

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

Clerk's Corner

Session met October 18 with all members present. The highlight of the meeting was accepting a letter of transfer for Lois Michael. We are delighted to welcome Lois into membership of this congregation and hope you will take time to meet and get to know this lovely lady. She comes to us as an elder from her previous church.

The nominating committee presented their report and a slate of officers for the class of 2014, which will be presented to the congregation for their consideration during a congregational meeting following worship November 6. The committee worked diligently on the process and we thank them for their service.

There will be a joint meeting of the deacons and elders on November 15. The boards will split for their separate meetings afterward.

Tracy will again provide an interesting and informative series of officer trainings for the new officers. Anyone in the congregation is invited to attend and many have found this a good way to stay in touch with the denomination

A meeting will be held in Lawton on November 3 at 7pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This meeting will discuss the new structure of our form of government. If you would like to attend, please call the church office to make arrangements.

Shalom, Rosella McQuain,
Clerk of Session

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2012 is Just Around the Corner. 2011 is quickly coming to an end. It started out with record snow-fall, and this summer was quite hot to say the least. Time changes in a couple of weeks and the holiday season will soon be upon us.

Fall is also the time of year we establish our plans and promises for the next year. We will be welcoming a new pastor in the months ahead. As with the holidays, we must plan ahead.

Stewardship starts with each of us as we return to God a share of the bounty he has provided us. Prayerfully consider how you can support our church and its mission. The Session is currently reviewing their expenses from this year and is developing its anticipated expenses and needs for the coming year. Working together we can achieve great things as God's plans unfold for us.

We will be providing a budget (I'm sorry, but I had to add the B word) to you soon so that we can work together and make our promises for a successful 2012. Praise be to God.

Submitted by Lonnie Helms, Stewardship 2012



Hanging of the Greens

On **November 27**, after worship, we will **decorate our church** for the beautiful season of Advent. The Inside Ministry Team hopes you will plan to stay and help because you will be in for a special treat. Vicki Zimmerman will be preparing **lunch** that day and she has said that her homemade rolls will *definitely* be served with the meal. She always fixes plenty to eat and there will



be enough for everyone, including our shut-ins. Vicki has requested that there is no need for anyone to bring anything for the meal (this is GRACE), but suggests you may want to let your belt out afterward. This will be just like old times. Family and friends decorating, eating, laughing and making great memories. Hope you'll be there to join in the fun and festivities!

Submitted by Vicki Zimmerman, Inside Ministry



FINANCAL UPDATE AS OF 10/24/2011

Yearly **Income** to date: \$165,343.62
Yearly **Expense** to date: \$168,112.82

LET US REMEMBER

Carroll McClellan

Country Club Care

1904 Hwy 81, Duncan, OK



Audrey Waggoner

Chisholm Trail Assisted Living

625 Chisholm Trail Pkwy, Duncan, OK

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

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

Martha King

Rebecca Kramer

* Currently serving our country

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful Bible you sent me. I know you intended it for a thank you gift to me, but I want to THANK YOU for allowing me to minister to you in song.

For His Glory, Sharon Rue

*Editors Note: Sharon sang at the PW Thank Offering Luncheon in September

Thank You

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of **chili** to **Christians Concerned**. By reaching out to families in need in our community, you are living out the gospel message to feed the hungry and care for those in need. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely, Pam Kendrick, Christians Concerned

Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Women of the Church,

We appreciate your church family agreeing to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking by donating to our cause in the amount of **\$50.00**. With the continued support of church families such as yours, we will be able to further our mission and empower victims to break the cycle of violence and abuse.

Sincerely, Jan Cole, Women's Haven Secretary

Thank You

To First Presbyterian Church from:

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

Women's Haven for the gift of **\$25.00**

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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DIACONATE

<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, November 6 during the worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH**

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Dear Friends,

'Tis the season....for a busy, busy church! November is upon us and brings with it a calendar full of activities.

You elected the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee last month; they are beginning the work of writing a Church Information Form (CIF) for potential pastor candidates. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek God's will for your new pastor! Members of the committee are Leah Berning, Martha Copland, Bennie Drake, Mike Grantham and Linda Helms.

First Presbyterian Church will host the **Community Thanksgiving Service** on **Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00pm**. This is a project of the Duncan Ministerial Alliance. Jari Askins will be the speaker, our choir will be joined by voices from other area choirs and many community ministers will participate, too. There will be a time for coffee, pie and fellowship following the worship service.

On Sunday, **November 6th**, following worship, there will be a called **congregational meeting** for the purpose of electing officers for the class of 2014. The Nominating Committee will present candidates Joan Drake and Lonnie McCain for Ruling Elder and Peggy Gilchrist and Nancy Grantham for Deacon. As always, there will be a time to offer nominations from the floor.

The officers-elect will be participating in training the first two Monday evenings of November from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more info on teachers for these gatherings. They have been very informative in the past and will certainly be again this year.

November is the traditional time for stewardship drives and pledging. For many of us, this may be just a time of the "same old, same old" thing. Sometimes we forget what our pledge may mean. It is more than paying the pastor's salary; more than keeping the lights on in the building. Our monetary pledge is bigger than our financial commitment to the work of our congregation. It is our commitment to recognizing and accepting God's love and grace. Filling out a pledge card each year and placing money in the offering plate each Sunday can be used as an opportunity to renew our dedication. We renew our dedication to the work of God in the world, and our connection to it.

As you look at the calendar for this month, schedule a few moments to renew your dedication to the God who loves each of us. As you make that commitment and live into it, you will find your own life renewed.

Grace and peace,

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