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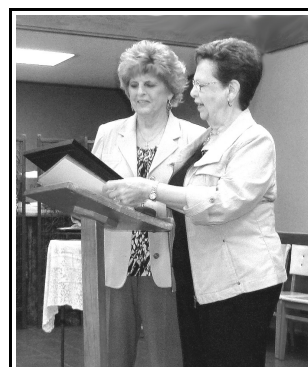
NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Our year has now officially ended. The Birthday Offering luncheon was held on April 29th and the last circle meetings (until September) were held on May 12th and 13th. It has been my honor to serve as moderator of Presbyterian Women for the last two years and I would like to thank every member for their help and advice. It was a learning experience and an opportunity that I am very thankful for.

The luncheon was a success. We raised \$221.00 that will be used for special projects of Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church USA. The pot luck lunch was outstanding. It was hosted by Circle I but everyone contributed and helped.

Next year's officers were elected following the luncheon and they are as follows: Moderator, Janis Hruby; Vice Moderator, Charlotte Utley; Secretary, Joan Drake; Treasurer, Sally Barthell.



Each year Presbyterian Women present an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. The funds derived from HLMs are used for PW leadership training costs, support of leadership development events for women and training leaders for mission interpretation. It was my privilege to present this year's Honorary Lifetime Award to SALLY BARTHELL. Sally, has served as the editor of Faith at Work for the last five years, which in and of itself deserves an award. She has served as a Deacon, a member of the choir, a member of the health and safety committee, has served on the PW Council as treasurer since 2007, worked in the church office, was responsible for the new directory and probably many other things that I'm not aware of. I know from personal experience and observation that if you need something done and done right, you just ask Sally. I might also mention that she has been a community volunteer as well, she has worked in the Duncan Regional Hospital gift shop since 2005.

Sally and Jim Barthell have been married for 54 years. They have two sons. Jim Jr and his wife Connie live in Texas and Bob and his wife Eileen live in Connecticut. They also have five grandchildren, three great grandchildren and one on the way. We were all very pleased to have Connie and granddaughter Laura attend the luncheon. CONGRATULATIONS SALLY!!!!

Past Moderator, Joan Drake

As the summer approaches.....



we would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping current with their pledges. Summer collections are traditionally lower than other months of the year and expenses can be higher due to various factors including utility bills. If you need information on where you stand with your pledge, please feel free to contact either Linda Helms or Jerry Fleming.

*** Please help us keep your budget from "overheating" ***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH

Come Celebrate the
 Birthday of the Church on
 June 12, 2011....
 Pentecost Sunday.

PLEASE WEAR RED

Submitted by the Inside Ministry



Our Prayers and Condolences to the family of Jo Ann Allen who passed away on April 27, 2011.

Our Thoughts and Prayers to the family of Estella Trapp who passed away on May 6, 2011

PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family

in our prayers

*Jason Kramer – Army

Rachel Livingston

Doris Stokes

Carroll Goss

Elizabeth Steigleder

Sam Thompson

Mary Bennett

Lu Morgan

Helen Sue Lowe

Vicky Benson

Terry Evans

Bob Rice

Pat & Colleen Winn

Ron Twelves

Susie Grantham

Jessica Jones

Mary Cearley

Barbara Black

Lucille Fleming

Patye Mason

Gene Florence

Quanah Cox

Jacob Helms

* Currently serving our country

Thank You

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church, Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your monetary gift of \$116.67 and for your generous donations of food and a fax machine to Christians Concerned. Your support for our organizational needs, as well as your donations of food, help to bring food to families in need throughout our community.

Sincerely, Pam Kendich, Christians Concerned

Thank You

Dear Presbyterian Women, On behalf of Women's Haven Staff, Board of Director's, 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.

Heartfelt thanks to Moderator Joan Drake; to the Women of the Church and to the entire congregation of First Presbyterian Church for the love and kindness you have always shown me; for the continuing opportunity to serve my God and my church and for your humbling recognition of my small service. As the newest Honorary Lifetime Member of Presbyterian Women I am truly honored to be a small part of all that you are.

May God Bless You Always,
 Sally Barthell

Thank You

Dear Friends, Thank you very much for your most gracious gift of \$229.17 we received in today's mail. Your gift truly makes a difference in this ministry and the lives of the young men we serve.

I'm so excited to share some amazing news with you regarding one of our boys, Odis! During their junior and senior year, many of our students elect to take vocational training at a local tech center in Hugo. Odis has been taking Service Careers training all year and has thoroughly enjoyed it. Last month, I received a letter from the Kiamichi Technology Center stating that Odis had been nominated to the National Technical Honor Society! We're so proud of all of Odis' accomplishments and look forward to the continued success he'll be experiencing this year. Odis has been with Goodland for many years and we've enjoyed watching him grow up. Your support is what makes success stories like these possible!

Thank you for your continued support and faith in this ministry.
 Your Servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO

Reminder to bring:

Please bring your Campbell Soup Labels, box tops for schools coupons, aluminum pull tabs, empty pill bottles (labels removed) and empty inkjet cartridges to the church office. These items will be used to help others in need.

**OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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ELDERS

<u>Class of 2011</u> Bennie Drake Steve Reasor	<u>Class of 2012</u> Lonnie Helms Rosella McQuain	<u>Class of 2013</u> Jerry Fleming Vicki Zimmerman
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<u>Class of 2011</u> Mike Grantham Jack Munn	<u>Class of 2012</u> Leah Berning Charlotte Utley	<u>Class of 2013</u> Robin Caldwell LaJuan Fleming
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Treasurer – Linda Helms **Asst. Treasurer** – Jerry Fleming



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 5th during worship service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2011**

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Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)

Dear Friends,

I AM GOING ON VACATION! Can I get a "woo-hoo"? Or a "hooray"? Or an "amen"? Any vacation is great, and this one will be really special. My family, which includes my parents, my two siblings and their spouses, their four children and me, will be traveling together to celebrate my parent's 50th wedding anniversary.

Things I am looking forward to include good food, beautiful scenery, restful times of solitude, adventures with my family and on my own and bringing back some stories to tell.

It should be perfect, don't you think?

What? You've had a less than perfect experience on a vacation?

But vacations are supposed to be perfect! A little piece of heaven, even. We expect events, especially ones we have planned for some time, to go off without a hitch. We plan and plan and even make contingency plans for possible scenarios that might detract from the perfect time.

And yet, somehow our plans are often inadequate or just plain off the mark.

OK, OK. Nothing is perfect. But here's the thing. We can find good in just about anything. I'm not trying to be a Pollyanna or sticking my head in the sand avoiding reality. We can find good in things!

My outlook is this: You can choose to see what is bad, negative or wrong in everything, or you can look for what is good, positive and right.

I know this vacation won't be perfect. I know well the other 10 people traveling with me, and we are perfectly capable of getting on each other's last nerve. But I also know that we will have fun and make great memories. Some of the best memories may even come from things that go wrong!

It's my choice, and it's your choice, as to where you will place your focus. May I encourage you to focus on the positive?

Grace and peace,

Tracy

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