

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

Clerk's Corner

Session had a busy night with all of the elders present. It was the dreaded night of officer examination!! We know all of our incoming officers and we are satisfied at the onset that they are good and faithful members of our faith community. We have gotten to know them better in officer training and most of them have served as officers in the past. Still, our constitution requires us to examine them, and so we do. It is always humbling to hear people speak of their faith walk. You can rest assured that the new group of officers will be wonderful stewards of the trust you have placed in them.

The heating and air conditioner unit in Fellowship Hall has been declared beyond help. A new unit will be purchased from the Building Fund Account. However, the heat and air in the offices and the parlor have been given new life. Praise be to God. In accordance with the terms of the Endowment Fund, the earnings from the investment this year must be transferred. This year the funds will be moved to the Building Fund.

The letter of resignation from Rev. Evans was read and accepted. She has been a good and faithful leader for nearly 3 years and she now has the opportunity to accept a call from Memorial Presbyterian Church in Norman, Ok. We thank her for her time here and wish her well in her new ministry. Session has offered a Temporary Supply Minister position to Sue Trei-Conrad. If the way be clear, she will begin a 6 month covenant with us in January 2012. This should hopefully take us to the time we will have a new pastor on board.

New information on the Stewardship Drive will be found in the FAW. The Joy Gift offering amounted to \$986.

Vicki Zimmerman will be the Presbytery Commissioner, Rosella McQuain will continue as Clerk, Linda Helms as Treasurer and Jerry Fleming as Assistant Treasurer.

The Session would like to express our thanks to the choir for the beautiful cantata. We are so blessed to have a great music ministry in our church. Thanks be to God for their dedication. 97 people attended the cantata.

January 8, 2012 will be: communion, officer ordination and installation, and de-greening of the church. Stay tuned for more exciting information concerning your church. New and wonderful things are happening just around the corner. Please be prepared to select which committee you wish to sign up to work with in the coming year.

Shalom, Rosella McQuain,
Clerk of Session



Nursery Update

To all the Presbyterian Elves,

Jana Oakman, director of the Edge Academy, will do the finishing touches before Christmas. The solid blue walls need one more coat of Caribbean blue. The scaffolding was a great help as those walls are really tall. The windows need cleaning up and we will be ready to lay the carpet. If we can get the rocker in the Disciples Class repaired and re-stained, it would be better than anything we could buy.

The new crib's color is mahogany stained and has a new mattress and all the accoutrements. The toy shelves have not been painted, but can be done in one day. If anyone happens to be out shopping and they have found something for the nursery, please don't be shy. Getting new stuff to play with will be great.

When Erica took down the newspaper covering the windows, it was obvious that there will need to be something to cut the direct sunlight from the west. She also removed the rest of the blue tape from the walls when it was painted.

Derrick Miller will be providing an article about our update on the nursery to the Duncan Banner. Jana and I will also present a slide show to the Edge School Board.

The new and improved nursery will be a GRAND addition.

Sincerely,
Head Nursery Elf



Submitted by Vicki Zimmerman

**Editor's Note: Pictures of the nursery remodel are included in the insert of this edition of FAW. Special thanks to all who participated in the renovation and for those who have purchased new items for the nursery.*

FINANCAL UPDATE AS OF 12/27/2011

Yearly **Income** to date: \$198,228.98
Yearly **Expense** to date: \$200,430.04

PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family

in our prayers

*Jason Kramer – Army

Rachel Livingston

Doris Stokes

Elizabeth Steigleder

Sam Thompson

Mary Bennett

Lu Morgan

Vicky Benson

Dora Kirk

Steve Akers

Ron Twelves

Susie Grantham

Jessica Jones

Mary Cearley

Lucille Fleming

Gene Florence

Quannah Cox

Jacob Helms

Tom Thomson

Lavina Hofmann

Rebecca Kramer

Jim Barthell, Jr.

* Currently serving our country

LET US REMEMBER

Carroll McClellan

Country Club Care

1904 Hwy 81, Duncan, OK

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Audrey Waggoner

Chisholm Trail Assisted Living

625 Chisholm Trail Pkwy

Duncan, OK

Prayers of Comfort and Sympathy For:

Chris Zimmerman Family (Chris' mother, Betty, passed away December 12, 2011 and his father, Carl, on December 25, 2011)

Family of Carroll Goss (he passed away December 27, 2011)

Family of Helen Sue Lowe (she passed away December 27, 2011)

Thank You

Chris and I would like to thank everyone for their love and support during this past week and unfortunately, still time to come. Chris' mother passed unexpectedly one week after moving into Sterling House. Chris' dad spent two nights in Sterling House and the rest of the time in the hospital and ER. Chris' father was the one we expected to pass, but is still hanging on and is in renal failure. The hospital is helping with his pain and his breathing is better. Chris had to get power of attorney as his mother was the one who had the power of attorney. A special thank you to Leah Berning, who so lovingly brought breakfast to my family the morning of the funeral. She even brought coffee for my brother. He said a *very special thank you*. Our church family is a blessing.

Thank you, Chris and Vicki Zimmerman
Marisa, Jordan, Derek and my brother Ron Jones

Thank You

To First Presbyterian Church from:

Goodland for the gift of **\$229.17**

Christians Concerned, a United Way Agency, for the gift of **\$124.67**

A Prayer

Lord, Thou knowest I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful, but not nosy. Helpful, but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all. But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends to the end.

Submitted by Pat Hale *Note: this prayer was in her mother's Bible

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Treasurer – Linda Helms **Asst. Treasurer** – Jerry Fleming



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, **January 8** during the worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th**

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Issue 1

January 2012

Dear Friends,

So long, adios, adieu, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye! As most of you have heard, I am soon leaving First Presbyterian Church of Duncan. I have been called by the congregation of Memorial Presbyterian in Norman to serve as their pastor.

Our ministry together in these nearly three years has been full, productive, emotional, healing, spiritual, passionate, positive, negative, joyful and loving, just to name a few descriptors. The time cannot be defined by only one word! I trust that you see the progress we have made on our path together. Mistakes have been made and successes have been celebrated. You have grown spiritually and emotionally, and I believe I have as well. I know I leave you ready to take on new ministries.

I leave you in good hands. My colleague in ministry, Rev. Sue Trei-Conrad, has been hired by the session to serve as your temporary supply. You will have a consistent person in the pulpit and available for you during the week. The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee will continue in their work. Having Sue on-board will give the DPNC the opportunity to take as much time as needed to find the pastor God is calling to First Presbyterian Church. Sue will be serving with you in a part time capacity; you will learn more about her soon.

My last Sunday will be January 15th, and we will have an opportunity to say goodbye that day. At that time, I will sever ties* as your pastor so that you may look to the future of your ministry and not hang on to the past. While none of you will leave my heart or my memory, we must separate so that you can have healthy, fruitful relationships with a new pastor.

And the work of the church continues! January 8th will be a busy day as we celebrate communion, and ordain and install new officers in worship. Following worship, we will need lots of help to take down the Christmas decorations. I hope you'll be able to stay for this (it's actually kind of fun...).

As the New Year begins, there are lots of changes on the horizon. Some you see; others are still out of sight. Trust in the God who has carried you thus far, in the knowledge, love and grace of our Lord.

Grace and peace to each of you,

Tracy

*One way I will be severing ties is by removing Duncan friends from my Facebook account. This will give us a clean slate. You may choose to add me back as a friend after January 16th, understanding that the church is no longer a factor in the relationship.

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