

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



July 4th is a BIG DEAL DAY!!! It should be a fun, festive and safe holiday—but sometimes it isn't. In fact, nurses often dread working that day because the emergency room is generally very busy with accident victims. To avoid the crowded hospital consider the following-

The 4th generally means fireworks but be sure you're following LEGAL guidelines—use LEGAL fireworks in a LEGAL area. Please note that illegal devices are usually unlabeled, will not have a caution statement and will not include the manufacturer's name. These items are generally more dangerous and can cause serious injury.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety suggests:

- 1) A responsible adult should supervise all fireworks activities;
- 2) Never give fireworks to young children;
- 3) Purchase fireworks from reliable sources;
- 4) Follow label directions carefully;
- 5) Never point or throw fireworks at another person or shoot off in a crowd—leave them at home when attending a community display;
- 6) Only use outdoors in a clear area away from buildings & vehicles;
- 7) Don't carry in your pocket
- 8) Don't shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers;
- 9) Light them only 1 at a time;
- 10) Don't use homemade fireworks;
- 11) Observe local laws;

Above all, use common sense and enjoy the day!!

Joanne Flanders, MS, RN - Parish Nurse

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The devotional and opening prayer was given by Beverly Moody.

- The May 19, 2009 minutes were approved.
- Session training was a team building exercise to help build trust.
- The Treasurer's report was accepted.
- A motion was made to not approve a request from the Women's Haven to use the Cornerstone building for a garage sale.
- The Diaconate reported that Vicky Zimmerman had been elected to be the Diaconate rep. on the Nominating Committee.
- A motion was made to approve a love offering to be given to Susan Duell as a Thank Offering as she leaves us and moves out of state.
- A motion was made to have the Action Planning Team, the Session and the Diaconate to meet on Sunday, June 28, 2009 at 6:00 pm.
- The meeting was closed in prayer by Tracy

Submitted by Jenna Bentley



Our Prayers of Sympathy and Comfort to the family of Jean Triplet (sister-in-law of the Demerson's) who passed away May 25, 2009



Our Condolences and Prayers for the family of Nadine Mckee who passed away on June 7, 2009.

THANK YOU

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Duncan, RMHC would like to acknowledge your generous gift of pull tabs. Through your efforts, we are able to accomplish our mission—which is to provide a “home away from home” for the families of critically ill or injured children.

Using your contribution, we are able to redeem the pull tabs for a premium at our recycling center. These proceeds are used to run the daily operations of our facility which houses our families at no charge. Thank you for your interest and participation in our mission.

Sincerely, Herb Gilkey,
Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House Charities

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you all for your most recent food donation to Christians Concerned. We are serving many families in need and your continued support is much appreciated.

Sincerely, Peggy McCoy, Christians Concerned

THANK YOU

Dear Tracy and Friends at FPC, Thank you for letting me use your Luella Krieger videos. “Visitors of the Past.”

The videos are very interesting and relative to the Lenten and Easter Season we have recently experienced.

How thankful we are for the gift of grace we received through Jesus Christ's sacrifice at Calvary.

Blessings, Martha King

P.S. I love my Presbyterian friends.

From Your Stewardship Committee

To My Dear Friends,

We have made much progress in this last year. My heart was greatly warmed this past Father's Day by the number of people that came to worship. Yes, I believe that we are on the right road. We are going down the path that the Lord wants us to travel.

As I look out on our congregation, I see lots of talent that is not utilized as I believe God would like. So if you have thought about volunteering now would be a perfect time to do so. Remember that the Bible teaches us to be good stewards of not only our money, but also our time and our talents. Only by giving to others and to the Lord can we be truly blessed.

Deuteronomy 15:10 states. “Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”

So please remember that what you do & what you give can & will make a positive difference.

Submitted by Steve Reasor

PRAYER CORNER

*Let us keep our friends and family
in our prayers*

*Justin Ezell - Army

*Matthew Fleming - Marines

*Capt. Michael Pruden - Marines

Jimmy & Rachel Livingston

Bonnie Davidson

Marguerite English

Sam Thompson

Imogene Dove

Pat Winn

Katie Moody

Emily Marshall

Bob McKee

Ron Twelves

Tom Carey

Suzie Grantham

Ann (Helms family)

Jessica Jones

Joyce Stewart

Josie Brown

Carol Roland

Kelly Evans Henderson & Baby

Larry Presgrove

Don Moody

Martha Copland

David Coker

Dale Pollock

Jim Barthell, Jr

* Currently serving our country

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July? It must be, because the calendar and the thermometer say so. In the church's liturgical year, we have entered the midst of "Ordinary Time." The Sunday celebrations and excitement of Lent/Easter and Pentecost and the like have gone. Ordinary time comprises more than half of the year, and is represented with the liturgical color of green (how many places do you see green in the sanctuary?).

Sometimes the word "ordinary" is taken to mean "unexciting." I hope you will not see it as such, but will instead look at it as a time for the everyday business of being church, of worshiping together and celebrating our life as a community of faith.

We often find excitement in the frenzy and added activities of Christmas or Easter or Pentecost, and perhaps wonder why every day can't be Christmas. But the reality is that we need the down times, those regular, ordinary times. If every evening you were served a great banquet of fine foods in lavish surroundings, soon none of those events would seem particularly exciting. A friend of mine on Facebook told us not long ago that when her daughter arrived home after a week-long cruise, she told her family she was tired of eating all that good food and was ready for some of her Mom's cooking! We need the ordinary.

We need contrasts. We need those regular times to help us understand and appreciate the extreme times of joy and pleasure, even sorrow and pain.

One of the tasks I have been assigned as your interim pastor is to assist the congregation in coming to terms with the past. Like all congregations, we have our "prouds" and we have our "sorries." We are in good company here. I was reminded by a colleague recently that the Old Testament is only two things: 1) Remembering what God has done, and 2) Remembering what needs to be repented.

During this ordinary time, I am inviting you as a member or friend of First Presbyterian Church, to do something not so ordinary. By the time you receive this, a time-line will be on the walls of the Fellowship Hall. On this line are the decades of the church's existence. What I would like you to do is add your own information to the time-line.* What events have been important to you? What are the things you remember about the church? Maybe it was a wedding or a funeral. Perhaps a program's beginning or even ending was significant. What are you proud of in the church, and what might you be sorry about? All these pieces will help us as we move ahead in this interim time.

Let us be together in the task of remembering our past.

Blessings of Ordinary Time to each of you,
Tracy

*If you are unable to come to the church, please note any remembrances and send them to me or to the church office



*We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper
on Sunday, July 19th during Worship
Service*

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
JULY 23rd**



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