

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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The spring Birthday Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 30 at noon in Fellowship Hall. It will be a pot luck salad lunch. Hostesses for the event are Circle II members. The program will feature a reading by Ann Robinson; the officers for 2009-2010 will be elected and a few other surprises.

The birthday offering this year will go to La Mujer Obrera, an organization that responds to the needs of thousands of Mexican immigrant women in El Paso who have lost their jobs as factory workers. Also some of the gifts will go to "His Kids Too"! Children's Home for Orphans, Dzerzhinsk, Ukraine. "His kids too" works in 21 orphanages serving more than 5,000 children. This project seeks to serve up to 30 children with special needs who have limited or no access to appropriate services. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the afternoon.

Presbyterian Women of the Church, Martha Coker

This is the time of year when we all need to prepare for weather problems. What can we do right now to be ready?

Make a list of emergency telephone numbers to keep on hand during a power outage. You may want to store it in your cell phone. Be sure your cell phone is charged and/or you have a car charger with you. This can include a list of your physicians.

1. Be sure you know how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches.
2. Teach your children to dial 9-1-1 for emergency assistance.
3. Have your entire family "check in" with an out-of-state friend.
4. If you live alone, are home-bound or live in a secluded area, arrange for a friend, relative or neighbor to check on you during severe weather events.
5. Assemble a "storm" kit that contains items such as: 3-day supply of water (1 gallon/person/day) in sealed unbreakable containers (replace every 6 months). 3-5-day supply of nonperishable packaged or canned foods
 a battery-powered radio and/or TV
 a wind-up clock
 medications
 a change of clothing, sturdy shoes
 extra pair of glasses or contact lenses
 contact solutions
 supplies for any special family needs
6. Important papers to include are:
 identification cards
 photocopies of family documents
 licenses (drivers, professional)
7. Tools that might be needed:
 screwdrivers
 duct tape
 flares
 needle and thread
 regular household bleach

- a non-electric can opener
- flashlights with fresh batteries
- the list of phone numbers
- first-aid supplies
- rain gear
- bedding or sleeping bags
- extra set of house and car keys
- credit cards
- copies of insurance information
- cash
- cutters
- waterproof matches
- plastic storage containers
- compass
- scissors
- ABC fire extinguisher
- pen and paper
- trash bags



Parish Nurse, Joanne Flanders



Our prayers and sympathy to the Coker family in the death of Charlie's sister Glenda Coker.

Condolences to the family of Betty Richart (cousin of LaJuan Fleming). Betty passed away on February 22, 2009.

Prayers of comfort to the family of Melba Petit (sister of Othella Ewing). Melba passed away in early March.

Prayers and Sympathy to the family of Howard Helms (father of Lonnie Helms) who passed away on March 9, 2009

PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family in our prayers

- *Justin Ezell - Army
- *Matthew Fleming - Marines
- *Monty Tanner

Jimmy & Rachel Livingston

Phyllis Helms

Mary Pat Sousa

Darren James

Ron Twelves

Katie Moody

Marguerite English

Bonnie Davidson

Tom Thompson

Bob & Nadine McKee

Tom Carey

Emily Marshall

Jessica Jones

Ray Ebbett

Suzie Grantham

Chip Bean

John Henderson

Carl Reimie

Merline Lovelace

Pat Winn

Joyce Stewart

Josie Brown

Ruth Wampler

Doris Stokes

Don Grantham

* Currently serving our country

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Your most recent food donation is greatly appreciated. The number of families we serve weekly continues to increase. With your continued support we can meet the demand for help with groceries.

Sincerely, Peggy McCoy, Christians Concerned

THANK YOU

To The Presbyterian Women,

On behalf of Women's Haven Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your donation. It's through such support, that we are able to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Again we say thank you.

THANK YOU

To Care & Nurture Committee,

Thank you for the card and plant. I am enjoying both. You are so thoughtful.

Much Love, Pat Hale



Sunday Mornings are for Friends

Be a Friend ~ Bring a Friend



THANK YOU

To First Presbyterian Women of the Church,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your commemorative gift to the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center on behalf of Everett Morgan. The act of philanthropy is an expression of caring for one's fellow human beings. It is an optimistic belief in the future. Your gift is an investment in a future free of cancer and for that we are most grateful.

Sincerely, Patrick B. Mulvey, VP for Development

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ELDERS

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| <u>Class of 2009</u> | <u>Class of 2010</u> | <u>Class of 2011</u> |
| Dan Flanders | Martha Coker | Jenna Bentley |
| Beverly Moody | Peggy Gilchrist | Steve Reasor |

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| <u>Class of 2009</u> | <u>Class of 2010</u> | <u>Class of 2011</u> |
| LaJuan Fleming | Joan Drake | Bennie Drake |
| Vicki Zimmerman | Sally Barthell | Mike Grantham |
| Mary Ann Kaminski | | |

Treasurer: Bill McQuain **Asst. Treasurer:** Jerry Fleming



Reminder!

Bring your walking charts to church on April 5th

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
APRIL 24TH**

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I have just returned from Interim Pastor Training in Austin, Texas. It was a week full of informative training, worship and fellowship with nearly 40 other students.

Not one of us had the same story to tell. Some, like me, were currently serving interim ministries. There were those who were going through training to have tools for future ministries. Interim training is helpful for any congregation going through transition, and a few were long-term pastors in that situation. There were also retiring pastors who were considering post-retirement ministries.

We were male and female (about 2 to 1). One of the pastors was going to celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination this June; a few were yet to be ordained. From the youngest to the oldest was about a 50 year age difference (one pastor was 81!). Some pastors had served multiple congregations and some just one or two.

The formal training was very valuable. With five instructors skilled in interim ministries, the depth of expertise was fantastic. And yet, I will remember as much about what I learned from my diverse new set of friends as I will from the experts. All of us took notes from conversations we had with one another as well as from our thirty hours of instruction.

One of the aspects of being in a community of faith is the witness of other people. We, this faith community at First Presbyterian Church, have been brought together at this time and place to represent the body of Christ as we go about our worship and work. There is an opportunity in this. We can learn from one another and grow in our faith. What can other members of this worshiping body teach you? I can't answer that question for you, but it is one worth some time spent in prayer and meditation as you work to answer it for yourself.

As we close out this Lenten season, and embark on the joyous celebration of Easter, take some time to look—with joy—at those who are in the body of Christ with you. Who has something to teach you? What unexpected learning might take place if you will only open yourself to it? Are you even open to learning something new? Take the time to evaluate and contemplate. You will likely find a new source of learning and inspiration.

Blessings,
Tracy



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