

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AND WHAT THEY DO!!!

If you were at the Birthday Offering Luncheon on April 30th, you already know at least part of what Presbyterian Women in Duncan, OK do. If you weren't there, you missed a great time, a very tasty lunch and a truly wonderful program by the very talented Ann Robinson.

It has been my concern that the members of this church really don't know what we do in our local community or the support we give to the several charitable concerns, grants and programs of Presbyterian Church USA. It's also quite possible that you are a member of Presbyterian Women and come to our Circle meetings, but if you are not on the Council you may not know how much good *you* do. Our treasurer, Sally Barthell, has put together a concise and informative report showing exactly where our money comes from and where it goes. As you read this report, please note that we have less than 20 active members. I, for one, am very proud of the good that this small group does. I think you can easily see how much more we could do if we were a larger group. So, if you are not already a member, please consider joining Presbyterian Women. The Circle meetings have ended for the Summer but will start again in the Fall.

Circle I meets the second Friday of each month (Sept thru May) at 10:00 AM and Circle II meets the second Thursday at 1:30.

I also want to mention that we collect aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, empty prescription bottles with labels removed for the Compassion Center and Campbell Soup labels for the Goodland Academy in Hugo, OK. Campbell Soup will no longer accept the front label of the can, so please remove the whole label including the UPC code from your product. Labels are acceptable as long as 51% of the UPC code is intact. The Goodland Academy tells me their current count is 1,015,578 labels and when they get to 1,500,000 labels, they will cash them in for a brand new 7 passenger minivan. The tabs and bottles can be left in the office. Please put your labels in the box marked Goodland Academy on the table in the Narthex.

Joan Drake, Presbyterian Women Moderator

Treasurer's Report

The Presbyterian Women Member pledges that are received during the year are sent out as donations of \$50.00 per month – primarily to local charitable agencies - to assist them in the work they do.

As directed by the Council - In the past 12 months donations were made to:

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| The Regional Food Bank - \$150.00 | To The Compassion Center - \$50.00 |
| To Christians Concerned - \$150.00 | To The Rescue Mission - \$50.00 |
| To Women's Haven - \$100.00 | To Gabriel House - \$50.00 |
| And – To the Presbyterian Women's Palm Project - \$50.00 | |

In addition, we collect funds at three luncheons per year.

Donations of **\$302.00** were collected at the **September 2009 Thank Offering Luncheon**. This money went to Presbyterian Women USA for special projects.

Donations of **\$280.00** were collected at the **December 2009 Joy Gift Luncheon**. This money is used to supplement the retirement benefits of Presbyterian Ministers and other religious workers and – in part – to help fund the education of minority groups.

Donations of **\$272.00** were collected at the **April 2010 Birthday Luncheon**. This money went to the Treasury of the Indian Nations Presbytery – to be used for special projects; 40% went to medical missions.

Sally Barthell, Presbyterian Women Treasurer



Our Prayers and Sympathy to the family of Ted Legg. Ted passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

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Condolences and prayers to the family of Barbara Hayes who passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Barbara is the mother of Julie Martin.



CHOIR NEWS



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

Choir rehearsal will be at 7:00pm on Wednesdays through Sunday July 4th.

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

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

How fortunate Ben is to belong to such a wonderful church and to have such caring friends. I know he enjoyed celebrating his 94th birthday with you.

When I was with him he did not recognize me or know how old he was. He was not having a good day. But, he has always been like the Energizer Bunny who keeps going and going. And, I know he is in God's hands, which is comforting to me.

Thank you again for being his "Angels".

Ben's Daughter, Judy Dickhout

THANK YOU

Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$203.13. We help others because we believe God calls us to care. As a United Way Agency, we are a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Duncan area.

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 gift truly makes a difference in this ministry & the lives of the young men we serve.

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 May 19, 2010 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date \$86,429.58
Yearly Expense to date \$74,437.94

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.

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
- Pat & Colleen Winn

- Bob McKee
- Ron Twelves
- Susie Grantham
- Anne Helms
- Hallie Irwin

- Jessica Jones
- Lu Morgan
- Mary Cearley
- Al Hruby
- Doris Stokes

- Helen Sue Lowe
- Carroll Goss
- Terry Evans
- Mary Bennett
- Ben Hill

- Barbara Black
- Martha & Cliff King

* Currently serving our country

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ELDERS

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Peggy Gilchrist	Bennie Drake	Lonnie Helms
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Joan Drake	Jack Munn	Leah Berning
Sally Barthell	Mike Grantham	Charlotte Utley

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



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 27th during Worship Service

DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS

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Dear Friends,

I write this to you on Pentecost Eve. No, it's not really a holiday, but I can always find a reason to celebrate! I have Pentecost on my mind. Thinking of the birth of the church, and what an event that must have been to witness. The rush of the wind and the sheer numbers of people communicating at once would be an experience not to forget.

I don't imagine the people there that day could actually envision a church like ours some 2000 years later. Our worship practices, our facilities, even our committees would be quite a surprise. But the God we worship--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--is the same then and today.

We may not notice them all, but we make changes all the time. This time of Interim Ministry at FPC has been a time of change, though I would suspect that you couldn't make a list of all of them (nor could I).

And we will continue to make changes. One of the changes for the summer is that our Parish Nurse, Jo Flanders, is going to take a sabbatical. This summer she will not be "on call" or have office hours for church members and friends. She has worked diligently and faithfully for over 10 years serving this congregation and it is time for a break. During this sabbatical, Jo, the Session and the Administrative Commission will be reevaluating and recommitting to the parish nurse ministry at FPC.

This summer will also bring the General Assembly (GA) meeting in Minneapolis. This every-other-year gathering is our governing body's meeting for the work and worship of the church. This is not a group of people who are out of touch with the local church. Commissioners to GA are pastors and elders from Presbyterian Churches around the country who gather to discern the moving of the Holy Spirit. You will be hearing more about it as it draws closer; in the mean time see Executive Presbyter Aaron Carland's article elsewhere in this issue of the Faith at Work.

Change is always present. When we grow in faith and life and experience, we will change. If not, we die. If we are not moving forward, we are moving backward. Let's move forward together!

Grace and Peace,
Tracy



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