

Yankee Doodle Dandies



Brightly decked out in our nation's colors, Don and Beverly Moody arrived at Sunday morning worship services on July 4th in matching "Holiday Appropriate" attire. Beverly was overheard to say, "Everything else is packed up for the Vermont trip".

Thanks to LaJuan Fleming for this great picture.

The children of
Augusta Mae Griffin Slagle
 are hosting a
Birthday Celebration
 in honor of her 85th birthday
 on Saturday ~ August 7, 2010
 from 2:00 PM through 4:00 PM

Please come and help celebrate
 mom's birthday with us

Cake and refreshments will be served

Join us at
First Presbyterian Church
Duncan, Oklahoma

No gifts please

Looking at Love - Through The Eye of a Needle



Organized by and working under the direction of Colleen Pollock, they are the Cornerstone Quilters; ladies of our church and of other area churches, working together to make decorative wall hanging quilts for the new Early Head Start Center. If you would like to learn to quilt, or are experienced in quilting, come join the 'Quilters'. They meet Mondays from 5-7PM in Fellowship Hall.

Contact Colleen Pollock at 255-4768.

Rosella McQuain at
 General Assembly



Pictured above: Rosella McQuain, rising to speak to the Assembly, asking churches near military installations to intentionally minister to the families of those soldiers who are deployed to dangerous places around our world and asking everyone to pray for those churches and their ministry. *Live streaming video image captured by Jim Barthell*

Happy August Birthday!

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



8/02 Judith Holtmyer
 8/02 Don Moody
 8/03 Sue Beall
 8/04 Stan Martin
 8/11 Jerry Perkins
 8/11 Elizabeth Steigleder
 8/12 Ryan Grantham
 8/12 Tinker Hruby

8/13 Dane Steil
 8/14 Marshall Hawkins
 8/15 Linda Helms
 8/20 Isaac Martin
 8/21 Katherine Hruby
 8/23 Wylla Leonard
 8/26 Brin Fair
 8/26 Bill McQuain



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

A lunch honoring August Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, August 18th. *Everyone is welcome.* 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

Did Your Fireworks Get Rained Out on the 4th?



It Ain't Your Mother's Old Diaper Bag!

The Cornerstone Quilters would greatly appreciate your cash donations to help with the purchase of fabrics and batting for the quilts. If you would like to help in this project with a donation, please put it in the diaper bag that will be in the narthex on the next few Sundays.

Or, you can mark your donation "CSQuilters" and place it in the collection plate - or mail it to the church office.

Copy Submitted by Rosella McQuain



"Fill The Bag"

~No Rainout Here~
 The smiles of birthday ladies Martha Copland & Joan Drake sparkled brightly on this - their day. When is your birthday? Won't you join us?



Youthful Church Anecdotes

The old adage says that “Little boys have big ears.” Such was the case as I grew up in the First Presbyterian Church in Duncan, Oklahoma. These are a collection of stories, as I remember them, as I grew up until we moved away in 1934. Some relate to church decisions, activities of the church and my taking part as a young boy. We met in the old wooden church with a steeple. The church had poor lighting and marginal air conditioning, cold in winter and hot in summer. Just the opposite as it is today.

Reverence was observed by silence. Running in church was out. Little boys were to be seen and not heard. Bad manners were reported to your parents followed by a seat warming when you got home. Outside the church you were free to do pretty much as you wanted, but not inside. Families sat in the same pews, Sunday after Sunday, even though they were not assigned. Music was provided by a piano and any other instrument would have been seriously looked down on. The end of our pew was at a window which was opened in the summer. A little bird would sit on the hedge outside and sing along with us. I looked forward to it each Sunday. There were no screens on the windows so I could bring bread or cracker pieces to feed the bird. I wanted it to return every Sunday. My father had other ideas on the subject however. What he didn’t realize was when he was ushering the offertory collection plate his back was to me. Mother never let on.

Young boys had duties to perform on Sunday’s before church services in the summer time. Hand fans were placed in the seats of the pews. Some had the name of the local funeral home printed on them which I thought a little out of place at the time. Another duty was to see that the number of the hymns to be sung during church services be displayed on the plaque on the wall at the front of the church. Sometimes the numbers got out of order. Wonder how that happened? During a communion service as we do today wine was served in small attractive glasses to be left in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Since I was too young to take part I was never served one. Gee they were cute little glasses. At the time it never entered my mind they were part of a set and were collected at the end of the service to be washed and reused. We always left immediately after service so I didn’t see what happened to them. One Sunday morning I took one home with me. Later I overheard my father tell mother that a piece was missing from the communion service set. I had no idea what he was talking about. Next time they had communion I collected another glass. I placed it with the other one in plain sight in my room. WRONG! I got a real seat dusting for that. Needless to say communion took on a whole new meaning for me after that.

more to come...

George Jr.

Submitted by George Copland Jr.

HELP NEEDED!



If you enjoy yard work...mowing, trimming, tending flowers or trees...We think Steve could use some help. He has been a tireless volunteer and maintains all of our outdoor property. If you can help in any way, please contact the office. The Session would be grateful.

Submitted by Rosella McQuain, Session

Who Dat?.... We often fall guilty of the old “*Everybody knows George*” thing. As a result, some folks who pose for pictures in Faith-At-Work are not identified in print. We’ll try to correct that here. In the “Quilters” piece, with Colleen Pollock standing in the center, pictured clockwise are: Charlotte Utley, Debbie Green, Margo Jones & Gladys Taylor, Katherine Hruby, Joyce Hallock and Colleen Pollock (again). In the Birthday piece, seated with Martha and Joan are, of course, George Copland and Bennie Drake. Below them are (LtoR) Rosella & Bill McQuain, LaJuan & Jerry Fleming and – in the bottom row – Vicki and Chris Zimmerman.

Submitted by Jim Barthell



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

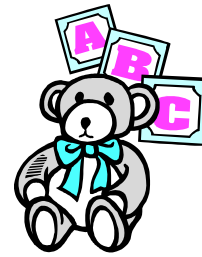
1205 S. 4th

Wylla Leonard

About GA:

There will be an informational report about General Assembly on **Aug 1, immediately following worship**. A light lunch will be served and we encourage you to fellowship and hear about your church in action. Rosella McQuain, Indian Nations Presbytery Commissioner to GA will make the presentation.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED



Teams are needed to take care of the nursery during church for the remainder of the year. We made a covenant to nurture these children in their Christian growth. What better way to nurture children than to get acquainted with them and be their friend. Contact the office or Lonnie Helms if you would like to serve in this way. Dates are available. You will be blessed.

Submitted by Rosella McQuain, Inside Ministries

Session Highlights

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm
- Rosella McQuain gave the devotional and opening prayer
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Boy Scout Troop 434 to receive a new bus and to maintain ownership of the old bus until a decision is made on which bus they will keep and to approve the donation of the old bus if the new bus is kept.
- The minutes from June 15, 2010 stand as corrected.
- A motion was made and seconded for Tracy to order 40 issues of Presbyterian Today not to exceed \$100.
- A motion was made and seconded to receive J.D. Carter by letter of transfer from the Christian Church.
- A motion was made and seconded to pay \$125 plus 50 cents per mile for anyone providing pulpit supply from outside of the Duncan community.
- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:11 pm.
- The meeting was closed in prayer by Tracy.

Submitted by Jenna Bentley, Session Clerk

General Assembly Report

I have returned from Minneapolis and can honestly say that I am very happy to be a Presbyterian. While I do not always agree with everything we do, I have come to have a new appreciation for our denomination.

First, there is parity between elders and ministers at GA. And it is important that clergy and laypeople have an equal voice.

The commissioners gathered after weeks and even months of study. We were properly prepared with resources and papers and scripture for every overture that was received. Committees were randomly drawn and moderators and parliamentarians and resource people were assigned for each committee and work began months ago. When we arrived, the Committee on Local Affairs had done a fantastic job of sorting everything out so we only had to move around to various worship and meetings and do our work.

At every step, we prayed, we studied, we built relationships and trust, we argued and we voted. Minority reports were prepared when people had serious concerns with the outcome of an overture. All of this was presented to the entire assembly for action. We had time to discuss and discern. Votes were taken and some issues are being sent to the Presbyteries for a final approval or disapproval. Other items of business do not require Presbytery approval and have already been implemented.

Worship, study, fellowship, prayer, discernment and decision making. Yes, I am glad to be a Presbyterian. The Holy Spirit is moving among the denomination and I knew the presence of God was with us in Minneapolis.

I would be happy to discuss the experience with anyone who has questions.

Rosella McQuain