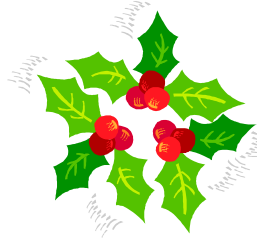


GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD

HELP WANTED



On November 22, your Worship Committee invites every member of this congregation to stay after worship to help **decorate our church** for the beautiful season of advent. Red poinsettias have been ordered and we will have all the bows, ornaments and wreaths out for the hanging. The Christmas Trees will be in the building from storage. After eating a bite, then you can get into the beauty of the season. With a lot of helpers the work is minimal. We invite all the children and their parents to help also. Let us come to worship our Savior's birth with anticipation and beauty.

Your Worship Committee



Lately, "end-of-life" issues have been in the news. And this being National Hospice Month, a program "A Gift for Your Family" has been planned. Rev. Evans will discuss concerns that can become a gift to your loved ones. The goal of the program is to present ideas so that you can get your affairs in order. Her presentation will include determining your wishes about your "last days", memorial service, and other vital information needed when that time arrives. While Tracy will have a formal presentation, Joanne Flanders and Mike Grantham will be available during the question and answer period with additional information. (AND refreshments will be available!) So, we'll meet in Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 1:30-2:30pm** for this very important presentation just in time for the Holiday season—your loved ones will be grateful for your gift!

Joanne Flanders, MS, RN - Parish Nurse



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The Duncan unit of the Church Women United will observe "World Community Day" at the First Christian Church on Friday, November 6 at 9:30 am. The theme of this year's gathering is "Piecing Earth Together." This theme focuses

on the environment and how we are called to work together to be good stewards of the gifts of God and his earth. Some writers of the program have authored a pledge to this service. "I pledge to reduce, reuse and recycle to make a difference in my use of God's resources. I will hold myself accountable for cleaner air, water, and land on this earth and encourage others to do the same."

Submitted by Martha Coker

"There is a proverbial saying in Asia, particularly in Korea: sipsi ilban, which translated means 'a spoonful of rice from ten persons makes a bowl of rice.' Korean Christians have adapted the words to mean that a tenth of one's treasure or money will contribute to make God's treasury whole (complete and sufficient) for its mission and ministry."

Submitted by Sue Beall

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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.



Our Prayers of Comfort and Sympathy for the family of

Katie Moody.

Katie passed away on October 15, 2009



THANK YOU

Dear Friends at FPC, KFC would like to express our thanks for making our "Open House" Sunday the 13th, such a success! We were excited to host the congregation to our new room, provide refreshments (punch & cookies), and let you see some of what we have been doing.

We are creating our own "time line" on the life & ministry of the apostle Paul. We had fun painting the sun-catchers you saw hanging in our room windows. Also, we are learning the books of the Bible done to rap music. Perhaps when we learn all the books of the Bible, we can perform for a family night dinner!

It was also a time to show off our new KFC tee shirts!

Yours in Christ, KFC

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church, Thank you all for continuing to support our food for folks in need. Your most recent donation of food is much appreciated. Thanks again. Sincerely, Peggy McCoy, Christians Concerned

THANK YOU

Dear Friends, Thank you very much for your gracious gift of \$208.33 you gave in support of the boys at Goodland. Your support is so important to the continuing success of Goodland. Your Servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO

THANK YOU

A big **THANK YOU** to Lois and Larry Harris for helping to supply pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkins they brought went real fast. They do this for us every year and we really appreciate it.

Now to our wonderful volunteers, your time and fellowship was essential in keeping the Pumpkin Patch a tradition to many families. Jack making memories by giving the pumpkins to every child. If the child doesn't remember, the parent does. The children that come every year know they will get that BABY pumpkin. Peggy's diligence and the wonderful baked goods that Sally, Jo & Nancy prepared. We are still enjoying the scarecrows that Robin and the youth club made. Thank you to Tinker & John Hruby for running our pumpkin patch ad in the Marlow Review. Thank you... thank you... thank you... thank you.

Submitted by Vicki Zimmerman

THANK YOU

Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$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

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

Bob McKee

Ron Twelves

Tom Carey

Susie Grantham

Ann (Helms family)

Jessica Jones

Josie Brown

Larry Presgrove

Martha Copland

Lu Morgan

Mary Cearley

Chase O'Bryne

Bill Robinson

Alice Powell

Audrey Waggoner

Al Hruby

Helen Sue Lowe

Sue Long

Martha King

Carroll Goss

* Currently serving our country

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Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

We are in the midst of our Stewardship Season. As I write this, we have just completed our kick-off meal, and letters will be going out to all our members in the next day or so. You are being asked to consider your support of FPC for 2010 as a response to God's work in your life. On Sunday, November 15 we will be dedicating our pledges during our morning worship. The Stewardship and Finance committee have been working very hard to present to you a proposed budget that is both reasonable and allows this congregation to move forward in faith and trust in God.


While many churches will be focusing on stewardship in the fall, the reality is that stewardship is a year round concern. Each and every day we should be examining ourselves and asking if we are being good stewards of that which we have been given. For example, most of us are given time, health and financial resources. Many of us (myself included) take these resources for granted. We assume they will always be there, and we may not take advantage of them while we can.

Or we forget that these things have been given to us; we believe that we alone are the initiators of our lives, that we have worked hard for what we have and that it all belongs to us. As followers of Christ, though, we often need to be reminded that it is God who has given us all that we have, and has created us to be all that we are.

In returning to God what has been given to us, we are simply acknowledging who we are and whose we are. I ask you to give prayerful thought as you consider your pledge to the church.

November has lots of opportunities for us to gather at FPC Duncan. I encourage you to check out the three Monday officer training classes, the "Gift for your Family" seminar, and our Hanging of the Greens following worship (yikes! Advent is upon us!).

Blessings to you,
 Tracy



THE LORD'S SUPPER
We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, November 22nd during Worship Service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
 November 20th**

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