

Crossroads

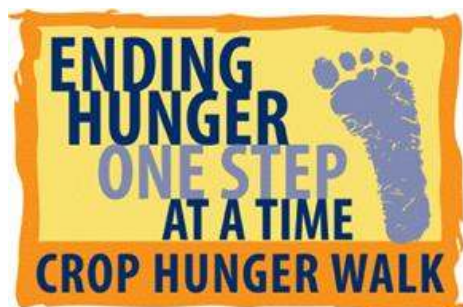
The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Green Bay

October 2010

Where God's Dream is Alive

Crop Walk

Join us for the 2010 Crop Walk
October 2nd



Each year some two million CROP Hunger Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world and in their own communities.

And you can help!

Sign up in the CE office and walk as an individual or a family! Bring your pets! If you can't make the date but still want to help, our confirmation class will be accepting donations!

The walk starts at 9:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. There will be two separate routes to walk, a 30 minute and a 60 minute.

More information is available at www.churchworldservice.org!



A Call to Connect

First Presbyterian Church of Neenah presents 'A Call to Connect' on **Saturday, October 9!**

This day of retreat for women will feature author and life coach, Dr. Robin Chaddock, as keynote speaker. This witty, insightful Indiana mom speaks across the country on topics such as "Reclaiming Your Deck Chair on the S.S. Sanity," "You Are God's Gift for Others," and "Advent or Advil? What Do YOU Want for Christmas?"

The day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and includes free child care, a delicious Zuppas buffet lunch, recognition of this year's honorary Presbyterian Women member and a breakout session of your choice (tai chi, book chat, mission projects) — all for only \$10!

www.firstpresneenah.org for registration information.



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Fall Presbytery Camp

It's time again for Presbytery Camp!
October 27th at 7pm thru October 30th
at 2pm

BUILDING UP and TEARING
DOWN

We're welcoming back Hans Peterson of Dakota Road Music as our keynote speaker and musician.



ACTIVITIES:

Large group exploring through music and fun

Build strong bonds in small group active exploration

Crafts, Games, Movies and more!

Free time

Worship

...and back by popular demand a
HABITAT SHED BUILD

COST: \$125/camper

Location: Wisconsin Lions Camp
Rosholt WI

Dates: 10/27/10 – 10/30/10

Registration Deadline: October 15, 2010

All the details @

www.winnebagopresbytery.org

Come for the Fun, Come to Learn and
Come to make new Friends!

A Note from Pastor Randy

October 24 is Stewardship Sunday. On October 10, or shortly thereafter, you will receive a narrative budget and a commitment card. We are asking you to bring your commitment card to worship on October 24 and stay for *hors oeuvres* during our fellowship time.

One of the stewardship books I have been reading suggests that we need to understand the metaphor of our own congregation in order to have an effective stewardship program. Pastors who were interviewed in the book responded in different ways when searching for a metaphor for their own churches: an old shoe, a treadmill, a hostel by the side of the road, a candle burning quietly sometimes intense, a cup of designer coffee with lightning bolts coming out of it, and a bank.

I must say that none of these would have occurred to me to describe First Presbyterian Church. What is the metaphor for our church? What do



we stand for? What are we called to do? What do we accomplish through the gifts you provide? These are all important questions. I suggest you try to answer them for yourself as you prepare to make your financial commitment for 2011.

Peace to you,
Pastor Randy

Be sure to check out [Pastor Randy's Blog](#) for weekly updates and sermons!!



Church Life

Congratulations: New Baby

Phil and Sue Mikulsky upon the birth of a granddaughter **Ava Taylor** born August 19 to **Jon & Kim Mikulsky**

Tracie Varner upon the birth of a granddaughter **Jade**, born September 19



New Address:

Gene and Jill Stenson

480 McAuliffe Heights Trail,

Green Bay, WI 54311

phone 920-246-1061

New Email:

Amy Wittman

(Check the church office)

Mission Statement

To fulfill God's plan

To know, love, and **serve** God
To **welcome**, spiritually **enrich**,
and love one another.

Vision Statement

We extend a warm and friendly spiritual environment that encourages and empowers people to **worship and serve God**. We live and *change with contemporary issues* while *maintaining traditional values, ethics, and Presbyterian practices*.

We are guided and sustained by God as we follow a flexible strategic plan that addresses growth, simplifies and prioritizes our objectives, and facilitates a vibrant ministry.

Through our ministry we:

- ◆ Serve, lead, and live a lifestyle of Christian discipleship.
- ◆ Engage in local, national, and global mission & social concerns.
- ◆ Offer Christian education and fellowship opportunities where *all* feel a sense of belonging.
- ◆ Provide a sanctuary to rest, be restored, and be nourished during these busy and turbulent times.

We are a **community of faith** where *diversity* is celebrated, individual *spirituality* is strengthened, *cooperation* is the common good, and *understanding* and *love* of one another is paramount.

Newsletter Deadline!

The deadline is **October 25!** Please submit your articles to Jodie Harmsen or place them in the newsletter mailbox in the workroom.

Contributors for this issue are Ann Argall, Dennis Siewert, David Wilson, Pastor Randy, Leah Mott, Megan Jurrens and Linda Cigler. Thank you!

Finance – Estate Planning

An estate plan is a very personal document that reflects your goals and determines the distribution of the assets God has entrusted to you.

In the estate planning process, you must make decisions concerning relationships, charitable goals, tax issues, and more. Please refer to the list of frequently asked questions below

What is a Revocable Living trust?

A revocable living trust is an instrument that you establish during your lifetime. Like your will, the trust determines what will happen to the assets of your estate at the time of your death. Unlike a will, however, assets that are in the revocable living trust at the time of death will transfer to your beneficiaries completely outside the probate process.



In establishing a living trust, individuals or couples would typically name themselves as the trustees or co-trustees, and they would maintain the ability to control and benefit from their assets for the rest of their lives. If you are incapacitated before death, a successor trustee whom you have named ahead of time manages the assets of the trust for your benefit. Then, when death finally occurs, the assets that you placed in the trust during your lifetime will be transferred to your beneficiaries free of the probate process.

What is a Durable Power of Attorney/Physician's Directive?

We recommend that you grant durable power of attorney for property management to a trusted

individual. This will enable that individual to manage the assets in your estate, should you become incapacitated before death. Secondly, we recommend that you also grant durable power of attorney for health care decisions to a trusted individual; this will enable that individual to make health care decisions for you, should you become unable to do so on your own. Generally, married couples will name their spouses for both duties and one or two alternates in case the spouse is unable to serve. In addition to the durable power of attorney for health care, many people wish to establish a physician's directive, which sets forth your wishes for providing critical health care in the event that you find yourself terminally ill with no hope of recovery.

How are ministries typically benefited through estate plans?

There are two overwhelmingly common ways that families determine the allocation of the estate between children and ministries once the children are grown. Keep in mind that as long as the children are young enough to depend on the children's trust, nothing is given to charity; however, once the children have been educated and helped into their first homes to whatever extent the parents choose, many Christian families decide to designate a tithe of their estate for the Lord's work. Tithing in this context does not seem particularly scriptural, since tithing in scripture relates primarily to income. In estate planning, remember, we are determining the ultimate stewardship of the capital we have accumulated over a lifetime of work; nonetheless, tithing is a familiar percentage to believers, so that's often the percentage that people choose to give to ministries.

Even more frequently than tithing, we see families treating charities like (Continued on page 4)

Church Leadership Elders

Class of 2011

Nancy Siewert, Lisa Olson, Kirke Ryder and Phil Mikulsky

Class of 2012

John Early, Jay Rietz, Dawn Spang, and Tammy Escott

Class of 2013

Brian Hulse, Kay Davis, Brian Kage, and Hollister Jansen

Clerk of Session:

Tammy Escott

Deacons

Class of 2011

Carol Mickelson, Lynne Shoher, And Connie Early

Class of 2012

Ann Argall, Russ Christensen, Holly Gehri, and Sue Mikulsky

Class of 2013

Susan Rietz, Deb Shoher, Judy Exl, Abby Jackson, and Amy Wittman

Staff

Pastor:

The Reverend Dr. Randy Argall

Director of Christian Education:

Megan Jurens

Deacons Prayer Chain:

Administrative. Assistant:

Leah Mott

Financial Secretary:

Linda Cigler

Music Ministries:

Allan Russell (Choir Director)
Don VerKuilen (Organist)
Jenny Solper (Pianist)
Mary Steeno (Children's Choir)

Custodian:

Mary Belanger

Finance

Estate Planning (Continued) Committee Meeting Notes - September 13, 2010

an additional child once the children are grown and independent. If a family has three children, they might carve the estate into four equal parts, giving each of the children 25% of the estate and dividing the remaining 25% among their ministries. We think of this as creating a “child called charity.” Families seem to like this approach **because it clearly expresses the value they place on perpetuating and participating in the work of the Lord.**

Thoughtful planning can also result in a decision to cap the children’s inheritance at a certain level and leave the excess to ministry.

Biblical perspectives affirm the idea of leaving the estate to a combination of children and charities. The first priority we see in scripture is that of dependency: Timothy says that we are worse than infidels if we fail to take care of those in the household of faith. As a Christian, it’s difficult to imagine anything worse than being called an infidel! The phrase “those in the household of faith” refers to our financial dependents. Obviously, minor children are financially dependent on their parents, and anyone who has raised children understands only too well that their dependency doesn’t necessarily end the day the children turn 18. Financial dependence can extend beyond that, hopefully on an annually diminishing basis, but experience, wisdom, and scripture agree that it is important for children to learn to stand on their own financially. In much the same way, ministries that have been important to us over our lifetimes—places where we have worshipped, mission organizations in which we or our friends have served, schools in which our children have been educated with a Christian worldview, and other kinds of ministries that we have supported during our lives—have become dependent upon us in a very real sense.

The Finance Committee continues to monitor the current years Ministry Budget. A motion will be sent to the Session seeking the approval to borrow \$5,000 above and beyond the budgeted unrestrictive endowment funds to cover operating expenses.

The Committee has completed an update of Appendix “E” of the Endowment Charter referencing the procedures to receive and record special gifts, memorials and bequests. A draft on how to secure, receive, count and record offerings has been drafted. These items have been forwarded to the Session for their approval.



2010 - Ministry Budget Year to Date: August 31, 2010 – Status

Budgeted Giving To Date	\$150,078.00
Received Amount	\$130,795.25
Special Gifts	\$ 10,000.00
Budgeted Expenses To Date	\$196,458.32
Actual Expenses To Date	\$187,780.46
Endowment Funds Budgeted	\$ 14,000.00
Amount Used To Date	\$ 7,800.00
Bequest income Budgeted	\$ 12,000.00
Amount Used To Date	\$ 12,000.00
2010 Other Income Budgeted	\$ 32,329.00
Amount Received To Date	\$ 23,312.04

2010 Ministry Budget Special Note

Approved Budget has a deficit of \$11,241.00

Special Giving Opportunities

2010 Capital Budget for Special Projects \$10,200.00

To date these projects have been funded through Endowment Funds.

- Computers \$ 2,000.00
- Securing Office \$ 1,500.00
- Yard Equipment \$ 1,200.00
- Carpet Cleaning \$ 1,000.00

Sanctuary Carpet was cleaned at a cost of \$471.96

- Sidewalk Repairs \$ 500.00
- Parking Lot Repairs \$ 3,500.00

This project has been completed at a cost of \$3,230.00

Ministry Cash Flow August, 2010

Beginning Balance	\$1,665.55
Receipts from Offering	\$20,081.04
Receipts from Perpetual 3%	\$2,000.00
Expenses	(\$22,317.28)
Payroll tax and transfer timing differences	298.93
Ending Balance	\$1,728.24

Christian Education/Special Interest Groups

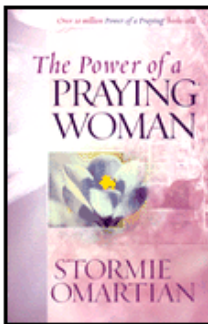
The Power of a Praying Woman

Through Scripture and personal examples, Stormie Omartian shows you how to draw closer to God; understand his plan and purpose for your life; receive comfort, help, and strength for everyday living; and learn to pray . . . for your *own* needs!

This new women's study will start **October 17 at 5:00 pm** and continue once a month on the **third Sunday** of each month at 5:00 pm at church.

Please call **Dawn Spang** or the church office to reserve your book today. The cost, is only **\$25** which includes the book and helps cover the cost of the DVD study. Financial assistance is available!

Please consider this study as joining together as women of faith we can bond, and grow in Christ together!



Men's Bible Study

The men have begun a new book, "On Who Is God?" written by Mark Driscoll. Mark's book endeavors to answer some of the deep questions that we have about our God. We usually meet the first Saturday of the month but in **October** we will be meeting on the **9th**, at **8:00 AM**, in Banner Hall.

Please plan on joining us if you enjoy ever-increasing your knowledge of our God who loves us all.



Pres Folk

Our September meeting was a fine start to the year. Sarah Cramer from the NEW Curative Rehab showed us how to maintain a strong memory and be aware of any impending memory disorders.

Our October meeting will be on the 21st, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, in the Fellowship Room. The speaker will be our area neighborhood Beat Cop.

Please come, and ask a friend to join you, and enjoy the fellowship time.



Deacon's Notes: The Job Jar

Do you have a household task or yard work that you need help with? The deacons have a program we call the "Job Jar" to assist you. Simply communicate your need by calling the church office, or by filling out a request form. These forms are located in a notebook on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We will match your request with one of our volunteers and schedule with you to get the job done in a timely fashion.

We currently have a list of about seven people who have volunteered to offer this type of assistance when needed. If you have the time and the inclination to lend a hand to someone, we would be happy to add your name to this list! If you would like to serve Christ and one another in this way, or if you're not sure if your name is already on the list, talk to a deacon!

New Lectionary
Study

with

Pastor Randy

Wednesday

Evenings

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Everyone is

Welcome!

Life Screening

On **October 4**, Lifeline Screening will again be screening for stroke, vascular disease and heart rhythm. All four tests are \$149 and you can add an osteoporosis screening for an additional \$10. All five tests for \$159. If you sign up on the sheet in the hallway, you will receive a \$10 discount. These screenings will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Banner Hall. Look for the bulletin inserts next month or call 1-800-324-1851 to set up an appointment.



Special Interests		October Birthdays
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Mission Trip to Haiti

The date for our mission trip to Haiti with The Global Orphan Project is fast approaching. The trip is now full, including four of us from First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay: Phil, Mary, Ann and myself.

Haiti is considered the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The population is 8.9 million people. The unemployment rate is 66%. There are over 250,000 orphans in Haiti. The Global Orphan Project currently cares for 2,317 children in 85 homes throughout the country.

After arriving, we will have a short drive from the international airport to our Orphan Transition Village (OTV), located 15 miles east of Port Au Prince. As I mentioned in an earlier blog, the guesthouse is quite nice for Haiti: running water, each room has its own bathroom, sleeping on a bed, and ceiling fans (A/C sometimes). The OTV has a six-foot high wall, guarded gate, and 24-hour security. It is also outside the population center of Port Au Prince.

We are now making preparations for the trip, including immunizations. The health clinic recommends updated shots for tetanus, hepatitis A and hepatitis B. We will also start an anti-malarial medication shortly before leaving.

We have been asked to pack a carry-on bag with our clothing and personal affects, and bring two filled suitcases (50 lbs.) of donated items. A local author of children's books, Judy Zoller, has offered to donate colorful story books that could be used to teach the children English. They would also appreciate some children's books in Creole. I have been told that soccer balls would be great, but if we bring them we should also plan on bringing some pumps! Children's clothing and shoes are always needed. Bubbles, stickers and jump ropes are popular too.

If you can help us with any of these items, or have additional suggestions, please do not hesitate to respond!
(Taken from Pastor Randy's Blog)

Peacemaker Presentation and Dinner

Nancy Siewert will host a dinner at church for Rev. Dayro de Jesus Aranzales on Friday, Oct. 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Pastor Dayro will give a brief presentation on his ministry in Colombia. If you can join us, please RSVP by calling the church office no later than Wednesday, September 29.



Daily Devotionals

Did you know there are many websites that can send you a daily devotional via email? Now we have no excuse to look into God's word, because it gets sent to us automatically! Here are a few sites to check out:

www.heartlight.org/cgi/todaysverse.cgi

www.profile.purposedriven.com/managesubscriptionsimple.aspx

and

www.upperroom.org/devotional/email/

God's Blessings to you as you read His word everyday!



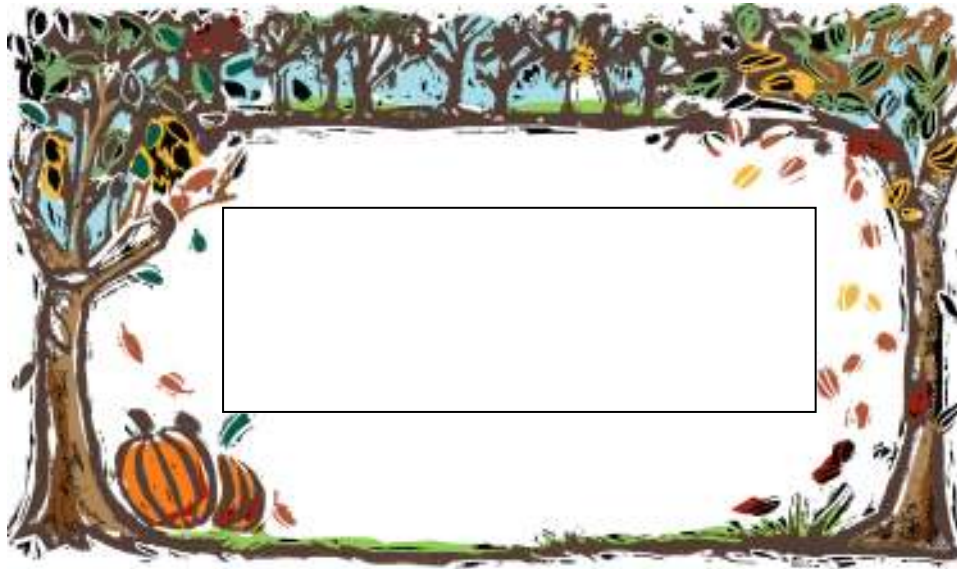
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1 International Peace- maker Dayro d Jesus Aranzales</p> <p>Dinner/Presentation 6:00 pm Hosted by Nancy Siewert</p>	<p>2 Crop Walk</p> <p>International Peace- maker Dayro d Jesus Aranzales</p> <p>Confirmation Class 12:00 pm –2:00 pm</p>
<p>3 International Peace- maker Dayro d Jesus Aranzales</p> <p>Children's Choir Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 –9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am Communion</p> <p>Communion for the homebound 1:15 –4:00 pm</p>	<p>4 International Peacemaker Dayro d Jesus Aranzales</p> <p>Lifeline Screening 8:00 am –5:15 pm</p> <p>Buildings & Grounds 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>5 Personnel and Administration with Staff 11:30 am –12:30 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Personnel and Administration 1:00 –3:00 pm</p>	<p>6 Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>7 Stephen Ministers 6:00 – 7:30 pm Nativity Catholic Church</p> <p>Mission and Social Concerns 5:00 – 7:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00 am – 10:00 am</p>
<p>10 Children's Choir Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 –9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am</p>	<p>11 Finance Committee 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Food Pantry 10 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Christian Education 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>13 Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>14 Esther Circle 1:00 –3:00 pm</p> <p>Worship Committee Quarterly Meeting 7:00 – 9:00 pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Children's Choir Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 –9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:30 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Stewardship 5:15 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19 The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>20 Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Pres Folk 1:00 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Stephen Ministers 6:30 – 8:00 pm Nativity Catholic Church</p>		
<p>24 Children's Choir & Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45 am</p> <p>Worship Stewardship Sunday 10:00 am</p> <p>Stewardship Celebration 11:15 am –12:00 pm</p>	<p>25 Evangelism 5:30 – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>26 Food Pantry 10 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Session 6 – 8 pm</p>	<p>27 History and Preservation 9:30 – 11:00 am</p> <p>6:15 – 7:45 pm Youth Group</p> <p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p> <p>Presbytery Camp 7:00 pm</p>	<p>28 Presbytery Camp All Day</p> <p>Deacons 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>29 Presbytery Camp All Day</p>	<p>30 Presbytery Camp Until 2:00 pm</p> <hr/> <p>31 (SUNDAY)</p> <p>Children's Choir Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 –9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:30 –8:00 pm</p>

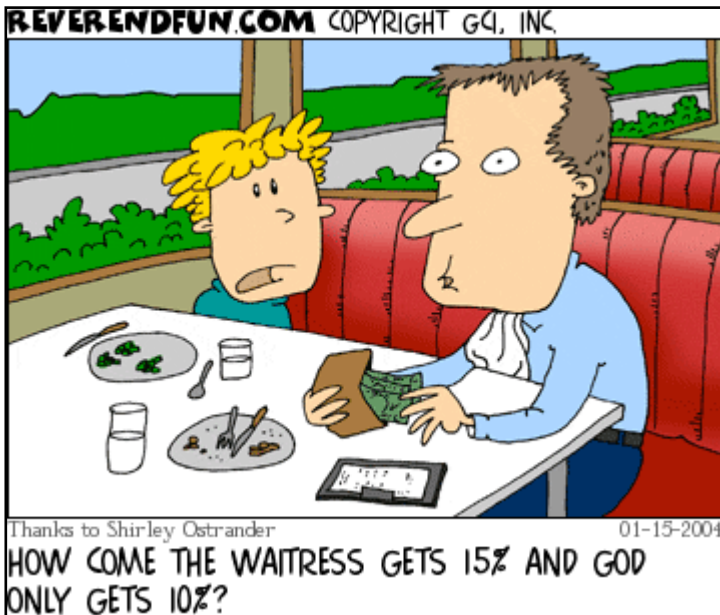
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Sunrises.
If you wait too long, you
miss them.
-William Arthur Ward**

