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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

July 29, 2007

USHERS

8:45

Jennifer Gardner - Head Usher
Sheila Hammer Gail Thompson
Roger Samuels

11:00

Patrick Garver - Head Usher
Leslie Noble Bart Mathis
Darby Washeck Sarah Graham

PARKING LOT GREETER

Donna Barron Linda Fricke

Please remember in prayer

Kevin Alford, cousin of Craig Alford
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Dorothy DeRoo, sister-in-law of Bernie & Lois DeRoo
Karen Dixon
Richard Edwards, brother of Philip Edwards
Frank Fischer, Susan Mathews' father
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Carla Haynes and son Caleb, friends of Dave Rumbeck
Tommie Hume, mother of Gayle Rumbeck
Ralph Jones, father of Julia Walker
Lesia Koday, friend of Susan Mathews
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Lydick
Karen McCardell, friend of Laura Virgil
Ken McClure
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil
Clara and Raymond McLaughlin, sister & nephew of Wayne Thompson
Malcolm Marsden, friend of Laura Virgil
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Ryan Richardson, friend of Bernie & Lois DeRoo
Frank Ruiz, friend of Jim & Hope Sheppard
Paul Schnyder, relative of Paula Kusewitt
Don Sheppard, brother of Jim Sheppard
Mark Sheppard and family
Velia Sheppard, mother of Neill Sheppard
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Connie Tolbert and family, friends of Dave & Gayle Rumbeck
Steve Tyler, friend of Bob & Maurine Robinson
Laura Virgil
Garret Whitaker, grandson of friend of Melba Jeffus
The Whitlow family, friends of Chris and Paula Nelms



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From the Pastor . . .

I am appreciative of the comments that were made about the recent sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. Although I did not mention it in one of the sermons, as I worked on that series, I recalled something that happened years ago when one of our daughters was three or four years old. She had been showing me some books, and she came to one entitled *A Child's Book of Prayers*. And then she said: "Daddy, I know a prayer." And I asked her if she would say it for me. She bowed her head, folded her small hands and began to pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done . . ."

I asked her where she learned that, and she said: "In church." I don't know if it was actually in a church service or if it was in a Sunday School class. But the point is that she had learned it in a congregation of God's people, and I'm sure the members of the congregation were quite unaware of what a good thing they were doing in the life of a little girl.

I don't think Jesus intended that we should necessarily use this prayer every Sunday in worship. But it has values for that purpose. For one thing, it is a corporate expression of worship that everyone in the sanctuary from the smallest child to the oldest adult can participate in.

This old world is one in which there are many things that would destroy our faith and our trust if they could. Nobody knows what difficulties of life may come to our children – or to your life or mine. But I hope that all of our children and all of us will especially remember the last words of the Lord's Prayer "for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever." This is our Father's world, and our times are in his hands.

As mentioned in the sermon series, this prayer which can easily become just a matter of mere words for many people is truly an amazing prayer. In a

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world of uncertainty, this prayer tells us that there are things we can count on and be grateful for – that God is our Father in heaven, that His is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever; that God does reign and that he does care about us. And for that, we can all be grateful.

Tom Wilbanks

The Steeple is Back!



On Wednesday, July 11, the spire of our beautiful steeple was replaced. The previous spire was blown down in what was described as hurricane winds (and a possible lightning strike to the steeple) in a storm on May 2.

This Sunday

This Sunday a Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir Women will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon.

Session Highlights

This is a summary of some of the actions of the June and July meetings of the Session. Both meetings began with sharing prayer concerns.

Duane Moon, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, reported on Vacation Bible School and the Youth Mission Trip.

The Session decided to offer communion to shut-ins on the first Sunday of each quarter. Margie Pollard, Chair of the Communion Committee, is coordinating the plans.

Roger Foltz, Chairman of the Mission Committee, said there were 21 blood donors on June 10. Addressing Mesquite Day is scheduled for October 13, and it is hoped our church will again have a number of members participating. Larry Thomas is the contact person for our church and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the church office.

Johnny Graham, Chairman of the Worship Committee, reported that the choir had voted on the kind of chair they wanted in the chancel and it was the same one the Worship Committee liked. The money for the chairs had been allocated in a previous church budget, but the purchase had not taken place. In the meantime, a family in the church had given \$800 for the project. The cost for each chair is \$139.50 and 36 will be purchased.

It was also reported that Verlyn Smoker is working on the Youth Music Ministry Tour for June of 2008 and is considering the southeastern United States. They will need to raise about \$12,000.

A member of the church suggested that we consider doing a more recent history of our church since the last one which was done for our 100th anniversary in 1980, twenty-seven years ago. Dr. Wilbanks said that with the approval of the Session he would contact some members who might be interested in serving on a committee for this project.

The Session approved the baptism of Hannah Louise Durham, daughter of Bo and Glynis Durham, on July 29.

Please remember to pray
for those in the military service.

It's Time to Order Your Mission Year Books

We are taking orders now for the 2008 *Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study*, (\$5.25), and the *Children's Mission Yearbook* (\$4.40). The *Children's Mission Yearbook* is for elementary age children. Both books are designed as personal devotional guides, and are indispensable resources for learning about the mission work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) around the world.

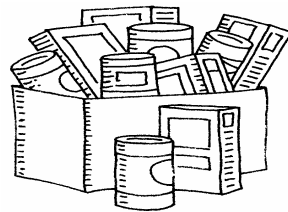
Could You Use a Presbyterian Planning Calendar?

We still have a few Presbyterian Planning Calendars available in the church office for \$8 each. This 19-month calendar begins with June of 2007. The photos and passages on the calendar reflect our life together as a denomination, and remind us of the bond we share as members of the PC(USA) that is deeper than our differences and divisions.

Sharing Life Community Outreach Girl's Clothing Needed!!

Sharing Life Community Outreach is in serious need of little girl's clothing. If you can share some gently used hand-me-downs in sizes 4-16, they would be greatly appreciated. They have almost nothing in those sizes for girls.

Remember also that Sharing Life has a continuing need for non-perishable food items during the summer. You can leave your donations near the pantries in either building of our church, or deliver them directly to Sharing Life.



Our Church Family . . .

We are glad that LEN McCURDY, HOPE SHEPPARD, JIMMY GRAY, and DAN FRICKE are recovering from recent surgeries. JIM BREWSTER is scheduled for heart surgery Thursday, July 26, at Doctor's Hospital.

Our thanks to RON BETTIS who planted some nice flowers for summer on the south side of the church.

A nice picture of DANA WHITE, daughter of Dan and Linda Fricke, was in the *Dallas Morning News* Sunday, July 15, in connection with Dana's work as a cardiovascular invasive specialist at Lake Pointe Hospital. And a picture and story about our youth mission trip was in the Mesquite "Neighborsgo" section of the *Dallas News* this past Saturday, July 21. Copies of both articles are on the bulletin board at the church.

Eleven of our senior highs and CYNTHIA PETTY and ANNA SAUCIER attended Synod Youth Workshop at our Presbyterian related University of Tulsa July 9-13.

Every three years the Presbyterian Church holds a Youth Triennium on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, which was held July 16-23, and involves several thousand young people for worship, Bible study, and recreation. Our delegates were ZACK SAUCIER and CHANDLER SMITH who were part of a group of 110 people representing the churches of Grace Presbytery. ED HUDSON of our church was one of the adult advisors and DANE PATTERSON was one of four college-age work crew participants, making the delegation from Grace Presbytery one of the largest at the Triennium.

CHRIS and MARJORIE AKIN have moved.

Mid-Year Contribution Reports

The mid-year contribution reports (through June 30) are on the table beneath the clock in the hall. Please pick up the one with your name on it this Sunday. If you would like it mailed to you, please call the church office. We appreciate your faithful giving.

Church Yellow Pages

Progress is being made on the church yellow pages directory. If information that you have submitted for this directory has changed (phone number, email, address, etc.) or if you have a business or service you would like to advertise in the yellow pages, but have not yet submitted your information, please contact the church office at 972-285-5602, or email l.fricke.fpc@sbcglobal.net. We want our final copy to be up-to-date!

Seeking Host Families

Families are needed! Center for Cultural Interchange, an exchange student organization, is looking for families to host international high school students. Married, single, retired, with young children, no children, teenagers, or grown children -- all types of loving families are needed. School year and short term students need placements NOW to prepare to come in August. For information call 903-227-9982.

Rose-Mary Rumbley Book Review

You are invited to a book review benefit for Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 21, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. (Coffee and fellowship will begin at 10:00 a.m.) Rose-Mary has planned a special retrospective view of LIFE magazine's history which she calls *Three Score and Ten—Seventy Years of Life*.

A free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to the Presbyterian Children's Home & Services.



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