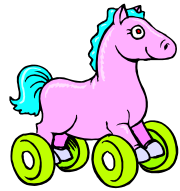


GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD



TOY SHOP RUMMAGE SALE

STEVENS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - NORTH END

Sale Hours: Thursday 10/1 8AM-6PM and Friday 10/2 9AM-2PM

ALL DONATIONS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS ON
SEPTEMBER 28, 29 AND 30 FROM 8 AM – 3 PM
PLEASE BRING DONATED GOODS TO THE NORTH WING DOORS

Submitted by Martha Coker

The **Action Planning Team** has been meeting this year to develop the plans of the Bridgebuilder Program from consultant Peter Steinke. You are seeing the fruits of their efforts in the reconciliation program that is being carried out with the Interim Pastor, and will be seeing more work with the officer training in the fall and prayer partners in Advent. They have made their recommendations to the session who will continue to use their report as they make future plans. The session is grateful for the many hours they committed to this effort, and will continue to seek their input. Thank you APT members Martha Coker, chair, Sue Beall, Robin Caldwell, Jo Flanders, Jerry Fleming, Margo Jones, Mary Ann Kaminski, Rosella McQuain, Scott Postlethwaite, Mike Steil, and Lynn Wienck.
Submitted by Tracy Evans

Part D – Review Before You Renew

If you're currently insured through a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan you will soon be receiving your annual renewal notice in the mail. Please read it carefully. It is probable that your costs are scheduled to rise considerably in 2010. At the same time, your benefits may decrease and your 'donut hole' might just get a bit deeper.

It's a good idea to 'Review Before You Renew'.

It's time once again to go over your current plan and compare it to all other available plans. Remember, there is only one 'Best Plan' for you. The plan that you're with now may have been the right choice for 2009. But – things can and do change.

When you're ready to renew your Part D coverage, or - if you're a new enrollee in 2010, the place to check for your 'Best Plan' is at www.medicare.gov, the Internet site where all your Part D questions can be answered and where enrollment and/or plan change can be easily accomplished. At First Presbyterian Church your Parish Nurse, Jo Flanders, is available to go over your options with you. You can contact Jo through the church office to schedule a confidential on line review of your needs and available Part D plans.

The time to review is now. On line enrollment for 2010 begins on November 15 and Medicare usually requires two months for your new monthly premium payments to catch up with your changed Part D coverage.

THANK YOU

To: First Presbyterian Church,
Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your recent gifts of \$502.04 and \$166.66. Christians Concerned helps others because we believe God calls us to care. 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,
Christians Concerned

Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of Sept. 14th, 2009 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date	\$120,442.37
Yearly Expense to date	\$167,606.45



Our Prayers of Comfort and Sympathy for the family of

Georgia Kerley, Tracy's Grandmother.



Prayers of Comfort for the family of Gary Arnold, son-in-law of Carroll Goss

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

Marguerite English

Sam Thompson

Imogene Dove

Pat Winn

Katie Moody

Bob McKee

Ron Twelves

Tom Carey

Susie Grantham

Ann (Helms family)

Jessica Jones

Josie Brown

Kelly Evans Henderson & Baby

Larry Presgrove

Martha Copland

Lu Morgan

Mary Cearley

Chase O'Bryne

Bill Robinson

Alice Powell

Pat Hale

Audrey Waggoner

Dale Pollock

Al Hruby

Lavina Hofmann

Helen Sue Lowe

Don Moody

* Currently serving our country

THANK YOU

My thanks to the many of you in the congregation who have expressed their condolences at the loss of my grandmother. "Gigi" was 93, and we were able to gather at her funeral and remember her with love and joy. As one person told me, "You were blessed to have her in your life for so long!"

Tracy Evans

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$208.33 we received in today's mail. Thank you for the kind & generous support you have shown the boys of Goodland.
Your Servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO

THANK YOU

To: FPC Women of the Church,
Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$50.00. Christians Concerned, as a United Way Agency, is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Duncan area.
God bless and keep you, Christians Concerned

THANK YOU

Dear Church Members,
Thank you so much for the sweet reception you gave me. You are all so kind, and I appreciate each one of you.
It's been my privilege to worship the Lord through music, and I thank you for giving me that opportunity. I have truly enjoyed getting to know you, and being a part of your fellowship.
Thanks again! Love, Susan Duell

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Orders are being taken for Christmas Poinsettias.

If you would like to honor or remember a special loved one or special friend, please fill out this form and return it to the church by **October 15th**.

Poinsettias will be on display in the Sanctuary during Advent. Names of those being honored will be published in a December bulletin.

We do not have a price quote yet as an estimate of how many we will order is needed (last year the price was \$13.00 each).

Please contact Sue at the church office to place your order.

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____



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

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>
Dan Flanders	Martha Coker	Jenna Bentley
Beverly Moody	Peggy Gilchrist	Steve Reasor

DIACONATE

<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>
LaJuan Fleming	Joan Drake	Bennie Drake
Vicki Zimmerman	Sally Barthell	Mike Grantham
Mary Ann Kaminski		

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

Telephone Numbers

Church Office (580) 255-5769
 Fax (580) 252-4175
 e-mail: office@fpcduncan.com
 Website: www.fpcduncan.com

Interim Pastor
 Reverend Tracy Evans Cell: 736-4170
 email: tlevans@fpcduncan.com

Treasurer
 Linda Helms 252-4164

Assistant Treasurer
 Jerry Fleming 252-9559

Organist/Choir Director

Custodial Engineer
 Nancy Postlethwaite 252-6522

Parish Nurse
 Jo Flanders 255-7198

Webmaster
 Lynn Wienck 252-4471

Newsletter "Faith - At - Work"
 Sally Barthell 470-9933
 email: salsroom@jimbarthell.com



First Presbyterian Church
"FAITH - AT - WORK"

704 West Ash Avenue
 Duncan, Oklahoma



Issue 10

October 2009

Dear Friends,
 Each month at the session meeting, we have a time of Officer Training. The objective is to continue to learn about the role of elder in a Presbyterian Church (USA) and to examine what we are doing as a session in leading the congregation.

Since March, I have been leading the session in what I call "non-traditional" officer training. We have used get-acquainted activities and team-building exercises as a way to get to know one another better and to build trust among the session members and others who attend the meetings. We have learned some unique things about one another, laughed (*a lot*) and have had some tender moments, too.

Last month, I led the session in an exercise of patience, cooperation and communication. A ball was placed on a cardboard ring with strings attached to the ring. The objective was to move the ball as a group by holding the strings, without touching the ball, from one spot to another. What I observed was that there were a few folks who stepped to the sidelines and a few who took the reigns leaving the others behind. Some were quick to take action and others wanted to step back. In the end the ball was moved by less than half of those who were present. The objective was met, but not everyone was involved.

I was reminded of an African proverb which says:

If you want to go fast, go alone.
 If you want to go far, go together.

It is tempting to go alone. It is simpler and quicker, and we are sure to get exactly what we wanted (usually). Going together complicates things. There will be those who don't understand or don't want to go. Maybe there will be those who want to go in another direction. How do we deal with all these delays?


It is my belief that God has put us in faith communities (such as the church) to help us understand who God is in a fuller, more complete way. When we only have our single view, we diminish who we understand God to be. We will never see God fully while living this earthly life, but if we open ourselves to others, we will begin to see what God has in store for us in a much broader way.

There are changes that are happening in the congregation. Are they happening at the pace I would like them to take place? Probably not. But in all cases, the leaders of the congregation are listening *together* to where God is leading. It can be frustrating at times, of course, but I figure that if God can be patient, then we can be, too.

I ask you to continue to pray for this congregation, for its members and for its leaders. Ask God to show us the way, and to give us patience and encouragement as we move forward together.

In Christ's love and grace,

Tracy



THE LORD'S SUPPER
We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 4th during Worship Service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
 October 24TH**



OCTOBER 2009 ISSUE



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

First Presbyterian Church
 704 West Ash Ave.
 Duncan, Oklahoma 73533-4646
 580-255-5769
 Website: www.fpcduncan.com

NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 Duncan, OK 73533
 Permit #87