BY THE WAY...

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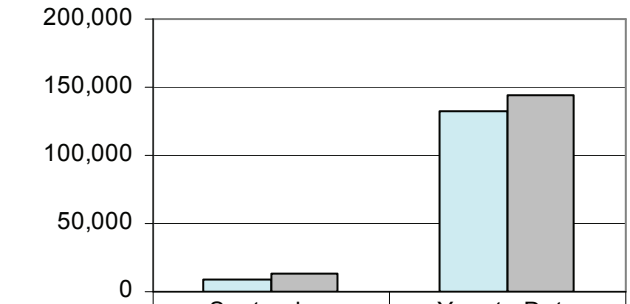
From the Pastor

We have exciting things ahead in November as our Consecration Sunday Team leads us all to consider our faithful expression to God's blessings. We have much to be thankful for as a church, and we each know, intimately and personally, how God has provided just the right blessings, at just the right times. I look forward to a resounding voice of gratitude to God coming out of this church that I love, that has such a generous and caring heart.

One of the recommendations offered by our stewardship program — New Consecration Sunday — is that folks be invited to give in one, unified direction. In light of this, the Session has decided it will no longer separate pledges to the operating budget from pledges to our mortgage reduction. They will be rejoined together under one "umbrella". As we are invited to estimate our giving to the church for next year, we will all make just one estimate, to the church, which will include the church program, its mission, and paying off our mortgage on our sanctuary building. If you have been giving to our mortgage reduction and operation budget this year, consider them as one combined gift in your contributions for 2012. If you have not been giving regularly to the mortgage fund this year, consider that that expense will be a portion of the ministry and mission we will support with our contributions in 2012.

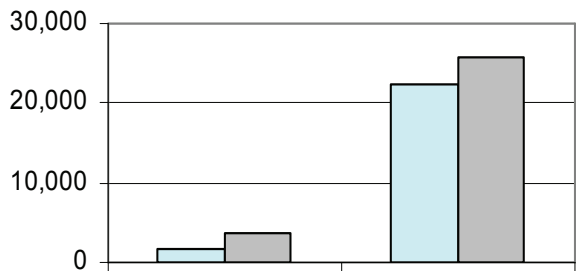
May God continue to bless us richly in the coming year. And may The Holy Way Presbyterian Church continue to proclaim its commitment to serve the Lord by giving cheerfully and generously in the year ahead.

Operating Budget



	Spetember	Year-to-Date
Income	9,551	132,181
Expenses	13,376	143,524

Monthly Mortgage Report



	July	Year-to-Date
Receipts	1,716	22,343
Payments	3,576	25,793

General Fund Receipts 2011
(As of September 30)

Pledged	73,492
Unpledged	56,527
Other	2,163

Mortgage Balance Remaining
September — 246,423

20 Year Mortgage to be paid off by
May 2019

Something to Think About…

Stewardship is part of our worship of God.

Advent Devotions

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Our dynamic duo—Julia Much and Cuyler Diggs — have created another inspiring advent devotional that will be available by mid-November. Thank you, Cuyler and Julia!

Announcements

The church office will be closed on November 24 and 28 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Ken Penwell has moved to a care facility closer to his family. His new address is:

c/o Absaroka Senior Living
22401 Cougar Ave., Apt. 28
Cody, WY 82414

NOVEMBER'S ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Phyllis Hyldburg	11-11
Bob & Judy Pillsbury	11-24
Dave & Ruth Bush	11-28
Willie & Wendy Mattias	11-30

Upcoming Meals

Our Men's Breakfast group will meet at 8 a.m. at Jerry Bob's in the Tucson Spectrum Plaza off Irvington Rd. on November 3 and November 17. All men are invited to join for a meal and fellowship!

The Presbyterian Women will meet for their monthly luncheon in the Ranch House on Sunday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to join us for a nice meal as we discuss our plans for the upcoming year.

This year's Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. Please sign up to join us for this annual tradition of giving thanks together. If you can bring a dish to share, please do! There is a sign-up sheet in the Ranch House where you can indicate what you wish to bring (please make sure it can serve 8 people) .

And last but not least, we will have our Lunch & Games gathering on Wednesday, November 30, at 12 noon. Get signed up and come enjoy a delicious lunch and stick around as we play cards or some

NOVEMBER'S

BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Lake	11-1
Gerry Pearson	11-4
Bob Munns	11-15
Helen Denman	11-19
Luke Veninga	11-19
Marcus Mattias Jr.	11-20
Margaret Ritenburgh	11-22
Mary Cottrell	11-23
Arlene Olmstead	11-28
Betty Irons	11-29
Bob Reihl	11-30

December Rummage Sale

We will have a Rummage Sale on Saturday, December 3! Come prepared to find a great deal or get some goodies for your holiday gifts. If you have items you would like to donate please contact Gwen Schroyer or bring them by during office hours. Receipts for tax deductable donations are available! We appreciate your support.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 am Bible Study 10 am Consecration Sunday Team Meeting 5:30 pm Church Leaders Dinner 6 pm Alanon	***2*** 9 am Prayer Group 9 am Handbells 10 am Chancel Choir 7 pm AA Meeting	***3*** 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Jerry Bob's. 5:30 pm AA Meeting	***4*** Craft Guild on Hiatus	***5***
6 Communion & FBS 9:30 am Worship & SS 11 am Ladies Luncheon 6 pm Alateen/ Alanon	***7***	***8*** 9 am Bible Study 4 pm Deacons Meeting 6 pm Alanon	***9*** 9 am Prayer Group 9 am Handbells 10 am Chancel Choir 7 pm AA Meeting	***10*** 5:30 pm AA Meeting	***11*** Craft Guild on Hiatus	***12***
***13* New Consecration Sunday** 9:30 am Worship & SS 11 am Celebration Lunch 6 pm Alateen/ Alanon	***14***	***15*** 9 am Bible Study 12 noon Articles for Newsletter Due 6 pm Session 6 pm Alanon	***16*** 9 am Prayer Group 9 am Handbells 10 am Chancel Choir 11:15 am Worship Committee Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting	***17*** 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Jerry Bob's 5:30 pm AA Meeting	***18*** Craft Guild on Hiatus	***19***
20 9:30 am Worship & SS 6 pm Alateen/ Alanon	***21***	***22*** 9 am Bible Study 6 pm Alanon	***23*** 9 am Prayer Group 9 am Handbells 10 am Chancel Choir 7 pm AA Meeting	***24*** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** 1pm Thanksgiving Dinner *Office Closed* 5:30 pm AA Meeting	***25*** Craft Guild on Hiatus	***26***
27 9:30 am Worship & SS 6 pm Alateen/ Alanon	***28*** *Office Closed*	***29*** 9 am Bible Study 6 pm Alanon	***30*** 9 am Prayer Group 9 am Handbells 10 am Chancel Choir 12 noon Lunch & Games 7 pm AA Meeting			

Consecration Sunday is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church as merely a way to pay bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principals of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 13, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a fashion that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as an act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Consecration Sunday Chairperson,

Cuyler Diggs
Holy Way Presbyterian Church

Stated Session Meeting – September 19, 2011

Deacons Report: Don Schroyer
The Deacons met on September 13th after a summer hiatus. Discussion took place on a variety of subjects, including recent donation to the Three Points Food Bank, ushers/greeters/Communion, worship assistants and the Prayer Shawl project. Suggestion for communion servers were to have the Communion preparation completed sooner and have the Communion servers in their designated seats prior to the worship service starting.

Serving Communion instructions were distributed to all Session members and will be given to Communion Servers as needed.

✝ Pastor's Report: Ray Thomas

1. Memorial service for Howard Higby was held at Holy Way on September 3rd.
2. Memorial service for former member Dorothy Ash was held on August 25th.
3. Alan Stevens has been hired as our Director of Music, beginning on September 1st.
4. Ray will be attending the Board of Pensions pre-retirement seminar, "Growing into Tomorrow…Today", September 27th & 28th, at Christ Presbyterian Church in Tucson.
5. Taught Communion class to four young people (Connor Barton, Marcus Mattias, Maggie Morris and Dylan Rudd) on Sunday, September 4th.
6. Invited International Peacemakers, Brenda Trinidad Espitia and David Thomas, both peacemakers in Mexico, to come to Holy Way on Sunday, October 9th, to preach and lead discussion after worship.
7. Membership Exploration gathering on Sunday, October 2nd, after worship.
8. Approve vacation dates: November 22nd-28th, December 26th-30th. *Dearwyn Knittel made a motion to accept this request,* ***s/p.***

✝Building & Grounds: Daryl Betts/Larry LaCroix:
Excessive rainstorms have caused numerous leaks in the Ranch House roof. A bid was received to seal the entire roof at a cost of $975. *A motion was made by Daryl Betts to take no more than $1,000 out of the Capital Facilities Fund to pay for this repair,* ***s/p.***

✝Christian Education: Wendy Mattias/Andy Thomas
The Sunday School kick-off on September 11th was a success with a pancake breakfast. The can collection is still bringing in good revenue for the Ark project

✝Congregational Life:
On August 10th a sparerib dinner was prepared and served by Denmans and Stowells to twenty-seven people. $194 was collected, with a cost of $40, netting $154. On August 24th Char Bowring prepared and served a taco salad lunch to twelve people. A total of $60 was collected. Eleven people stayed to play Mahjong and marbles

✝Finance/Stewardship: Dearwyn Knittel/Charlotte Venekamp
The Stewardship Committee met on September 13th with a new program introduced – "New Consecration Sunday". This program would give us a new spin on our Stewardship campaign and has been successful in many other churches that have implemented it. One of the suggestions is to include the mortgage in the Operating Budget, making just one request for pledges, rather than a separate one for the mortgage as we now do. A request was made by Daryl Betts to table this suggestion until the October meeting. *A motion was made by Dearwyn Knittel to implement this new program, with the joining of the mortgage and the Operating Budget suggestion tabled to October,* ***s/p.***

✝Memorial Garden Committee: Le VanScoyk
Session members again discussed the placement of a Memorial Garden on the grounds of Holy Way, with reserve to the ethnic effect it might have. Lucinda Hughes-Juan has volunteered a relative to speak to this concern to the committee. Ray Thomas will be checking on the county zoning of such a venture, as well as contacting Funeral Homes for their advice.

Note: Session Minutes in their entirety are posted on the bulletin board in the Ranch House.

The Ultimate Challenge $5,000

What's in a Gift Ark?

2 CAMELS
to help families in Tanzania transport water and earn income

2 PIGS
to help families in the Dominican Republic attain greater self-reliance

2 COWS
to bring milk and income to families in Kosovo

2 TRIOS OF RABBITS
to provide food and income to families in Vietnam

2 WATER BUFFALO
to help families in the Philippines increase rice production through animal draft power

2 DONKEYS
to supply animal draft power to families in Zimbabwe

2 TRIOS OF GUINEA PIGS
to help families in Peru add protein to their diets and earn income

2 BEEHIVES
to help families in Mexico earn money through the sale of honey and beeswax

2 TRIOS OF DUCKS
to help families in Thailand generate income through the sale of eggs and birds

2 SHEEP
to help families in the United States produce wool

2 LLAMAS/ALPACAS
to improve livestock bloodlines and produce wool for families in Bolivia

2 FLOCKS OF CHICKS
to help families in Cambodia improve nutrition and replenish their land

2 OXEN
to families in Cameroon to help pull plows and carts

2 GOATS
to help families in Poland provide milk for their children and earn extra income

2 FLOCKS OF GEESE
to help families in China better their nutrition and income through the production of eggs and meat

A gift to Heifer International is an extraordinary opportunity for you to change the world.

To help the greatest number of families move toward self-reliance, Heifer does not use its limited resources to track individual animals from donation to distribution to specific families. Instead, your gift supports the entire Heifer Mission. We use your gift where it can do the most good by combining it with the gifts of others to help transform entire communities. Heifer's unique community development model assisted more than 287,000 families last year with gifts of animals, training and passing on the gift. In addition, members of more than 423,000 additional families received special training in sustainable farming techniques and another 812,000 received significant benefits indirectly. Heifer International is a 501(c)(3) organization.