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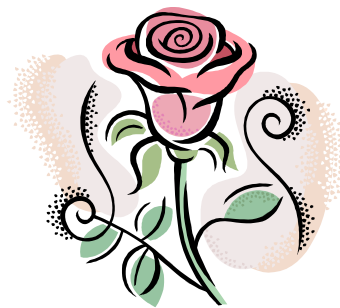
Thank You

Our gratitude to Martha Coker who has been our able and dependable flower chairman for the past few years. She has graciously seen to it that our sanctuary is appropriately adorned with fresh flowers each week. Her penchant for detail has made it a seamless succession of lovely floral tributes. Martha is retiring from the position at the end of the year and Nancy Postlethwaite has graciously agreed to step into that position. Please help Nancy by filling up the dates in the flower book early so you will have an opportunity to honor your loved ones or spread your joy at the appropriate time for you. Contact Nancy or check in the narthex each week for the sign up sheet.

Thanks again, Martha and thanks to Nancy for accepting the job.

Inside Ministry, Rosella McQuain

My personal thanks for all those prayers and cards and acts of kindness while I battled shingles and gout. Prayers are powerful and calming. Rosella McQuain



Our Condolences to:

Lynn and Dennis Wienck. Lynn's mother passed away October 30, 2010.

The family of Anne Helms who passed away November 2, 2010.

Anne is the sister-in-law of Lonnie Helms.

The family of Al Hruby who passed away on November 14, 2010

The family of Dr. John Guilford who passed away this week

PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family

in our prayers

*Matthew Fleming - Marines

*Capt. Michael Pruden - Marines

*Jason Kramer - Army

Rachel Livingston

Doris Stokes

Carroll Goss

Elizabeth Steigleder

Sam Thompson

Mary Bennett

Imogene Dove

Lu Morgan

Helen Sue Lowe

Bennie Drake

Vicky Benson

Terry Evans

Leah Berning

Pat & Colleen Winn

Bob McKee

Ron Twelves

Susie Grantham

Jessica Jones

Mary Cearley

Barbara Black

Lucille Fleming

Patye Mason

* Currently serving our country

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for all your thoughts, cards and prayers during my recent shoulder surgery.

Sincerely, Jo Allen (Leah Berning's mom)

THANK YOU

First Presbyterian Friends,

Thank you once again for allowing us to host the Chisholm Trail Hospice Memorial Service at your lovely church.

Your staff is so welcoming and helpful and the sanctuary always looks so beautiful.

Thank You! Chisholm Trail Hospice of Duncan Regional Hospital

THANK YOU

To First Presbyterian Church,

Goodland Academy: Thank you very much for your gift of \$208.33.

Christians Concerned: Sincere thanks for your gift of \$194.66

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for all prayers, cards of encouragement, and yes, even food that were showered upon us during my mom's shoulder surgery and time of recuperation. The prayers were answered and she is indeed doing well in Hobart after she had her pacemaker replaced on Nov. 16th. (The batteries of her old one pooped out.) Her physical therapy is going well with the new shoulder.

It is such a comfort to have a church family to support you everyday, but ESPECIALLY in times of trouble. God bless you all!

Leah Berning

THANK YOU

First Presbyterian Women of the Church,

Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$50.00.

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.

Choir News



Happy Holidays from the FPC Choirs (Choir and Bell Choir)!! The music department is hard at work on our upcoming **cantata** scheduled for **December 19th** as well as anthems through the month of December.

Rehearsals will be as follows for December:

For the Wednesdays December 1st, 8th and 15th Bell Choir at 6:00pm and Chancel Choir at 6:30pm. Both groups will rehearse until 8:00pm. And on Sunday, December 12th, Bells at 1:30pm, Choir at 2:00pm.

I hope to see you all on Sunday mornings through December.

Holli, Choir Director

Overseas Christmas Packages

By the time you read this article, six boxes will be on their way to our service men and women overseas. A special thanks for all the planning, shopping, packing and mailing goes out to Peggy Gilchrist, Nancy Grantham, Margo Jones and Vickie Zimmerman. Along with some needed and necessary items, snack foods and fun stuff, cards made by Margo and signed by members of the congregation were enclosed.

There were also some very creative and beautiful cards made by LaJuan Fleming's Sunday School Class. These handmade cards from the heart will be a welcome surprise when these boxes are opened.

We thank you all so much for caring.

Outside Ministry, Bennie Drake

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

A note of gratitude to all those who have graciously furnished flowers for our worship services this year. The live flowers add much to the beauty and dignity of our services.

Some of the dedications have reminded us of our "roots". The poinsettia recognition and dedication will be in a bulletin insert in December.

Nancy Postlethwaite is the flower chairman for 2011. Please contact her for the sanctuary flowers.

Those who have furnished flowers for 2010 services are:

Jim and Sally Barthell, Beverly and Don Moody, Leah and Scott Berning, Trish Herrin Newman, Daniel and Jon Steigleder Bozard, Elizabeth Flanders Pitts, Charles and Martha Coker, Scott and Nancy Postlethwaite, Gordon and Virginia Demerson, Gladys Taylor, Joan and Bennie Drake, Derek Zimmerman, Vicki and Chris Zimmerman, Joanne and Dan Flanders, Jerry and LaJuan Fleming, Peggy Gilchrist, Mike Grantham, Pat Hammond, Bob and Eloise Hofmann, Jordon and Marisa Zimmerman Jackson, Helen Sue and Jim Lowe.

Submitted by Martha Coker

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ELDERS

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Peggy Gilchrist	Bennie Drake	Lonnie Helms
Helen Sue Lowe	Steve Reasor	Rosella McQuain

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<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Joan Drake	Jack Munn	Leah Berning
Sally Barthell	Mike Grantham	Charlotte Utley

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



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Friday, December 24th during the Candlelight Service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2010**



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Dear Friends,

As we enter this season of Advent, I wish you many blessings of the season. No, not Christmas blessings, Advent blessings. Advent, those four weeks of the calendar that allow us to focus on the "not yet," the "what will be" time. As Christians, we take the time to recognize our need for a savior, our longing for a messiah.

How can we have blessings in Advent?

Advent is characterized by darkness and longing for the light. It is no coincidence that in the Northern Hemisphere the hours of night grow longer and longer during this season, emphasizing our experience of darkness and the need for more light.

Advent is a time of preparation, of expectation, of a time to come. For what are you waiting? Where is the sense of darkness in your life? For what do you hold out hope?

I know it is a busy time as we make preparations for our celebrations. We have cards to address, food to prepare, visits to make, even parties to attend. But in the midst of all the busy-ness, take some time to reflect on the realities of our lives: we need a savior. And live in that expectant hope that knows that our savior is coming!

It may be that the kids have it right. There's nothing quite like a kid anxiously awaiting the arrival of Christmas Day. As the day gets closer and closer, children dream about what the day will be like, what gifts are in store, what surprises will come. And they KNOW that it will be a good day.

That excitement and anticipation is just a glimpse of what our lives should reflect. We have the opportunity to spend these upcoming weeks preparing our hearts for the one who is to come, the one who will save us.

I hope you will join me in worship on these Sundays preceding Christmas. We have a beautifully decorated sanctuary, a warm place of worship, and the Word of God to feed and teach us. On the 19th you have the opportunity to hear our choirs ring and sing, and hear a beautiful service of lessons and carols. On Christmas Eve, we will have candlelight, communion and a special part of the service just for our children. You will not want to miss it! And on the Sunday following Christmas, come to worship dressed casually; we will celebrate the season with readings and songs.

Blessings to you and those you love,

Tracy

p.s. - I hope you will take a few minutes and stop by my home for an Open House, Tuesday, December 21 from 5:00 to 7:00. Bring a pair of socks or mittens (any size) and I will see that they get to one of our local charities!

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