

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

Clerk's Corner

It was a very busy and long evening September 20, but quite productive. You will read about most of the discussions elsewhere in the FAW.

If you know someone who needs to have communion brought to their home, please call the office and let us know so we can provide that pastoral service to them October 2.

We will host the Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service on November 2. Jari Askins will be the guest speaker.

Two new wireless mics and receivers have been purchased with funds left from the Livingston Memorial to complete the update to the sound system.

Motion was approved to continue Rev. Evans Interim Covenant on a monthly basis, which is a continuation of the current contract.

Motion was approved to participate in The Well dinner in October and up to three times in 2012. The Well's community wide free dinner is sponsored by the First Christian Church.

The Peacemaking Offering will be received on October 2 and our church keeps 25% of that for local missions. This year, it will be given to The Well dinner.

Shalom, Rosella McQuain,
Clerk of Session

HELP WANTED

to prepare and serve dinner at The Well (FCC) for less fortunate members of our community on Friday evening **October 28th**. This will be our second opportunity to participate in this program with the First Christian Church. No special talent is required, just a willingness to serve. Required time will be from **5pm-8pm**. We will be preparing food, including dessert for 175 people. Please contact Peggy Gilchrist at 255-4026 if you can provide pies, cakes and cookies.

A sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Contact Lonnie McCain at 467-3505 for additional information or if you have any questions.



John 6:35 "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Submitted by Lonnie McCain

Youth Food Harvest



The **OCTOBER** "Food or Item of the Month" is **SPAGHETTI**

& MEATBALLS. Each month will have a new food or item. Please bring your donation to the church on the third Sunday of each month and the youth will collect it for the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.



From the Editor

WHAT'S NEW?

If you have anything that you'd like to share in FAW, please email to fpcduncan@gmail.com or you can bring it by the church office (M-F 9am to noon) or call Kassie @ 580-255-5769.



FINANCAL UPDATE AS OF 09/19/2011

Yearly **Income** to date: \$148,279.59
Yearly **Expense** to date: \$150,326.38

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,

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PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family

in our prayers

*Jason Kramer – Army

Rachel Livingston

Doris Stokes

Carroll Goss

Elizabeth Steigleder

Sam Thompson

Mary Bennett

Lu Morgan

Helen Sue Lowe

Vicky Benson

LaJuan Fleming

Martha Copland

Pat & Colleen Winn

Ron Twelves

Susie Grantham

Jessica Jones

Mary Cearley

Lucille Fleming

Gene Florence

Quannah Cox

Ted Elam

Jacob Helms

Tom Thomson

Lavina Hofmann

* Currently serving our country

Thank You

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so very much for your most recent donations of food to Christians Concerned. Your ongoing commitment to helping to feed families in need in our community is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous giving spirit.

Sincerely, Pam Kendrick, Christians Concerned

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your kind gift of **\$520.00** which you gave in support of our back to school program. I'm so thankful for the support and love you've shown to our boys.

Your Servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO of Goodland

Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Women of the Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of **\$50.00** to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Your gift has been matched, dollar for dollar, to provide backpacks of nutritious weekend food for hungry children through the *Food for Kids Backpack Program* in Duncan-thank you!

Gratefully, Rodney W. Bivens, Executive Director

Thank You

To First Presbyterian Church from:

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

Christians Concerned for the gift of **\$122.67**



SIGN IN PLEASE

In order to better serve our congregation it is important that you, as a member of the congregation or a visitor, **sign the Welcome Register** each time you attend Worship Service.

You will find the Welcome Register on the center aisle side of your pew. Please sign it and pass it down the pew for others to sign; then return it to the aisle seat.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Reminder to bring:

Please bring your Campbell Soup Labels, box tops for schools coupons, aluminum pull tabs, empty pill bottles (labels removed) and empty inkjet cartridges to the church office. These items will be used to help others in need.

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

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2011</u> Bennie Drake Steve Reasor	<u>Class of 2012</u> Lonnie Helms Rosella McQuain	<u>Class of 2013</u> Jerry Fleming Vicki Zimmerman
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<u>Class of 2011</u> Mike Grantham Jack Munn	<u>Class of 2012</u> Leah Berning Charlotte Utley	<u>Class of 2013</u> Robin Caldwell LaJuan Fleming
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Treasurer – Linda Helms **Asst. Treasurer** – Jerry Fleming



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 2 during the worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
THURSDAY OCTOBER 20TH**

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Dear Friends,

Your new pastor is one step closer. And the congregation is one step closer to finding out who it is that God is calling to First Presbyterian Church of Duncan.

Here's what has happened recently in the process. As I said last month, the session requested permission to form a Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (DPNC) from the presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). COM approved that request and asked that the session submit names to the congregation for that committee.

There are two things in that last paragraph that are different from searches this congregation has carried out in the past. The first is that the search for a pastor will be for a Designated Pastor. A Designated Pastor is a term used in our denomination for a pastor who is called to a congregation for a designated amount of time, between 2 and 4 years. After that time, the pastor may become a "regular" pastor with a full call if the pastor, the congregation and the presbytery agree.

A search for a Designated Pastor is a little different from searches that have taken place in the past at FPC, too. There will be a presbytery sub-committee who will be assisting in the process by making initial assessments on potential candidates for the position. This group will read through the many, many dossiers from candidates and narrow the number down for the congregation's Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (DPNC) to review and interview. This should expedite the often lengthy process of calling a new pastor.

Back to the second paragraph. I said there were two things that differed from previous searches. The second is that the COM asked that the session submit names to serve on the DPNC. The Committee on Ministry felt that the session knows best the recent history of this congregation. The session is currently in the midst of working on assembling a DPNC. These names will be presented to the congregation for a vote, on October 2, following worship. As always, nominations from the floor will be considered, too.

That's quite a bit of information that you may or may not want to know, but it is important that we remain transparent in what happens with the congregation.

We Presbyterians are known for doing things "decently and in order" and our search process for pastors is but another reminder. My experience is that there is grace and love and dedication in the process. It allows for the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance at each step.

Your new pastor is one step closer to being here. I would ask that you pray for that person who will take you into the next chapter of the life of this congregation!

Grace and peace,

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