

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

## Church Women United



2009 May Friendship Day

**BUILDING  
ON OUR  
STORIES**

The Church Women of Duncan will celebrate May Friendship Day on Friday, May 1st at the First United Methodist Church beginning at 9:30 am. The theme of this year's celebration is "Building on Our Stories." Inspired by the scripture from Joshua 4:1-9, the story tells that Joshua ordered the men of the 12 tribes of Israel to carry stones to heap together as a reminder of what God has done in the past to save His people.

The annual dedication of offerings to the Fellowship of the Least Coin is part of the celebration program. Here women from all over the world offer the least coin of their monetary unit along with prayers of peace, unity and justice throughout the world. This celebration unites women from the Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Christian faiths in a common worship experience.

Church Women United, Martha Coker

## CHRISTIANS CONCERNED

Dear Christians Concerned Supporting Church:

Thank you for all your support (volunteers, food drives, & financially). Due to all of your support, we were able to assist 3,414 individuals (unduplicated in 2008). We have assisted 1,269 individuals (unduplicated) in 2009.

We would appreciate your assistance with two upcoming projects.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> is the postal carriers annual food drive.** They give the food to Christians Concerned, a United Way agency. Christians Concerned distributes the food to those in need. It is a simple process. The family places their food in a sack and leaves it by their mailbox on May 9th. The mail carrier picks it up and delivers it to us.

The second project is the **Warm Up-Round up program** with the City of Duncan. Families can sign up with the City of Duncan to have their bill rounded up to the next dollar. The difference is donated to Christians Concerned.

Sincerely yours, Barbara Murphey, Executive Director

## Presbyterian Women



The last days for circles are May 7 and May 8. It is time to elect circle officers for 2009-2010. The lesson will be lesson nine in the Horizons bible study, "Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor."

The study for 2009-2010 will be "Joshua a Journey of Faith". The books are \$6.00 this year. We will be ordering study books soon. Please let me know if you want one.

Presbyterian Women- Martha Coker,

## Library News

Your help is needed in finding books missing from our church library.

Please look under beds, in top and bottom of closets, book shelves, your car and garage, or any other place one of these books might have found a home.

Please just look, find and then return them to the library

Thank you,

Gladys Taylor, Librarian



Remember in  
your thoughts  
and prayers...

Prayers of Comfort and Sympathy to the family of Phyllis Helms, (mother of Lonnie Helms) who passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2009

## PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family  
in our prayers

\*Justin Ezell - Army

\*Matthew Fleming - Marines

Jimmy & Rachel Livingston

Bonnie Davidson

Marguerite English

Darren James

Pat Winn

Katie Moody

Emily Marshall

John Henderson

Mary Pat Sousa

Bob & Nadine McKee

Ron Twelves

Tom Carey

Ray Ebbett

Suzie Grantham

Ann (Sister-in-law of Linda Helms)

Chip Bean

Carl Reimie

Jessica Jones

Joyce Stewart

Josie Brown

Carol Roland

\* Currently serving our country

## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

The prayer chain has been revised and updated. There is still room for anyone who would like to be added to this chain. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the chain, please contact LaJuan Fleming at 252-9559

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, calls and comfort food during and after my cataract surgery.

LaJuan Fleming

## THANK YOU

Our church family has been such an encouragement to us over the last two weeks since my father, Howard Helms, passed away. Thanks to all who were able to provide us with the comfort of knowing God's love for each of us. Your thoughts, prayers, and cards were deeply appreciated.

Lonnie and Linda Helms

## CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

### First Presbyterian Church

#### OUR PROMISE TO GOD

We Promise to affirm our belief in You, pray for Your guidance and live in faith, thanking You.

#### OUR PROMISE TO OUR GOVERNING BOARDS

We promise to pray daily for our pastor, all church officers and church staff. We agree to encourage them, respect their decisions, and follow as they guide us.

#### OUR PROMISE TO EACH OTHER

We promise to show our commitment through a positive and respectful attitude, open communications and support of the church to the best of our ability.

We promise to reflect to all we meet the light of Christ and the love of God

We promise to work in joy with others to affirm the grace and power of Christ for the benefit of all - church, community and the world.

*To the best of our ability, we promise to remember:*

1. That respecting others opinions, does not mean being untrue to our own; and
2. That in response to hurt or anger we promise to respond with prayer and love, instead of negative unhealthy responses.

**OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**ELDERS**

<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

**DIACONATE**

<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

**An old gentleman with a great sense of humor says the bumper sticker “Honk if you love Jesus” should be replaced with “Anyone can honk, TITHE”**

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
MAY 22nd**

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**Isaiah 43.19:**

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (NRSV)*

I bought a new couch this week. It is fantastic. It is covered in a beautiful fabric and has wonderful pillows and is such a nice addition to my home. I’m excited to get to show it to others who can also admire my new piece of furniture.

My old sofa was more than 20 years old, looked even older, and wasn’t worth moving across the street, never mind across state lines. It was tattered and dirty; the pillows were half the fluff they once were. The corners were worn and the fabric had torn in a few places. The history of it included 8 moves, 3 dogs, 3 cats, and countless guests.

I miss my old couch.

You know where I’m going with this, don’t you? Our past is what’s comfortable. It is a known quantity and though flawed, it is ours. We knew what to expect when things were the way they “used to be.” We knew how to cope with that.

Change is hard! New people in our lives bring new ideas. New ways of doing things feel awkward. New things in our lives make us adjust our views (my new couch obscures some of a window).

But hanging on to the old won’t get us anywhere. We can value our past, remember it with any number of feelings—joy, sorrow, fondness, regret—and then move on and build on the strengths that we have.

Look around you. What is old and tattered in your view that could be changed? Where do you need to let go of the old and move on?

Blessings,  
Tracy



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