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Return Service Requested

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

May 10, 2009

Ushers

8:30

Victor Carboni - Head Usher
Paula Kusewitt Daniel Alvarez
Annette Adkins

11:00

Teresa Farr - Head Usher
Liz Ramsey Jerry Jones
Lori Herring Rachel Petty

Parking Lot Greeters

Harriet Jones Andy Leake

Please remember in prayer

Betty Aubert
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jim Brewster
Eve Brice
The family of Jennie Childress, friends of Paula Kusewitt
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Lynette Copeland, friend of Julia Walker
Debbie Duncan, niece of Minnie Mathews
Carol Dwinnell, friend of Hope Sheppard
Jack Fields, friend of Don Black
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Wayland Gordon, father of Gwenda Aber
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson
Becky Hernandez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck
Debbie Justice, friend of the Leakes and Hoffmans
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Olivia Madrid, friend of Chelsea Martin
Cheryl Martin
Wanda & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents
Sylvia Martinez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck
Wanda McDougle, Ronda Scott's mother
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
The family of Leroy Moore, friends of the Rumbecks
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Dennis Patterson, father of Jerry Patterson
Dave Rumbeck
The Sheppard family
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Scott Stanley, friend of Dan Fricke
Fernita Swalin, friend of Hope Sheppard
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones
Laura Virgil
Mildred Warner, sister-in-law of Joann Cheek
Joyce Welch, great aunt of Ronnie & Amanda Aynes
Brian Weller, cousin of Shannon Crelia
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus



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From the Pastor . . .

There are many things that I am grateful for to the wonderful congregation and one of them is the faithful giving of so many of our people. We are all well aware of the economic situation in our country and the difficulties many are facing. There is an old joke about a man who fell off the top of a ten story building. Someone at a fifth story window heard him saying to himself as he went by "So far, so good!"

Well, that's the story so far with our meeting our church budget. Although we did not receive the needed \$9,799.65 weekly to make the budget in January, with your help we did make it in February, March, and April. A church budget is not just figures on a piece of paper. It is people, programs, and mission. I have always thought that a church has a responsibility to use every dollar received wisely and carefully, and we try to do that here. Through our offerings, we enable many good things to happen both through our church and through the wider mission of the church in the healing, preaching, teaching ministry of Jesus Christ. Thank you once again for your faithful giving.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Make it a family day at church! Verlyn Smoker will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir men will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "A Devoted Mother," based on Matthew 15:21-28

Plan to Attend VBS June 21-25



Keep your eyes and your ears open for more news about Vacation Bible School '09: "Camp Edge." As June approaches mark your calendars for Sunday June 21, through Thursday, June 25, from 6:00 to 8:30. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and then fun, fellowship, and learning begins at 6:30 p.m. We are excited that Sheila Hammer and Deborah Edling are co-directing VBS this year – and with the help of many volunteers are creating a program that will be very fun and at the same time spiritually nurturing for both children and adults.

We excitedly invite all from the congregation and bring your friends, invite your neighbors – the more the merrier. For more information contact Tim Smith in the CE Office. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you there.

Presbyterian Women



Birthday Celebration May 19

All women of the church are invited to attend the PW Birthday Celebration at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. Dinner will be provided by the PW Coordinating Team. The Birthday and Least Coin offerings will be received and dedicated, representatives to church committees will be announced, and the Coordinating Team for the coming year will be elected and installed. Joy Samuels will give the devotional. Please join us.

Planning Meeting May 26

The incoming and outgoing Coordinating Team members and Mission Leaders will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, to plan activities for the coming year.

Presbyterian Planning Calendar

The 2009-2010 Presbyterian Planning Calendar is now available and you can order one for \$8.00 by calling the church office at 972-285-5602. The new calendar includes the works of artists from different ethnic backgrounds, accompanied by the words of John, and gives a rich look at Jesus as portrayed in the Gospel of John. The deadline for ordering is May 31.

Spaghetti Lunch Everyone Invited!!



The youth of the church invite you to an Italian lunch on the afternoon of Sunday, May 17, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. As we prepare to serve others in the community of Denver, Colorado on this year's mission trip, what better way to prepare, than to serve others locally in our very own community. The suggested donation for the lunch is \$10, but more or less will be gratefully accepted. Also, if you would like to sponsor a child on the mission trip you can do so. A donation of \$150 will cover a child for the entire week. We look forward to seeing you on May 17th for lunch!!

Attention Women of FPC . . .

The annual FPC Women's Retreat will be held the weekend of October 2-4 this year. We will be having registration on May 10-17. The retreat will be held at Brookhaven Retreat Center in Hawkins, Texas again this year, and the cost is \$110. Please think about joining this wonderful weekend of fellowship with other women of the church.

Pick Up Your Butterbraid!!

Some of us have already consumed all of our butterbraid, so we are really coveting what is left in the freezer !!

If you ordered butterbraid but have not yet picked it up, please do so as soon as possible. A list is on top of the freezer in the room behind the kitchen, and you can get your butter braid, and check it off the list, or see Tim and he will help you locate yours.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to GWENDA ABER whose mother died. The funeral service was held at the Union Presbyterian Church in Brownwood on April 21.

It has been good to see DENNIS HUNT back at Sunday School and church following his surgery.

RENITA FOSTER is recovering well from back surgery on April 24.

We were sorry to hear that BERNIE DeROO has pneumonia and hope that he will be feeling better soon.

Our youth did a fine job in leading our worship services on April 19, on Youth Sunday. Our thanks to the Christian Education Committee which provided a lovely reception for our graduating high school seniors after the 11 o'clock worship service.

Twelve men from our church attended the 58th annual state-wide Presbyterian Men's Conference at Mo-Ranch near Kerrville this past week-end.

Register Now for Summer Camp!



Camping opportunities are available in June and July for children and youth ranging in age from 6-16 at Camp Gilmont in the piney woods of East Texas and Prairie Valley bordering the northern edge of the Texas Hill Country.

This year promises even more outdoor fun! Christian camping offers the chance for your child to make new friends, try new activities and gain spiritual insight – all in a safe and nurturing environment. Former campers often grow up to be leaders in both our denomination and in our community. Don't delay: now is the time to sign up for summer camp. The deadline for receiving a discount on camp fees has been extended until May 15. Brochures are available in Tim's office.

Sharing Life Stocking Up for the Summer

Sharing Life Community Outreach has alerted us that their highest food distribution months are approaching. When school is out for the summer, low income families in our community whose children eat breakfast and lunch at school will be struggling to feed them at home. Especially needed are peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna and chicken, soups, canned pastas, dry pasta and jarred spaghetti sauce, dried beans, rice, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, cereal, oatmeal, canned fruits, and infant formula. Also, bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet tissue, diapers and baby wipes.

If you can help, pantries are located near the doors of both buildings of our church to receive your donations.

Celebrate Mothers' Day at Church Under the Bridge This Sunday, May 10, 2009!!

Come and bring food items such as packaged chips, fruit, granola bars or even donuts, etc. Whatever you can bring, bring it and we can guarantee that it will be eaten. The packaged foods and fruit allow the homeless to take food with them in their pockets to use for another meal. Bring your food items to the church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 9, at 4:00 p.m. so that we can see what we have and prepare it for travel on Sunday. We will depart First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning around 8:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity on a special occasion to serve the mothers in our community who have little to nothing and to perhaps help them feed their children for a day. What a great way to remember how lucky we are. Bring your mothers and your grandmothers and let's celebrate Mothers' Day serving others. Please contact Tim Smith if you are planning to attend or if you will be bringing food. Look for a sign-up sheet in the hallway on Sunday to sign up to bring food items. If you have any questions please contact Tim Smith at 972-285-5602.

5/1	Lori Boiling Mardelle Patterson Elna Singleton Dana White Penny Palumbo Larry Thomas	5/11	Megan Mayfield Melody Wright Ellen Mallum Pat Venner Denise Bennett Nicolas Scholl
5/2	Debbie Bealmear Howie Burkhalter Frances Hair Bennett Miller Sarina Mayfield Jerry Bringle Pat Wilson Joann Cheek	5/15	Matt Uzzle Margie Watson Harrison Cummings Lauren Rawlinson David Evans Craig Scott Rebecca Galindo Breck Bennett
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Happy Birthday!