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SERVING THIS SUNDAY
November 1, 2009

Ushers
8:45

Sheila Hammer - Head Usher
Darby Washeck Linda Washeck
Joanne Boudreaux

11:00

Penny Palumbo - Head Usher
Liz Ramsey Dan Bragg
Terri Bragg Rebecca Smith

Parking Lot Greeters

John and Paula Kusewitt

Please remember in prayer

Betty Aubert
Don Black
Esther Boatman, Kathy Uzzle's mom
Jim Brewster
Eve Brice
Pam Combs, friend of Sheila Hammer
Lynette Copeland, friend of Julia Walker
Bob D'Amato, friend of the DeRoos
Lois DeRoo
Carol Dwinnell, friend of Hope Sheppard
Steve Fischer, brother of Susan Mathews
Wayland Gordon, father of Gwenda Aber
Margaret Green, friend of Susan Mathews
Frances Hair, mother of Phil Johnson
Judy Johnson
Don Jones, father-in-law of Justin Rich
Virginia Ledbetter, friend of Hope Sheppard
Cheryl Martin
Wanda & V.W. Martin, Joel Martin's parents
Sylvia Martinez, friend of Gayle Rumbeck
Ken McClure
Wanda McDougale, Ronda Scott's mother
Margie McGee, Mary McBain's mother
Michelle Nall, sister of Karen Carboni
Dennis Patterson, father of Jerry Patterson
Dave Rumbeck
Don Sheppard, Jim Sheppard's brother
Henry & Beth Skidmore, Cindy Jenkins' parents
Clay Smith, son of Bob and Beth Smith
Cole John Stone, friend of the Rumbecks
Fernita Swalin, friend of Hope Sheppard
Justin Taylor, nephew of Jerry & Harriet Jones
Laura Virgil
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 . . .

This church newsletter includes a copy of the proposed church budget for next year. At first glance, a church budget is just figures on a piece of paper. But it really is far more than that. It is people, programs, and mission – and good things happening in people's lives. This year's stewardship theme is "Keep your roots deep in him and be filled with thanksgiving," from Colossians 2:6-7.

The Church Night Supper in November always features a speaker from one of the agencies we are supporting through our mission giving – agencies such as Presbyterian Children's Services or Sharing Life Community Outreach or Mesquite Social Services. The speaker this Sunday evening will be from Interfaith Housing Coalition. It will be a most interesting program, and I hope you will come and hear about their good work with the homeless which we are helping support.

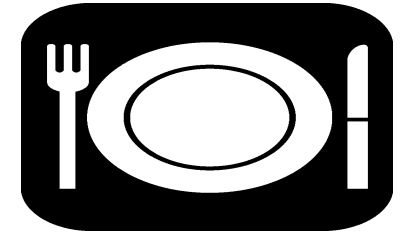
I want to express my deep appreciation for the faithful giving of so many of our people. I have always felt that a church has a responsibility to use every dollar received in a careful and responsible way, and we try to do that. I pledge to you our continued faithful stewardship of your resources. Many good things are happening in the church and in people's lives. But we have a challenge before us to help good things continue to happen for the cause of Christ in our community and beyond, and we need the help of every member. We can each help make sure these good things continue through our financial pledges. God has given us many blessings, and may we each respond with a heart filled with thanksgiving.

Tom Wilbanks

*We give Thee but Thine own,
whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

— William Walsham How

Church Night Supper



Plan to attend the Church Night Supper this Sunday, November 1, at 6:00. This supper always features an agency that we are supporting through our mission giving, and the Director of Interfaith Housing Coalition will be with us. This excellent agency helps homeless families become self sufficient and ultimately break the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

For the supper, please bring a meat, vegetable salad, or dessert dish. Childcare will be provided for preschool children.

This Sunday

This Sunday an octet will sing at 8:45, and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00. Dr. Wilbanks will give the sermon "The Saints Are Cheering" based on Hebrews 12:1-2. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the 8:45 service. Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, and we all get an extra hour of sleep, so there won't be any excuse for not being at Sunday School and church!

Presbyterian Women Circles



The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, November 3, at 9:30, with Cora Dugan leading the Bible study. Diane Beal will serve as hostess. The Thank Offering will be received and dedicated.

The Night Circle will meet the same day at 7:00 in the youth hall for supper and Bible study.

Sharing Life Community Outreach

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Mission Committee is asking for your help again this year in providing Thanksgiving meals to needy families in Mesquite through Sharing Life Community Outreach. The cost of each Thanksgiving basket is approximately \$30 and we will be providing monetary donations to Sharing Life rather than assembling baskets. Our goal this year is to provide the funds for 100 baskets. If you would like to help with this project, please mark your contribution "Thanksgiving Basket" and place it in the offering plate.

Contributions of Food

These are difficult times for many in our community, and Sharing Life Community outreach provides ongoing help with food. Their food supply has fallen short on many occasions recently, and there is an urgent need for contributions of non-perishable food items. Pantries are located near the doors of each of our buildings where you may place donations

Recently Amanda Farr and some of her friends attended a birthday party, and they decided to combine the party's scavenger hunt with a community service project by asking for canned goods at each house they visited in addition to the scavenger hunt items. They collected over six bags of canned goods which will be donated to Sharing Life.

Thanksgiving Dinner



Tickets will be on sale after both worship services on November 8, for this year's Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by our Men's Council to be held Sunday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. We are glad that the inimitable Rose Mary Rumbley will make a return as our speaker. If you have ever heard her before, you will want to hear her again!

The tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 12 and under, with no household paying more than \$18. Childcare will be provided for preschool children. This the 85th of these annual dinners, and we are grateful to the Men's Council for providing these annual dinners. Come join others in our church family for a good thanksgiving dinner and delightful program.

Dedication of Historical Marker

A dedication service for the marker presented to our church by the Texas Historical Commission will be held following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on November 15. Weather permitting, Lemonade on the Lawn will follow.

Childcare Workers Needed

We are in need of a few extra hands in our childcare program. If you are interested in becoming a part of our church's paid childcare staff, please contact Emily Singleton.

Our Church Family . . .

CORA DUGAN was at Dallas Regional Hospital in Mesquite last week and is now home.

Our sympathy is extended to KEN McCLURE whose mother died. The funeral was held October 17. Ken was at Presbyterian Hospital last week and was able to come home Monday, October 26. We will want to continue to keep Ken in our prayers in his difficult battle with cancer. Our sympathy is also extended to JANICE ROBINSON whose grandmother, Mary Law, died in St. Augustine, Florida.

It was good to see JOYCE MURDOCK back at church on October 18, following her hospitalization and time of recovery.

Once again there were some nice pictures of members of our church in the *Neighbors* section of the *Dallas Morning News* on Saturday, October 17, in connection with our church's participation in the Addressing Mesquite program which assists the elderly and disabled with house repair. The pictures are on the bulletin board near the church office. Our thanks to Gracy Thomas who submitted the pictures.

We are grateful to the many people who serve our church in many different ways including those who serve as Sunday School teachers, many of whom have taught for a number of years. One of those is DEBBIE BEALMEAR who is taking a year off this year after teaching for 14 years in the three and four year old class.

A flat dolly used for moving things at the church has disappeared. If you borrowed it, we would appreciate its return!

Attention Goldenaires

Because of the holiday schedules in November and December, Goldenaires will not meet on the usual 4th Thursday of those months. Instead, please mark your calendars with the following dates for the next two meetings of the Goldenaires:

Thursday, November 12

Thursday, December 10

Happy Harvest Festival Wednesday, October 28 6:00-8:00 p.m

Bring your kids, invite their friends and join us for the fun. There will be trunk-or-treating, a bounce house, lots of games, photos with pumpkins, concessions, and more. Don't miss this celebration!



Work Day



A fall work day will be held this Saturday, October 31, starting at 9:00. We will be weeding some flower beds, trimming trees, and cleaning and waxing the pews in the sanctuary among other projects. We will be grateful for men and women who will come lend a helping hand. Lenny Pollard, Chairman of the Property Committee of the Board of Deacons, will be in charge. We will be through before noon.

Relay for Life Garage Sale

The Weez B Buds Relay for Life team will hold a garage sale on the north parking lot of the church November 14, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. If you have items to donate please contact Gracy Thomas or Brenda Evans. Brenda still has some room in her garage to store items. Please also contact them if you'd like to be a part of the team.

Happy Birthday!

11/2 Linda Hebert
 11/5 Mel Witty
 David Beal
 John Futrell
 Elaine Whitlock
 Diane Marshall
 Don Black
 Campbell Futrell
 11/7 Amanda Aynes
 Keight Bettis
 Jessica Hartsell
 Darin Hobson
 Roger Samuels
 Laura Virgil

11/9 Aaron Sheppard-Mahaffey
 11/14 B.J. Mauldin
 11/16 Sharon McClure
 11/17 Mary Gibbons
 11/18 Mike Orr
 11/19 Gail Thompson
 11/21 Deborah Edling
 Jack Murdock
 Hope Sheppard-Mahaffey
 Ann Smith
 11/24 Pat Hebert
 11/25 Megan Smith
 11/28 James Weckman

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:45 p.m. Alleluia Chimes
 5:05 p.m. Youth Choir
 6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner
 6:30-6:45 p.m. Worship & Song
 6:45-7:25 p.m. Classes for all ages
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir