

Stated Session Meeting First Presbyterian Church of Normal, IL  
Nov. 15, 2006 6:30 P.M. Church Lounge  
Co-pastors: Rev. James G. Bell. Rev. Larry Gaylord (SUPPER)

<u>Class of 2007</u>	<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>
Jim Bouas	Phil Eaton	Sheila Allen
Judy Lindsay	Rob Kelley	Darren Brant
Cathy Rinehart	Kathy Tosh, Excused	Mike Breitner
John Tuttle		Mons Schrantz
Lloyd Wiesemann		Sandy Theile
Margaret Wolf, Clerk	Carolyn Markwood, Youth	Lynn Litwiller, Treasurer

**Moderator** Rev. Larry Gaylord called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Elder Kathy Tosh was excused.

**Devotions and Opening Prayer** were led by Judy Lindsay. Her theme was  
“Encouragement is a Gift.”

Rev. Gaylord offered sympathy to Clerk Margaret Wolf on the recent death of her husband, George.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Balance. Net Operating Total through Oct. \$ **175.08**. Treasurer Lynn Litwiller said she will recheck some figures in the “Offerings” section. Based on this a motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

**Co-Pastors’ Reports** Rev. Bell & Rev. Gaylord attended PRESBYTERY. Tuesday, Nov 14, 2005. Rev. Bell reported that the Presbytery is moving to a new office and has a new Moderator.

7:30 - Welcome New Members: **Ryan Michelle Mousty** and **Jeffrey Craig Mousty** were presented by Rev. Gaylord for membership. After answering the appropriate questions, a motion was made, seconded and carried to receive them to the church. They come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Ryan had been a member of her childhood Presbyterian church in Woodstock and Jeff was an active youth at Arcadia United Presbyterian Church in Peoria.

**Clerk’s Report** Margaret Wolf

Approval of Oct. 25 Session Meeting Minutes

Approval of Special Nov. 1 Session Meeting Minutes

Approval of Committee Minutes: Adult Christian Ed 10/30/06;

Membership/Outreach 11/06/06 (*Note Committee Chair Changes: New Membership Chair: John Tuttle; Personnel: Rob Kelley.*)

Worship Committee 11/08/06; Mission 11/08/06.

Assimilation Team 10/30/06; Property 11/06. Nominating, 11/08/06

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the above minutes.

Communions – 2 Both Worships. Nov. 5

Home Communions

Marriages

Baptisms

Deaths – 1 George W. Wolf October 31, 2006 Current Membership **553**

**(Membership reflects the inclusion of Ryan and Jeffrey.)**

Memorial Services – 1 George Wolf by Rev. Larry Gaylord. Sanctuary 11/3.

## Old Business

Stewardship Report – Judy Lindsay.

After hearing Judy's report, it was decided we should meet again at a special meeting on Dec. 6 to review the total PLEDGES. To date around 200 pledges are in for \$627,247 – short \$268,269.

This could be reduced to being only \$104,269 short.

Committees are to begin seeing where they can cut budgets.

Rev. Gaylord thanked Judy for all of her very hard work.

**It was agreed we need a Confidential Session.**

Presbytery – “Come to the Sangamon River” – Mike Breitner

Mike offered his reflections on the Presbytery retreat. Former

Elder Bob Hunt was recognized there for his Peacemaking efforts.

## New Business

Request for Offering at/for Jesus House Choir – November 26-

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to allow this offering.

Request for Communion – Adult Ed Class – ‘Just Eating” Cathy Rinehart.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve this.

Nominating Committee Report – Sheila Allen

To date the committee has yet to have two candidates for our Class of 2008 vacancies.

Believer's Bay Hour for Adults - Sandy Theile. To be led Dec. 3, 2006.

Sandy's hope is to have parents of students be in her class.

Her vision is to offer it once a month on an “experimental” basis.

The theme Dec. 3 is “Putting Christ Into Christmas.”

The Lenten Study will be “Friendship First – with Jesus and Each Other.”

Worship Committee – Mons Schrantz distributed Communion formats

For the 8:30 services. Communion is the first Sunday of the month.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to have the Christmas

**Joy Offering** ( a program of the Presbyterian Church, USA ).

After the Budget is set, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) will

take action – then make their proposal to Presbytery.

Assimilation Team Report - Rob Kelley. There is a need to ENERGIZE

SERVANTHOOD from new and long time members! A six week

New Member Class will be offered.

Dates to Remember: **SESSION MEETING. Sun. Jan. 14 - To receive new members.**

**Next Regular Session Meeting – December 20, 2006, 7:00 P.M.**

Jim Bouas will lead devotions.

A NEW Budget will be reviewed.

**Called Session Meeting – Dec. 6, 7:00 for Stewardship Report.**

**Dates to Remember:** Dec. 3 - Hanging of the Greens with Potluck and Worship.

Dec. 22 - Organ Recital by Phil Enge; then the Taize Service.

**Joys and Concerns:** Rev. Susan Ballard Sheperd and Rev. Jack Porter.

**Good luck to Rev. Bell for his Six Month Mission Sabbatical Dec.1/06- May 31/07.**

**Rev. Bell closed the meeting with prayer.**