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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

October 14, 2007

Ushers

8:45

Larry Thomas - Head Usher
Donna Barron Henry Kaplan
Jerry McBain

11:00

Ronda Scott - Head Usher
Matthew Taylor Bernie DeRoo
Harriet Jones Derek Schwartz

Parking Lot Greeters

Patrick Garver Donna Barron

Please remember in prayer

Kevin Alford, cousin of Craig Alford
Gary and Nancy Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jim Brewster
Dorothy & Jack Brooks, sister & brother-in-law of Billy Mandel
Jennie Childress, friend of Paula Kusewitt
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Troy & Kelli Connatser, friends of Gayle Rumbeck
Karen Dixon
Richard Edwards, brother of Philip Edwards
Frank Fischer, Susan Mathews' father
Adam Fort, son of Doug and Jan Fort
Billy Harp, friend of Ken Johnson
Carla Haynes and son Caleb, friends of Dave Rumbeck
Ralph Jones, father of Julia Walker
Nancy Kelly, friend of Laura Virgil
Lesia Koday, friend of Susan Mathews
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Lydick
Ken McClure
Geraldine McDonald, friend of Laura Virgil
Clara and Raymond McLaughlin, sister & nephew of Wayne Thompson
Linda Miller, mother of Jan Fort
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Amy Reynolds, friend of Robbie Lee
Syble Roberts, sister-in-law of Grace Roberts
Ryan Richardson, friend of Bernie & Lois DeRoo
Don Sheppard, brother of Jim Sheppard
Mark Sheppard and family
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
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
Josephine Zemanek, friend of Ken Johnson



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From the Pastor . . .

World Communion has come and gone for another year, but this year's observance last Sunday was, I thought, one of the best. It has always been a special day. To me there are few things that so stir the imagination as the picture of Christians around the world gathering at the Lord's Table on the same day. I'm grateful that I have never missed a World Communion service in all the years that I have been here. It really is an important day. One of the lingering good memories from last Sunday was at the close of the service when our magnificent pipe organ led the choir and congregation in the hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West." And then with full organ on the last verse we sang "In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North, All Christly souls are one in Him through-out the whole wide earth." It was a memorable, inspiring, and moving moment.

Tom Wilbanks

This Sunday

This Sunday the Chancel Ensemble will sing at 8:45, and the Jubilate Ringers and Chancel Choir will provide music at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "Going in Circles," based on Numbers 13:17-18.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session to be held during the 11:00 o'clock worship service on October 28, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect new church officers.

Presbyterian Women Meeting October 16



All women are invited to the meeting of Presbyterian Women Tuesday, October 16, at 10:00. The speaker will be Gayle Jordan from Presbyterian Children's Services. You will find this to be an informative and interesting program and you will be grateful to hear how our church is making a positive difference in the lives of many children.

A covered dish luncheon will follow the program.



Remember the lock-in is coming up on October 21. (That's a SUNDAY night, but the 22nd is a day off for MISD students.) This event will cost \$20 per person for Whirlyball!!!!, snacks and perhaps one or two surprises. MUST KNOW by Sunday, October 14, if you are planning to attend.

Grace Presbytery Fall Youth Celebration is November 18. Stay tuned for details.

2008 Women's Retreat News

Thanks to all who donated money and came to the baked potato luncheon on Sunday, September 23. The funds we raised will help us get our guest speaker here for the retreat on April 4-6, 2008. By the way, Michelle Foster, one of our former DCEs, has said she would be delighted to come and lead our retreat. We have decided to keep the location the same as last year since it was so great in every way. The first sign-up will be this Sunday, October 14, and then again on October 21. Committee members will be manning tables before and after the 11:00 service on these days to sign you up. Due to the help of fundraisers, we are going to be able to keep the price the same as last year. The price for the two night stay will be \$110. However, if you sign up and pay before year-end you will receive a discount of \$10, making the price just \$100. Remember, space is limited and we did book 100% of the beds last year. So, if you are thinking about coming, reserve your space for \$20 and join other women of the church for a fun and meaningful weekend! Any questions can be addressed to the following committee members: Ronda Scott, Sheryl Miller, Brenda Adams, Brenda Evans, Sarina Mayfield, Gracy Thomas and Bryany Newland.

Welcome New Members!



We were happy to welcome HENRY and BETH SKIDMORE as members of our church Sunday, September 30.

Presbyterians Today

Are you familiar with *Presbyterians Today*? It is the monthly magazine of our national Presbyterian Church. Copies are available in our church library, but if you would like to have your own copy, you can subscribe for only \$19.95. You can subscribe by calling 800-558-1669, or by visiting www.pcusa.org/today.

Employment Opportunities

VAR Resources, Inc. is a Christian-based nationwide leasing and finance company headquartered in Mesquite, and is currently hiring for the following positions: Senior Level Accountant/Controller, Administrative Assistant, Sales Associate, National Account Manager. If you are interested, more information is available on the bulletin board near the church office.

Our Church Family . . .

Our sympathy is extended to KELLI HARRIS and her family in the death of her father October 3, and to CHARLENE ORR and her family in the death of her mother on October 4.

DOUG FORT was in a hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for several days last week while on a business trip, but is now out of the hospital and feeling better.

It was good to see LOIS DeROO back at Sunday School and church last Sunday following her extensive back surgery. It was also good to see TOM and KAREN DYER back following a vehicle accident recently near Tyler.

We are glad that REESE GARVER, the newborn daughter of Patrick and Lori Garver was able to come home from the hospital last Saturday.

A delightful dinner was held for new members Sunday evening, September 30. Our thanks to the New Member Care Committee for their work in helping to make it such an enjoyable evening.

We will want to keep DON BLACK in our prayers as he recovers from surgery.

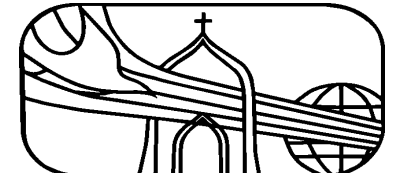
FERN REED has moved to an assisted living facility in Illinois.

Congratulations to MITCHELL SMITH who has been selected as Mesquite High School's only National Merit Scholar semi-finalist. Mitchell is the son of Ron and Terri Smith.

A good spaghetti dinner was provided for our church family last Sunday evening by the Pathfinders, our middle and high school youth. It was an impressive sight to see that large group of young people lined up from wall to wall as they told about their experiences this past summer – the mission trip to San Antonio, Synod Youth Workshop in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Youth Triennium at Purdue University, and the Church Under the Bridge mission trip to Waco. Our thanks to our Director of Christian Education, Cynthia Petty, to all the youth sponsors, and the youth who helped make it such a good evening.

A watch was found at the church recently. It has a multi-colored beaded band and was found in the kitchen after the cooking was done for the Church Under the Bridge mission project.

Mission Committee News



Blood Drive - Thanks to the 23 of you who donated blood at the Carter Bloodcare blood drive Sunday, October 7.

Addressing Mesquite - Remember that Addressing Mesquite is this Saturday, October 13. We have 43 signed up to work, and the group will work on 4 houses. If you want to participate but have not signed up, please contact Larry Thomas. Lots of help is needed for the projects that have been assigned to us.

Sharing Life Community Outreach Thanksgiving Baskets - The Mission Committee hopes to deliver 120 Thanksgiving baskets to Sharing Life Community Outreach on November 18, to be distributed to needy families in our community. If you have the desire to share your good fortune with others, this is a good opportunity to help. A basket costs about \$30. The committee will accept monetary donations and will do the shopping for you with volume discounts that have been donated by Albertson's.

If you want to help with this project, please place your donation in the offering and mark your check or pew envelope "Thanksgiving Basket."

Mesquite Symphony Concert



This Saturday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present their annual "pops" concert featuring music from stage and screen productions such as "The King and I," "Oklahoma," and "The Wiz." B.J. Mauldin and Nickie Wilbanks of our church are members of the orchestra.