

## 2010 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED



Each year Presbyterian Women present an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. The recipients of this award are chosen by committee and the presentation is usually made at the Birthday Offering Luncheon in April.

This year Nancy Grantham received this honor. If you weren't at the luncheon, you missed a great moment.

Nancy has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1983. She is a member of the Disciples Sunday School Class. Nancy served on the Diaconate, Class of 2007, where she chaired the Care and Nurture Committee. She still serves on that committee. She was a participant and staff member of Alpha; a participant in Oklahoma Presbyterian Pilgrimage/Cursillo No. 39 and staff member of No. 41.

She currently serves as program chairman for Presbyterian Women and has done so for the past few years. Members of this church who are unable to come to worship services due to illness or disability know her from the prayer blankets and cookies and visits and prayers she helps to provide as a dedicated member of the Care and Nurture Committee.

Submitted by Joan Drake, Presbyterian Women Moderator

## Let's Eat! Pot Luck Covered Dish Dinner



~ Fellowship Hall ~

**6:00PM Sunday Evening  
June 13, 2010**

*Elizabeth Pitts Will Speak  
About Her Trip To Taiwan*

Bring your best dish. Make enough for your family and others. It should be an interesting evening with good fellowship and great food. Bring a friend.

Submitted by your Inside Ministry



It's a Girl!

It's the third great grandchild for Bennie & Joan Drake. She was born just a few seconds after midnight on Wednesday May 5, 2010. "After two rowdy boys, we have a beautiful little girl". Makenzie Alannah Kidd weighed 6 lbs 9 ozs and was 18 inches long. She has had a very rough start but is now doing just fine.

Congratulations!

## Happy June Birthday!

Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!



06/03 Mary Rice  
06/04 Nathan Helms  
06/04 Tim Helms  
06/12 Sally Barthell  
06/12 Alex Marks  
06/13 Kaitlin Caldwell

06/16 Imogene Dove  
06/16 Morgan Hawkins  
06/17 Audrey Waggoner  
06/20 Bobby Goodner  
06/21 Marsha Cates  
06/24 Adam Marks  
06/25 Rick Trent Jr.



If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring June Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please call or email me your plans to attend and I'll contact the restaurant with our reservation each month. Thank you, Sally  
470-9933 or salsroom@jimbarthell.com

## Hey! That Looks Like Me!

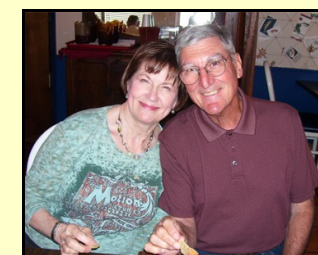
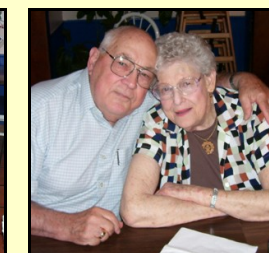
\*With apologies to Bob Wills



It is Me!



¿Te gusta mi sombrero?



It was cloudy and muggy in May; and we knew there were storms on the way,  
But the faces were bright,  
and the humor was light,  
When Eloise and I shared  
"our day"



\*Back in the 1940's, when Bob Wills ruled as "King of Western Swing", Bob would call out "Fiddles!" or "Take it away, Leon!" The lead guitarist often chimed in, "Hey! That sounds like me!" He would continue, "It is me!" It's just too precious a memory to pass up. ~ Jim Barthell

Please also see Joan Drake's report on page 2 of this issue

# 2010 Birthday Offering

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



## Behind the Gray Cornerstone

The cornerstone set on the N.E. corner of the First Presbyterian Church at 8th and Oak in Duncan, OK is inscribed "First Presbyterian Church 1933." In that year the George V. Copland family lived in Drumright, OK. Our family was living in Comanche when I was born on Dec. 30, 1925. There wasn't a Presbyterian Church in Comanche so every Sunday morning my father drove us to worship at the Presbyterian Church in Duncan. My father's father was a Presbyterian minister in Ohio; hence our choice of church denomination. At that time the church was a white wooden building with a steeple on top. The main entrance faced the street to the west. The congregation was growing and in 1930 it was determined the sanctuary needed to be enlarged. In Feb. 1931 the congregation voted to enlarge the church. The building was to be extended to the west. The pulpit was to be retained in the east.

Times were hard in 1930 and money was short. Nevertheless, it was decided to move on with the project. Mrs. Lou C. Halliburton, the mother of Erle P., was an active member of the church. They decided to finance half on the new construction. There was a catch involved. Payments were to be made quarterly on a matching fund basis by the church. No exceptions, as they were destined to learn. It was also decided to build a more permanent structure with yellow brick facing. Lucian Haas and A.B. Sandefer laid the brickwork for the church. The church was completed in August of 1933.

The cornerstone was laid on Friday, August 25th, 1933. A cubical pocket was left in the brickwork to receive the cornerstone. In addition there was a copper box to be placed behind the stone with church artifacts. The Rev. John Knox Bowling displayed each item and explained it's significance. Jim Straichen assisted in cementing the cornerstone in place.

Items in the copper box are as follows: A copy of the Presbyterian Survey, a church publication; a copy of the Duncan Banner; a copy of the Duncan Eagle; two photographs of the old church building; a history of the Duncan church by written by The Rev. J.W. Moseley, pastor of the old church; a roll of the membership with a list of officers and members of the building committee; and a copy of the Holy Bible. The Rev. Bowling dismissed the audience with a prayer. Of course I was present front and center. The ceremonies made a lasting impression on my memory.

to be cont'd.... *George Jr.*

*Submitted by George Copland Jr.*

### THANK YOU

To Jimmy Livingston's Beloved Choir, Mother says Daddy joined the choir soon after they married, 59 years ago. Everything about choir gave him one of the greatest joys of his life. He loved the choir parties, Christmas caroling in past years, the kidding at choir practice – perhaps getting out of sitting in the congregation with his rowdy children. Mother always said she, Walter Herrin and Charlie Hale were the brave ones, trying to sit with all their children each Sunday. Most of all, Daddy loved each of you. He'd have been so touched to know you sang as a choir his favorite hymn at his service. On behalf of Mother, James and Laura, I thank you. Sing joyfully for you know God hears you. With Gratitude, Jayne Byford.



Joanne Flanders, Parish Nurse is on vacation

### REMINDER.....

Please sign the welcome register at the Sunday morning worship service and pass it down the row for the next person to sign.

Thank You!



### LET US REMEMBER

#### Duncan Care Center

700 Palm

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 Ben Hill

## UPDATE FROM AMY

Dear Church Family,

This is an incredibly exciting time! Mom and Dad are here and Joey will join us on graduation day. I've been wrapping up loose ends and packing up the apartment with Mom and Rachel's help. I have trouble concentrating on the upcoming events knowing that my granddaughter is also about to make an appearance any day now.

I have had a few surprises in the past few days. The first surprise was getting a card in the mail from my wonderful "home church" family. I loved reading the names and comments from so many of my dear friends. I want to thank you all so much for the gift certificate to the Seminary bookstore. I redeemed it yesterday by purchasing a beautiful PTS diploma frame, a new Book of Order, and the latest book written by my favorite PTS professor, Donald Capps. Thank you so much!

My next surprise was during a get-together I hosted for a few of my closest seminary friends so they could meet Mom. The party to honor Mom turned into a quilt unveiling for me! The quilt Mom made was beautiful and I was touched by the squares contributed by my dear Duncan friends. I love the thought and memories that each of the squares represent and will treasure your gift.

Thank you again for the card, gift certificate, and quilt squares, but especially for your love and support throughout my life – especially during the past three years. You're the best!

Blessings and love,

Amy

## General Assembly Time.....

.....is drawing nigh and I have a couple of requests. As I will be going as a presbytery commissioner, I would like to ask you to pray for me, in particular.

In general I would ask your prayers for the delegation from Synod of the Sun and for the entire Assembly. It is a special time in our church life and many things are discussed and determined. I would ask you to pray for the Holy Spirit to work in my heart so I may discern the will of our Lord.

As we enter the Assembly the first time, we will all be carrying a small vial of water from our home area. This water will be gathered in the large font in the center of the space. As water from across the nation is mixed together, we will pray for our hearts and minds to be mixed and joined in one mind and one spirit to do the will of God.

I would ask you to bring me a bit of water from someplace in our state that is special to you, that I may mix it with others special waters and carry our entire congregation to be mixed with other Presbyterians around the nation. Please join me in preparing my heart and mind for this task ahead. I will be leaving July 2 and returning July 10.

*Shalom, Rosella McQuain*

## Youth Food Harvest

The June "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.



## Session Highlights

- Steve Reasor gave the devotional.
- The Minutes from April 20 stand approved as submitted.
- The Treasurer's report was submitted.
- A motion was made to approve the request from the Health & Safety committee for Parish Nurse Jo Flander's sabbatical for the summer and to meet with her to reevaluate and recommit to the position.
- A motion was made to give Dane Steil, Brin Fair, and Tara Frye \$500 each from the Mary Ann Munn Scholarship to be payable to the school they will attend.
- A motion was made to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

*Submitted by Jenna Bentley, Session Clerk*