to pray for the families of the victims. It is a great lost and we blame our government for these inhumane attacks where our people are being killed every day by Murle tribesmen. They have been killing people for decades and it is only God who can change their hearts from this senseless attacks. For more information regarding the recent attacks in Twic East County and Jonglei State, go to Sudan Tribune (www.sudantribune.com) and Gurtong website (www.gurtong.net). You can also Google it as well.

My contract is ending in six days. I will relocate in Bor after my contract with PCC. My job search is ongoing. I have applied for few positions and I am still waiting to hear from them. I will be probably be in Bor for the whole of month of November searching for a job. I have not decided when I am coming to the US and I will let you know later. I am still training the new administrator and, so far, he is acquainted with some of his roles. Can you please greet Dr. Youse and his wife for me. Tell Dr. Youse that I miss him and I am looking forward to see him on my dental appointment when I come to US this year or next year. Pass my greetings to Dr. Rev. Mark Jennings, Julie, our church, and the entire Richland community. Pray for my job search and pray for the families who lost the loved ones in recent attacks in Werkok and Twic East County."

Blessings,

Deng Alier





Christmas Party! Save The Date

The Membership and Fellowship committee cordially invites all adults to attend a Christmas Party held December 6th (Friday) at 6:00 in the Gull Prairie Room.

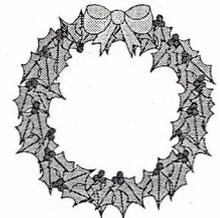
This is taking the place of our Progressive Dinner and we would like to try something new and entertaining! We will have a sign-up sheet in the Gull Prairie Room for hot and cold appetizers and desserts. Non-alcohol drinks will be provided.

We need entertainment for this evening. If you have a special talent you would like to share, please see Janet Fonger to be put on the program! Whether it be singing/music, reading a poem, or acting in a skit, we would love to have you!

This is our Christmas gathering and holiday themes are welcomed and encouraged! Those of you who would rather be in the audience only, can sit back, relax and enjoy this special evening of fellowship, food and fun!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY



Ministry with Community is busy preparing for their **14th Annual Underwear Open House**, coming up Monday, December 9th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lawrence Education Center, Borgess.

This event is extremely important, as they ask for donations of underwear, socks, long-underwear, t-shirts, hats, and gloves and scarves for their members (those they serve). In the past, they have collected up to 2 tons of clothing, which then gets dispersed on Christmas morning. This year MWC is asking for our help in spreading the word. Their goal is to collect even more clothing donations, which could last beyond the holiday season through the harsh winter months.

This event is free, with MWC only asking that everyone who comes bring a donation listed above! Live music, appetizers, beverages and good company await you! If you'd like to volunteer for this event, Willo Radgens would love to hear from you ~ 343-6073 x15.

**THIS CHURCH HAS A DONATION BOX BY JULIE'S OFFICE
TO COLLECT ANY AND ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE!**

Test Your Church Financial Knowledge

Multiple Choice:
As of 10/1/2013...

1: The church expenses are

- A) Under budget
- B) Roughly at budget pace
- C) Over Budget

2: The church income is

- A) Higher than budget
- B) Roughly at budget pace
- C) Significantly less than budget

3: The Church Income

- A) Is exceeding expenses
- B) Is roughly equal to expenses
- C) Is less than expenses

4: The building fund, in anticipation of "rainy day" maintenance expenses is currently

- A) More than \$34,000
- B) Roughly \$10,000
- C) Nearly a zero or negative balance

Here is the good news:

1: "A" is the correct answer. The session and staff has done an excellent job keeping expenses under control

2: Either "A" or "B" would be considered a correct answer. Our Income is slightly exceeding year to date projections. This is a great indicator of financial health of the church as the 4th quarter tends to be the strongest income month

3: "A" is the correct answer. With three quarters of the year complete, Income is greater than expenses.

4: "A" is the correct answer. This is very good news, especially give that we recently re-shingled parts of the church. Next year we will likely repair siding and paint the church.

The membership is upholding their commitment to support the church. Expenses are being held in check. We have sufficient funds on hand to support near term building maintenance.

When was the last time you felt this good after testing your financial knowledge?

Stewardship is coming

An interesting phenomenon has been happening within First Presbyterian Church of Richland in September and October. Church members have been asking when Stewardship Sunday is scheduled. Perhaps more correctly, we have been asked the two questions in close order:

“When is Stewardship Sunday?”

“Will we be having cider and doughnuts again?”

It is time to answer these important questions:

Stewardship Sunday is November 17th.

Yes, we will be serving Cider and Doughnuts.

Last year, we talked about the effort to build a more vibrant church, and committed to work within a budget that membership contributions defined. The Session has upheld this commitment. The result has been that we can talk about finances less and talk about being a church more.

This year, we will discuss the next steps. In 2014 we can confidently take steps to better serve membership and better realize the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Richland.

Dave Butler kicked off the Stewardship campaign 10/27. On November 3, we will have another Stewardship message. On November 10, we will have a Stewardship message and hand out materials to review in preparation for Stewardship Sunday. On November 17--we join together and pledge our support for the coming year.

The finance committee is thankful to the membership for your steady support of the church. We are also thankful to the session, committees and staff for the discipline and commitment demonstrated to stay within budget. We understand this is the result of a team effort. Thanks and congratulations to all.

Adult Christian Education

November brings two Very Special Sessions
Both in the Gull Prairie Room, after worship.

November 10: Congregational Forum

Meet the new church staff, hear what your Session committees have been up to, and ask questions of staff and Session members.

November 17: Guest Speaker!

Family and Children Services <http://www.fcsource.org/>

(We will also have "Regular" Adult Sunday School in the conference room downstairs on November 3 & 24.)

Presbyterian Women News

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers, donors and shoppers for a successful fall Rummage Sale. Nearly \$3,800 was raised for PW Missions and budget. As you know, our yearly Mission budget includes support for our brother Deng Thon (Samuel) Alier as he continues his ministry in South Sudan, and the many local agencies we support such as the Open Door / Next Door Shelters, the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, Ministry with Community, Richland Food Pantry, and several others. We are very thankful for the support our church family and the community gives us for this project. If you didn't have an opportunity to help with this sale mark your calendar for April 29 to May 3, 2014 and plan to help with the spring sale.



If you can get online, please fill out a very short survey that the Presbytery of Lake Michigan has asked all of its churches to participate. It's called "The Thriving Congregations Assessment". The survey will help our elders, deacons, and church leadership assess the strengths of our ministry. We only have until November 4th, so please hurry along!

The site is <http://www.polarityassessment.com/pmap/?p=2605>





Presbyterian Women

*PW meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the church,
The next meeting is November 6th. The following meeting is December 4th.
EVERY WOMAN is welcome.*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The General Epistles

We meet every third Tuesday at
9:00 a.m. OR 7:00 p.m.
We welcome any to join us!



THANK OFFERING

The **Thank Offering** began in 1888 when Eliza Clokey, of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "**thank offering** to her Lord." A day was set aside for meetings that were to be a "concert of prayer and praise and the gathering of the **Thank Offering**." The gifts presented at those meetings represented much soul-searching and self-sacrifice on the part of many women. The impact was immeasurable. It has been said that women's giving saved the worldwide missionary movement at that time. The thrust of how and where the money was used changed over the years, but a "**thank offering** to her Lord" continued to be an important part of women's giving by United Presbyterian Women. This expression of thanksgiving now is an important part of Presbyterian Women.

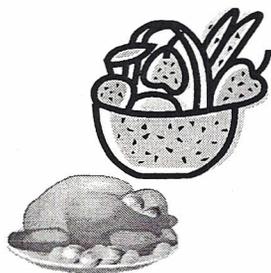
At least 40% of the **Thank Offering** receipts are allocated for health ministries. These funds are sent to hospitals and community health programs that place priority in helping the most needy members of God's family. The remainder of the offering is used to fund proposals that deal with issues such as child care, the elderly, violence, hopelessness and injustice.

You will find a **Thank Offering** envelope included with this issue of the *MISSIVE*. We will be receiving the offerings during the church service on November 17, or you can turn them into the church office.



PW PURPOSE: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

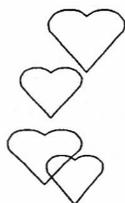
This and That...



The Food Pantry is taking donations of TURKEYS!!
We plan on having 20 Thanksgiving baskets this year and will happily accept a bird of YOURS! Any other Thanksgiving type food is welcome too!

Hands of God Ministry

Hands of God is a ministry of the Gull Lake Area Community Church, offering gently used clothing, toys and household goods at no charge to people who find themselves in need of a helping hand. We invite you to donate items to help us continue this important ministry. Seasonally appropriate clothing is most appreciated and children's and men's sizes are in greatest need. Donations may be dropped off at the Distribution Center located at 9292 East CD Avenue, Richland, during open hours: every Monday and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am to noon. Hands-on opportunities to get involved with this ministry include staffing the center and special community distributions as well as sorting donations. Please ask your Missions Committee for a Hands of God brochure.



Check out the church's very new website at www.fpcrich.com. It is lovingly a work in progress for me, with tons of updates to do, but I think it's going to be good for us. I'd like to hear what YOU think! :) Julie



FOOD
PANTRY
CORNER



ANY THANKSGIVING FOOD,
Shampoo and Conditioner, Soap, DO, Toothpaste,
Laundry Soap and Fabric Softener, Feminine Products,
Razors, Shaving Cream, etc. etc.

...This and That...

Thank you to Pastor Mark and all who have continued to visit mom and send cards all these months. She feels the warmth of your love even when she can't say so, and we are uplifted by your caring and concern. Mom's church family continues to be a blessing to all of us.

Grace and peace,
The family of Mildred Pyle



Thank you to everyone in my church family for the cards, flowers, visits, but most of all for the prayers. I feel them! I'm home and comfortable, and doing very well. I would still love getting notes and cards. It means so much.

Very appreciatively, Laurie Geer



Mitten Tree

Our **MITTEN TREE** will be going up November 17th!! It will sit in the Fireplace Room, just waiting to completely fill up with new or homemade hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves. It is so sad to say, but the items from our Mitten Tree may be the only Christmas gifts some children will receive. Family & Children's Services will be needing the items by December 16. Thank you very much for contributing to this very worthwhile mission!

WASSAILING

Keep in mind that Wassailing is happening in Richland, Thursday, **December 5th!**

The Membership & Fellowship Committee will once again be hosting this most welcoming community event with YUMMY wassail (hot cider) and DELICIOUS doughnuts!!

5:30 to 8:00 (although we can't guarantee how long the goodies will last!)

Come visit us, look over the Alternative Gift Market in the GPR, see what the scouts and the school are offering, or just come in from the cold and hear our spectacular Chancel Choir rehearse! Everyone is very welcome!



Can you help?

A friend of Carol Thorne's will be in need of a driver to take to appointments, store, haircut, etc., one or two days a week, a few hours each day. Please call Carol, 664-6120, if this paid opportunity sounds like something you'd be interested in.



My thanks to all those who've volunteered to help with coffee, ushering, and Panera Bread! We truly have wonderful friends!

Here's what we still need ~

Coffee: 12/29/13, two people

Friday Panera pick-up: 12/27/13, 1/3, 1/24, 1/31, 2/28

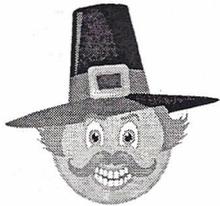
Ushering for a month:

Jan - 1 person	Aug - 4
Mar - 2	Sep - 1
Apr - 2	Nov - 2
Jun - 1	Dec - 4

And more substitutes for ushering/coffee!

*Parents and friends, please remember to sign up for Tribe lunches!!
We need to feed these wonderful kids before they go out and have FUN!!*

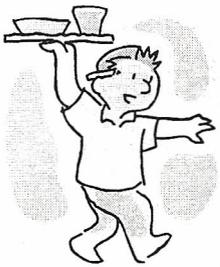
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Tribe



6th-8th Junior High 9th-12th Senior High



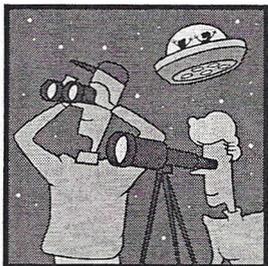
UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, TRIBE BEGINS
AT 12:00 WITH LUNCH AT THE CHURCH.

Nov. 3 Ministry with Community ~ serving lunch

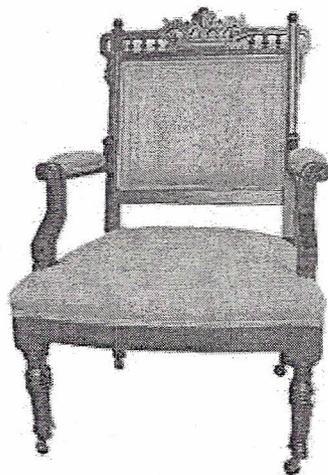
Nov. 10 Rake-n-Run

Nov. 17 Stargazing ~ After dark

Nov. 24 Babysitting for Christmas shoppers!



Empty Chair Service



A tribute and memorial for our loved ones who have passed from our presence

It is part of the human condition that those we love will eventually die and go to be with God, but it is also part of the human heart that we will miss them when they are gone from our sight. It is especially hard around the time of Thanksgiving and Christmas, when we gather with many special people, but one who has passed on is not there and it feels like our holiday table has an empty place. When we set up the chairs or put out the place settings we feel that stab of pain when we realize that our loved one won't be there.

On Sunday, November 24th, at 5:00, the church will have an Empty Chair Service. This service is a time to recognize, remember, and pay tribute to our loved ones that we miss most poignantly this time of year. You are invited to come, as are your family and friends, and remember the ones in your life that you miss, and to proclaim our faith in the one who promises us all a seat at that great banquet when we feast with Him in glory. It will be a quiet service of readings and hymns, candle-lighting and remembrance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mark. We hope it will be a meaningful way to start the Advent season.

Sparky Stravinsky

So, I've been listening to the music of Igor Stravinsky (1882~1971), a Magnitude One composer of major importance and influence. I like Igor Stravinsky because he strikes me as such a deeply authentic human being, and despite the fact that he never spilled a drop of ink for the pipe organ, tsk-tsk.

Great composers are often ahead of the rest of us, and it takes us a while to catch up. In my case, understanding was heightened by Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, in one of his educational programs, thanks for its loan to my friend and this church's brass-playing friend, Mike McMinn.

Having brushes, even very indirect ones, with people who have made a real mark in the field of music is something that has always struck me:

As it happens, Stravinsky's fellow Russian, Serge Koussevitzky, who, as music director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, built that group into a top-rate ensemble, and who furthermore developed its summer concert and educational programs at Tanglewood that still thrive today, was also Igor Stravinsky's publisher and cheerleader. Koussevitzky himself was an extraordinary music man. I was familiar with his name even as a fledgling teenage music student. I gasped when I learned my keyboard teacher, who himself had quite a musical pedigree, knew him through his brother, a California physician, who was Koussevitzky's doctor when the maestro was on the West Coast. Small world.

Stravinsky was largely a secular man-of-the-world, but he rediscovered faith in midlife, and being Russian (though he became a U.S. citizen), he was naturally Russian Orthodox. While he began to take matters of faith more seriously, he still relished certain of his lifelong indulgences, especially those for cigarettes and Scotch. Even at the august age of 80, having been invited to a state dinner at the Kennedy White House, which he attended though he detested such formal affairs, he had to be helped out early because he simply drank too deeply of the soothing waters;

perhaps his own personal comment on the occasion.

Alas, Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms* is a faith centered work, but one also of serious musical depth. The words sung by the chorus are all from the Psalms, hence the title.

The modal scales of the opening movement evoke liturgy, though Stravinsky confessed not to be conscious of this while composing the work: "I was not aware of Phrygian modes, Gregorian chants ... or anything else of the sort while composing this music." The presence of the chorus, however, creates an ambience ideal for presenting the Psalms, e.g., Psalm 39:

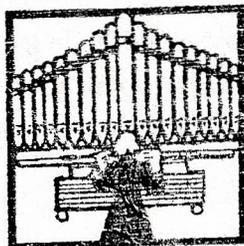
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with Thine ears consider my calling: hold not Thy peace at my tears.

The second movement, taking its text from Psalm 40, is a double fugue, a complex musical structure based on polyphony used widely in the Western Church in the Renaissance and Baroque periods, thus advancing the liturgical aura of the symphony. The first fugue theme is based on the four-note ostinato cell heard in the first movement. This is one of the hallmarks of a great composer where throughout their work there is a certain economy, so that great structures rise up from tiny seeds and where variety in unity and unity in variety is evidenced throughout.

I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

The third movement is a setting of Psalm 150 and Stravinsky says the music was inspired by a vision of Elijah's chariot climbing the heavens. "Never before had I written anything quite so literal as the triplets for horns and piano to suggest the horses and chariot."

I think you might like, I mean really like, the music of Igor Stravinsky. By listening to it you can also get a handle on just what authentic contemporary music is about. Give him a shot on YouTube. You can't beat the price.



IDENTITY OF MRS. READ REVEALED

The Mrs. Read that the Rev. Milton Bradley mentioned in his letter that I quoted in the September *Missive* turns out to be Dorothy Seelye's grandmother, Ruby Read, (Mrs. E. G. Read.) She told me that her grandmother had been the Librarian. She also said that her Great-Aunt Caroline Read (Mrs. George F.) was also active in the Ladies' Library Association.

The Minutes of the Ladies' Library Association are preserved at the Richland Community Library. The Association was organized on December 3, 1880. The Constitution and By-Laws are handwritten. They elected the usual officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, along with a Board of five Directors. They also elected a Collector and Librarian. Mrs. E. G. Read signed this document. The annual dues were fifty cents. Yes, they elected a Librarian from among their members. This lady often served for 3 months to 6 months at a time.

Ruby Read's name (always written with her husband's initials) is prominent in the Minutes. She was President in 1889--1892. She was voted in as a Director in 1883, 1886--1888, 1892, then 1894--1896. She served several times as Librarian (in 1886 for the month of October), in 1890 and for 1895--1896 and again in 1898. (She was paid 25 cents per day.) So she was Librarian during 1895 when Rev. Bradley wrote the letter mentioning her. In March, 1881 the Rev. Milton Bradley was granted an Honorary Membership to the Ladies' Library Association.

The Secretary's report for the year 1881 states that they had an active membership of 57, with 159 volumes in the Library. Where did they meet? The Presbyterian Chapel and the Town Hall are mentioned for "Socials and Lectures." Otherwise I think that they must have met in homes. Mrs. E. G. Read is mentioned as one of the hostesses.

On April 4, 1887 the question of locating the Library came up for discussion. "Mr. Barnes kindly offered the use of one of his rooms (in his home) to be used as the Library. This offer was accepted, and "by vote it was decided to have the room cleaned and get settled therein before the next meeting." Later they bought a table and a lamp for the room. The Library was to be open on Saturdays only, from 1 to 7 p.m.

On January 2, 1892 a meeting was held for the purpose of the Incorporation of the Ladies' Library Association under the laws of the State of Michigan. Mrs. E. G. Read signed the papers as President of the Association. (She was often on a committee to purchase books or to take care of other business.)

By June of 1894 "it was thought best to call a special meeting to discuss the question of procuring a building for the Library." In October 1895 a committee was formed to inquire of Mr. George Knappen if he was willing to sell his building to the Library Association. In January 1896 the Ladies Library Association bought this bank building from Mr. Knappen for \$325.

Where was this bank? Dorothy Seelye says it was the small building now housing Treat Street, an extension of Liz' Parkview Café on East "D" Avenue, across from the Village Park. I will continue the history of the library buildings in later *Missives*.

Carolyn Curtis
November 2013 *Missive*



Jan Peterson and her
mother, Beverly Pierce.

Connected Threads

Connected Threads meets on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. People in the group come together for needlework, conversation, and friendship. One of their missions is to make hats, scarves and mittens for our Mitten Tree at Christmas. The group had a little extra help this year.

They received a donation of 15 scarves, 8 hats and a prayer shawl; all hand crocheted by Beverly Pierce who is Jan Petersen's mother. Beverly lost her husband in April of 2012 and has also had many major health problems in the past year and a half. None of those losses have stopped her from using her skills to crochet the beautiful scarves and hats you can see in the picture and around our Mitten Tree in the hallway to the Gull Prairie Room. Some of the scarves and hats may also go to help Barb Monk's efforts with the Salvation Army.

All of the scarves, hats and mittens made by the Connected Threads members and their helpers like Beverly will keep many people warm and the colors and textures will hopefully delight their spirits. The efforts of the group and the help they received from Beverly have made an important contribution to our mission of helping others and showing Christ's love.

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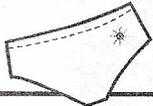
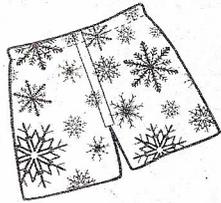
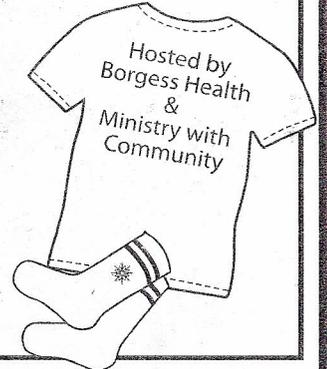
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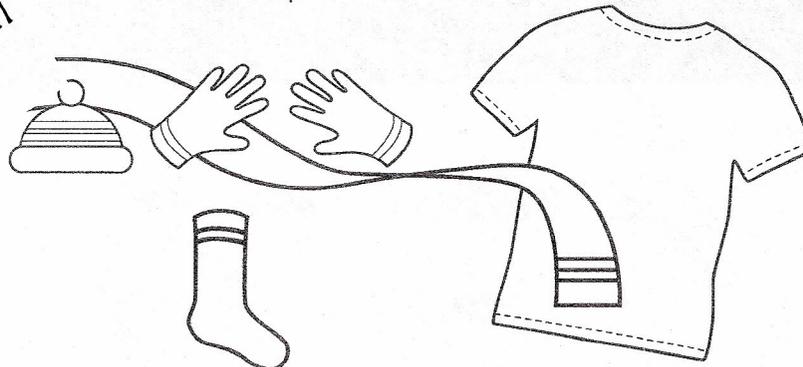
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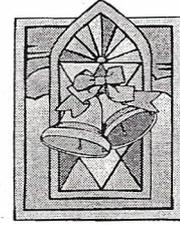
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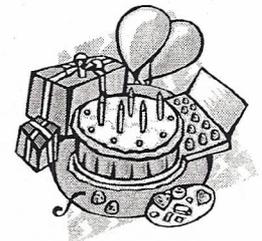


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| 13 Dick Chormann | 27 Janet Kelly |
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