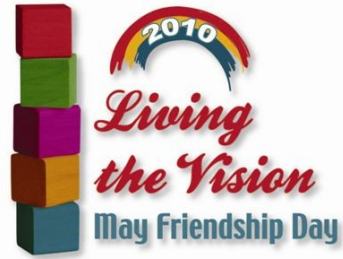


# GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD



## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May Friendship Day will be celebrated at the First Christian Church gathering hall on Friday, May 7 beginning at 9:30 am. The theme of this year's gathering is "Living the Vision".

Church Women United provides the ecumenical dimension of the women members of Christian churches and allows women to take some initiative in the way they express their faith in today's world. We do not "join" Church Women United, we are

members of different churches and Church Women United gives us a channel through which we can work together. May Friendship Day invites us to look at how we are living the vision in our present day world. The logo depicts blank building blocks which makes up Church Women United, including prayer, outreach, sisterhood, sharing and worship celebrations.

Submitted by Martha Coker, Publicity Chair. Duncan Unit



## PENTECOST OFFERING

for Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults

**Sunday, May 23rd**, many Christians will celebrate **Pentecost**. The church traditionally sets aside the eighth Sunday of Easter as the **day of Pentecost** or the birthday of the church through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Modern churches celebrate Pentecost with activities that celebrate the Holy Spirit and its gifts to the church. **Red** is the liturgical color. Wind, fire, water (for baptism) and the dove are its symbols. Communion is traditionally served. Members and friends are encouraged to dig in their closets for something red to wear.

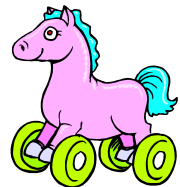
Offering Distribution: 40% Congregational use.

50% G.A. Ministries with children at risk, youth and young adults

10% Child advocacy at the national level

Southminster Steeple

## TOY SHOP NEEDS AND GOINGS ON



The first two of four fund raisers for the Duncan Toy Shop were an unqualified success. The Spud Luncheon netted \$5,800. Whoope Ray ! The rummage sale at the Museum netted about \$1,200. The committee is getting geared up for the next biggie.

The Toy Shop has been given the opportunity to man the concession stands during the blow out golf tournament of the Elks Country Club. The Country Club pays the Toy Shop for manning the stands. The dates are Saturday May 29th; Sunday, May 30th; and Monday, May 31st. The stands are in 3 small trailers set up at strategic points on the course. Each day the stands will be open from 8 am and close at 7pm. Two workers per shift are needed and four shifts are needed for each day. There will be a sign up sheet posted at the church.

Workers will give out drinks to the golfers and sell drinks to the guests. Cookies, treats and sandwiches will be sold to all customers. The drinks are provided by the club, and any drinks that are sold to guests, the money will be returned to the club. All food money is kept by the toy shop. Workers will make the sandwiches at the site and ingredients for sandwiches will be provided by the Toy Shop. Donations of cookies are also appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet for cookie donations posted at the church also. The instructions are on the sheet. About 80 dozen are needed for the three days. Please observe the instructions. In the past, this project has netted around \$3,000. Good revenue and a lot of fun.

Submitted by Martha Coker



Our Prayers and Sympathy to the family of Jim Livingston. Jim died on Monday April 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

Sam Thompson

Imogene Dove

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Bob McKee

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## CHOIR NEWS

The **Bell** Choir will rehearse every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Choir rehearsal will be at the normal schedule through Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for small ensembles, solos and duets through the month of July. If you are interested, please let me know.

Holli Hill-Le, Choir Director



## THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for your help in producing this newsletter. You have provided me with stories, important notices, pictures, updates, meeting news and many more articles too numerous to mention.

Thank you to Martha & Charlie Coker for your continued help in folding and mailing every newsletter every month.

It is all of your input that makes your newsletter fun to put together and hopefully, enjoyable and informative for you.

With Loving Gratitude, Sally Barthell

## THANK YOU

Dear Presbyterian Women of the Church, Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$50.00. We help others because we believe God calls us to care. We consider it a privilege to do what we can to meet the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Karen Kaley, Secretary, Christians Concerned

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the most generous gift of \$208.33 we received in today's mail. Your thoughtful and generous support is greatly appreciated.

Your servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO, Goodland Academy

## Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of April 20, 2010 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date \$71,912.31

Yearly Expense to date \$53,690.79

## REMINDER TO BRING:

Campbell Soup labels, box tops for schools coupons, empty pill bottles, aluminum pull tabs and empty ink jet cartridges to the church office to help others in need.

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We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on May 23<sup>rd</sup> during the Pentecost Worship Service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
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For C.S. Lewis, it was a toy garden. He said that in those early days his brother brought into the nursery the lid of a biscuit tin which he had covered with twigs and flowers so as to make it a toy garden or toy forest. It was the first beauty that he knew. "It is difficult to find words strong enough for the sensation which came over me; Milton's 'enormous bliss' of Eden...comes somewhere near it," Lewis stated in Surprised by Joy.

For me, I remember a sense of deep and true joy when I was in my 20s. I was watching a group of third graders present a liturgical dance during a mid-week program at the church where I was working. I remember seeing a little red-headed boy reaching out his hand and sensing such true bliss. I was aware that it was just he and God in those movements; I was privileged to witness it.

Moment such as these can't be planned. They can only be experienced. Practices, including prayer and spiritual disciplines, help us learn to be aware of these moments.

By these moments, I don't mean happiness. I mean real joy, a joy that goes deep down inside. Do you have recollection of a moment like this?

I long to feel it again and again. A recent quote in our Sunday bulletin by Augustine stated: God thirsts to be thirsted after.

What are your connections to God? When have you felt that deep sense of joy? None of us recognize them often enough. But we can each continue to learn to hear, see and experience them more and more often.

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This month brings us Pentecost as we celebrate the birth of the church. We'll have a special worship, and you are encouraged to wear red in celebration!

Grace and peace,  
Tracy



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