

# GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD

## Thank You

A very special "Thank You" to Charlie and Martha Coker for a wonderful job of caring for and displaying the poinsettias for our worship services. These beautiful plants needed a lot of care and attention, including moving them to and from the sanctuary for each service. When we took our poinsettias home, they were still as beautiful as they were the day they were delivered to the church, nearly a month earlier. Here's a little information about caring for your plant.

### When You First Bring Your Poinsettia Home

**Light** - Place it near a sunny window. **Heat** - To keep the poinsettia in bloom as long as possible, maintain a temperature of 65 - 75 degrees F. during the day. Dropping the temperature to about 60 degrees F. at night will not hurt the plant. **Water** - Water the plant whenever the surface feels dry to the touch. Water until it drains out the bottom, but don't let the plant sit in water. **Humidity** - Lack of humidity during dry seasons, in particular winter, is an ongoing houseplant problem. If your home tends to be dry and your poinsettia is in direct light, you will find yourself watering frequently, possibly every day.

Follow the link below to the website provided by Martha, for detailed information about the care of your plant.

[http://gardening.about.com/od/winterinthegarden/a/Poinsettia\\_2.htm?r=et](http://gardening.about.com/od/winterinthegarden/a/Poinsettia_2.htm?r=et)

~Sally Barthell, on behalf of the congregation



### LET US REMEMBER

Marlow Manor  
702 S. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Estella Trapp**

Country Club Care  
1904 Hwy 81

**Carroll McClellan**

**Beulah Calloway**

**Lavina Hofmann**

Wilkins Nursing Center  
1205 S. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Wylla Leonard**



### TOY SHOP NEWS

Hello to everyone, We hope your Christmas was wonderful and that you have relaxed some since then. The Toy Shop had another successful year thanks to everyone's help. We did gifts for over 500 families this year. The paper quoted 540 families but we don't think that was exactly right—maybe a little high. But it was probably close to 510. It was over 1250 kids, we think; definitely a lot more families than last year and a few more kids. We thought the whole season went amazingly well and we have had a lot of good comments on delivery. So again, thank you to everyone that worked to make all of that happen. We are going to meet on Thursday, Jan 27 at 9:30am at the Toy Shop for those that can be there. We will wrap up the 2010 year and talk about the good and the bad while we can still remember it. We always find a few good ideas to incorporate into the next year and if we would wait too long, we are bound to forget those great ideas. (and then we try to eliminate the things that didn't work so well, so bring those thoughts with you, as well. ☺) We will also be discussing the spud lunch as it will be just right around the corner from when we meet. We have already had a call to put the rummage sale on the Fairgrounds calendar so 2011 has begun! Again thanks to everyone for your help and if you know of anyone that would like to be involved with the Toy Shop that doesn't receive our e-mails, please feel free to bring them along. Happy New Year to everyone! Love, Kathy & Lynn

Submitted by Martha Coker



### Our Condolences to:

The family of Elzan Rice  
who passed away on  
December 12, 2010

### PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family  
in our prayers

\*Matthew Fleming - Marines

\*Capt. Michael Pruden - Marines

\*Jason Kramer - Army

Rachel Livingston

Doris Stokes

Carroll Goss

Elizabeth Steigleder

Sam Thompson

Mary Bennett

Imogene Dove

Lu Morgan

Helen Sue Lowe

Vicky Benson

Terry Evans

Pat & Colleen Winn

Bob McKee

Ron Twelves

Susie Grantham

Jessica Jones

Mary Cearley

Barbara Black

Lucille Fleming

Patye Mason

\* Currently serving our country

### Youth Food Harvest

The January "Food or Item of the Month" is **Canned Fruit**. Each month will have a new food or item. Please bring your donation to the church on the third Sunday of each month & the youth will collect it for the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.

### THANK YOU

Below is an email Rosella McQuain received from Jason Kramer, regarding the Christmas packages we sent to the troops.

"We actually got those packages today and they are wonderful. I haven't got to talk to Heath about her's, but Everett loves Laffy Taffy and Slim Jim's as much as I do and his exact quote to the nice caps we got was "this beanie is !!!!! awesome". I'd have to agree. I'm going to try to get a thank you card going after I pass out the other three. Please let the church know how much we are enjoying them. Thank you and God Bless."

### THANK YOU TO FRIENDS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From:

Goodland Academy: Thank you very much for your kind gift of \$208.33.

Christians Concerned: Thank you very much for your recent donation of food and \$217.66

Youth Services for Stephens County: Thank you for your donation of \$66.02 to our agency.

### Thank you to the First Presbyterian Women

Gabriel's House: Thank you for the \$50.00 donation you made. Your donation came at a perfect time as we are re-stocking many of our supplies for the new program year!

Christians Concerned: We sincerely thank you for your gift of \$22.20 (Circle donations).

### THANK YOU

Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for the donation from the staff and volunteer luncheon, resulting in your monetary gift of \$80.00.

Christians Concerned, as a United Way Agency, is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Duncan area.

### Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of December 27, 2010 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date:

\$216,742.42

Yearly Expense to date:

\$204,166.67



"I just love Christmas concerts — especially the 'Hal and Lulu Chorus.'"

**OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA**

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**Treasurer:** Linda Helms      **Asst. Treasurer:** Jerry Fleming



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, January 9th during worship service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011**



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Happy New Year!

The Christmas celebrations and subsequent clean-up are mostly over. The preparations, the stress, the pressure of perfecting the holiday are behind us and we begin anew. There seems to be such anxiety about holiday celebrations...where to celebrate, with whom, how long to stay, what topics to avoid in conversations, who eats what and have we forgotten anything. And even in the most nearly perfect of celebrations, there is a sense of missing something or perhaps a deep longing. We are not perfect and our celebrations cannot be perfect.

So we keep trying, and some years are better than others, but after every Christmas we get to look to the new year. We have come to associate the new year with new beginnings. You may or may not make resolutions, but you can certainly look to this year with joyful anticipation, regardless of your circumstance.

And speaking of joy, I found this delightful piece in a book on lectionary readings<sup>[1]</sup>. I hope you will join me in heeding the advice given!

Rejoice over everything.  
Exult, Exhilarate.  
Be glad. Be delighted, elated,  
and bowled over with joy!  
Frolic freely, hop, hope,  
dance on the dare, cheer,  
champion the little ones,  
revel in the riotous light.  
Invoke God without ceasing.  
Pray with passion.  
Whatever you do,  
do not quench the Spirit.  
Take care not to douse  
or dampen the bold blaze  
in your depths.  
Jump into life.  
Hold fast to it.  
Give thanks for everything.  
For everything,  
even the most misshapen  
and misunderstood,  
is the disguise of the divine.  
-Susan Virginia Hull

Blessings to you in the New Year! Tracy

[1] Imaging the Word: An Arts and Lectionary Resource, Volume 2, Susan A Blain, Editor, United Church Press, Cleveland, © 1995, p.107