

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

CHOIR NEWS

Thank you to all Choir and Bell Choir members for all of your hard work. For the past 7 months we have worked hard and I am proud of how far we have come. We have a choir of 12-13 members and a bell choir of 7 members.

The upcoming schedule for the summer music is:

- * Normal choir rehearsal through Sunday July 4th
- * Calling all interested Women for a Womens Ensemble to meet Wednesday July 7th and July 28th at 7:00 pm.
- * Bell Choir will meet Wednesday July 14th
- * Holli will be gone July 21st for the music conference "Alleluia".
- * Choir/Bell Party Wed. August 4th at 7:00 pm (bring a potluck dish) everyone is invited.

Normal rehearsals resume Wednesday August 11th

Choir every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

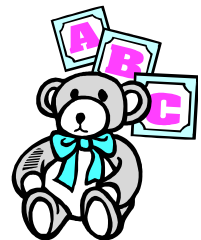
Bell Choir 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

If you are interested in singing/playing a special for a Sunday service please let me know.

Musically yours, Holli Le Check out my websites www.hhpianostudio.net www.ggmusic.com



Baby Day Shower



The Early Head Start Center will provide Child Care, Parenting Skills & Early Child Development for ages 0-3 Years. Our Cornerstone building, which is currently undergoing remodeling by Early Head Start, will be "The Place".

On July 18th there will be a "Baby Day" Shower to provide needed items for the children being cared for at the center. The "Baby Day" Shower will replace our regular Youth Food Harvest one time only. The Youth Food Harvest will resume in August. Suggested items for the "Baby Day" Shower include Bibs, Burp Clothes, Socks, Wipes, Push & Pull Toys for Toddlers, Baby Bottles, Sippy Cups, Portable Crib Sheets, Pacifiers & Pacifier Clips, "Onesies" for 0-3 Mos. and Chew Toys – (no edges or attachments that a baby might swallow). Your gifts do not need to be wrapped. Early gifts may be left in a baby bed, to be set up in the Narthex before July 18th.

A reception and an open house will be announced later.

Members of the Outside Ministry Committee: Leah Berning, Virginia Demerson, Margo Jones and Co-chairs, Peggy Gilchrist & Bennie Drake, are excited about this new mission and hope everyone will participate.

Submitted by The Outside Ministry Committee

A Note From Vicki Zimmerman

Jenna Bentley is the next moderator for Pilgrimage representing First Pres in Duncan. It sure would be nice if Duncan Presbyterians that have never been to Pilgrimage go while she is moderator. AND, those that have gone, sign up for staff positions. Lets have a great number of Duncan represented this next Pilgrimage. There are simply no words to describe the experience as a first timer or as a staff member. Your life will be enriched, you will find a whole new chapter open in your life with this weekend, and I could never have been convinced in the past that my relationship with my Father could be better.....until Pilgrimage. I have found this to be a wonderful way to honor our Father. Do not make the mistake I made thinking this would be a relaxing, come back renewed, and yeah "I finally went to Pilgrimage weekend". Stepping forward as Moderator is a BIG commitment, a lot of work and spiritual commitment. Please think about going. Ask our members that have already been and see their face light up.

Blessings, Vicki Zimmerman



Our Condolences to the family of Frank Gouin. Frank passed away on Wednesday June 2, 2010

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Our Sympathy & Prayers for the family of Robert Johnson Sr. who passed away on Friday, June 4, 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
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
Barbara Black
Lucille Fleming
Lori Evans
Bennie Drake

* Currently serving our country

Our Condolences and Prayers for the family of Ben Hill. Ben passed away on Saturday June 19, 2010. There will be a memorial service at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 10:00am



THANK YOU

Dear Presbyterian Women,

I was so surprised to receive the Honorary Life Membership of Presbyterian Women. This is such an honor and I'm so proud to be added to the list of faithful women of our church. I will wear my pin proudly, knowing I'm a part of the caring and supportive community known as Presbyterian Women. Thank you!

In Christ, Nancy Grantham

THANK YOU

To the Women of the Church, Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$19.40. We consider it a privilege to do what we can to meet the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ.

God bless and keep you, Karen Kaley, Christians Concerned

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Your prayers and loving concern during my recent illness meant so very much to me. Thanks be to God, I am feeling much better and able to return to normal activities.

Thank you for your prayers of healing and wellness! God bless each and every member at First Presbyterian Church.

In Christian Love, Martha King

THANK YOU

Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$190.67. 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

Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of June 15, 2010 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date \$103,460.80

Yearly Expense to date \$ 87,901.57

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.

**OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA**

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
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Helen Sue Lowe	Steve Reasor	Rosella McQuain

DIACONATE

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
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, August 1st during Worship Service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
FRIDAY, JULY 23rd, 2010**



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Dear Friends,

A little *General Assembly 101* for you.

Each month, the governing body of this congregation, the **session**, meets to conduct the business of this church. Members of the session are elders you have elected; they meet with prayer and thoughtful conversation as they consider and discern what God desires for the life of this church.

Similarly, our **presbytery** (Presbytery of Indian Nations) meets three or more times each year to conduct the business of the presbytery, the governing body of the 55 PC(USA) congregations in the central and southwest part of the Oklahoma. Elders and ministers form this body who meet with prayer and thoughtful conversation as they consider and discern what God desires for the life of this presbytery.

Every other year, the **General Assembly** (GA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) meets with prayer and thoughtful conversation as commissioners consider and discern what God desires for the life of this denomination. The General Assembly is made up of an equal number of ministers and elders from all the presbyteries of the denomination. Our presbytery elects two elders and two ministers to attend the meeting.

Those who represent us at GA are commissioners. They are not delegates; the presbytery does not tell them how to vote. Just as a congregation or a session does not tell its elders how to vote at presbytery meetings, or a Sunday School class does not tell a session member how to vote at session, we have elected these elders and ministers to vote on our behalf. We rely on the Holy Spirit to be at work. We pray for and expect the commissioners to listen for God's voice as they deliberate.

In addition to the business of GA, there are some of the most amazing worship services you might ever witness. Thousands of Presbyterians gathering in one place to sing, pray, hear the Word of God and share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is truly something amazing and inspiring. There are groups that gather for meals and lectures, there are vendors and gift shops, too.

I would encourage you to follow what is going on at GA. Though it is being held in Minneapolis from July 3-10, you can follow the proceedings live on the web at www.pcusa.org/ga219. I will also print out the press releases and highlights from each day and make them available on the bulletin board at the church. If you have any questions or concerns about what is going on, PLEASE ask me!

There are many groups who are not official PC(USA) groups who will have their own unique take on the proceedings. You are certainly welcome to follow what they have to say. I would suggest www.pres-outlook.com for a well-balanced, diverse, maybe even challenging, take on the events of the week.

Our own Elder Rosella McQuain has been elected by the Presbytery of Indian Nations as one of the two elder commissioners to this GA meeting. Please keep her and all the commissioners in your prayers.

We are part of a connectional body; we do not act independently from one another. God has made us diverse and as varied as the stars in the sky; for that I am grateful and truly humbled. Together, all of us around the world make up the body of Christ; let us pray for our corner of Christendom as our denomination meets this month.

Grace and Peace,

Tracy