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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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PASTOR'S PEN
January 2011

Due to Georgia's illness there will be no Pastors Pen this month. In its place Pat has submitted the following report.

Georgia Report

The latest news on Georgia is that she is still in BSA recuperating from her recent bowel resection surgery. She has had problems with nausea since that surgery. She will continue to stay at BSA until she heals and has no more fever or nausea.

She misses us all very much. She wants to get up and do what she used to do before all of her medical problems began last September. She still has a very long recovery ahead of her. She would like nothing more than to come to worship with us but that is going to take some time.

In the meantime, we are very thankful for Jennifer Santer and her family for filling in for us. Jennifer has stepped up and helped our church out tremendously. We are indeed very blessed to have her!

We will continue to pray for Georgia's healing anxiously await her return.

Session Actions

Borger, Texas
Stated Session Meeting
November 14, 2010

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room, beginning at 11:35 am. The Rev. Jennifer Santer served as Moderator, due to the illness of Rev. King. In addition to the Moderator, present were Elders Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool. Elder Julia Kasch was absent. Also present was the Treasurer, Pam Nicholas.

CLERK:

1. Minutes of the October 31, 2010 Stated Session were approved via a motion by Elder Petty and seconded by Elder Pool.
2. Notable correspondence received recently was reviewed.

TREASURER:

1. The payment schedule for the \$19,422 estimated cost of restroom revisions will be:

At beginning of work	\$8,000
At halfway point	\$5,711
At completion	\$5,711
2. Motion by Elder Petty and seconded by Elder Harmony to accept the monthly Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

PASTOR REPORT:

1. Rev. King has moved to the Craig Methodist Rehabilitation center. Elder Pool had visited her and gave us an update.

COMMITTEES:

WORSHIP:

1. The next communion service will be November 21.
2. Other items will be covered under Old Business.

PROPERTY:

1. The furnace in the upper level needs repairs.
2. The Education Building furnace has been repaired.
3. Some tree limbs damaged during a recent wind storm have been or need to be removed.

STEWARDSHIP:

1. Some pledge cards—amount and number unknown at this time—have been received.
2. Elder Hebermehl reviewed our budget preparation process and status for Rev. Santer.

FELLOWSHIP: Elder Harmony went over the current status of Praise Dinner preparations. Rev. Santer and family were invited.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: No report. Elder Howard noted that Joy Offering envelopes and other information will be distributed shortly.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Elder Pool stated that he was concerned (as are others) about Rev. King's possible financial situation due to her extended illness. Indeed, she had reservations about accepting the normal salary from us while out. Elder Pool suggested that we formalize continuance of the salary and, in addition, provide a \$5,000 supplement for medical expenses, the latter to be taken from the Sharp funds in the Pantex account. This was put into a formal motion by Elder Petty, seconded by Elder Harmony. Motion passed.
2. Traditionally, the Christmas tree is put up the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent. That schedule will be followed this year, with the tree being erected before November 28 and, as last year, the congregation attending the November 28 service will be invited to remain afterward and decorate the tree and the church.
3. We will have a Christmas Eve service and communion, beginning at 7 pm.
4. The next Stated Session meeting will be December 19.
5. A congregational meeting will be scheduled for December 19 regarding selection of Elders for the Class of 2012. If there are no floor nominations, Elders Hebermehl and Pool have consented to remain for a third term. Assuming that this will occur, the Clerk will notify Presbytery of this in order to have the item placed on the February, 2011, Presbytery docket.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Elder Petty, seconded by Elder Pool to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:15 pm.

From humble beginnings

In 1804, William, a 21-year-old from a poor family, decided to go to New York City to find a job. He told a neighbor his plans, saying he knew how to make soap and might work in a soap factory.

The neighbor said, "Just remember to be a good man, give your heart to Christ and pay the Lord all that belongs to him. Give a dime of every dollar you make, make an honest soap and you will be a happy and wealthy man."

Sure enough, William found a job making soap. Later, he became part owner and then sole owner of the business. His product line — and giving — expanded greatly. He gave many millions of dollars to the Lord's work throughout the world, far more than 10 percent of his wealth.

William Colgate died in 1857 at age 74, but his legacy and company, Colgate-Palmolive, still thrive.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for November:

Total Income	\$ 5,999.04
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 6,117.10</u>
Total	(118.06)

Year to Date	
Total Income	\$91,765.71
Total Expenses	<u>\$97,215.53</u>
Total	(\$5,449.82)



Care of Member and Friends

Scott Glenn
James Farrell
Malnor Arthur
Pat and Alice Harvey
Georgia King

DUTY ELDER FOR JANUARY

PHYLLIS HARMONY

SESSION MEETING
SUNDAY, January 16, 2011



P.W. NEWS



Our next P.W. Meeting will be on January 6th, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in the Coffee Room. "Sing Hymns of Hope" will be our Fifth Chapter for our study. This should be an interesting and refreshing study for us all.

Come and join us for study and fellowship.

Lee Buckland

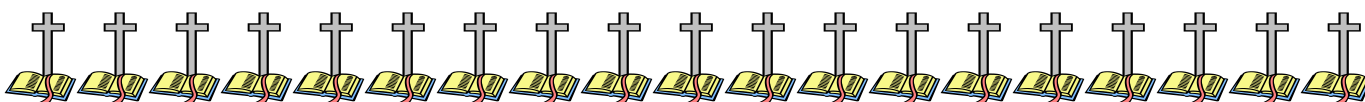
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4th: Hazel Howard
- 5th: Patty Kasch
- 11th: Virginia Edmonds
- 14th: Rose Lusk
- 18th: Phyllis Harmony
- 19th: Louise Gillespie
- 23rd: Tye Anderson
- 29th: Ethel Marsh



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd: Caroll & Rosa Pace
- 29th: Pete & Ethel Marsh



CHURCH NEWS:

Cub Scout Sunday: February 20th the Cub Scouts will join us and present their Flag Ceremony before service.



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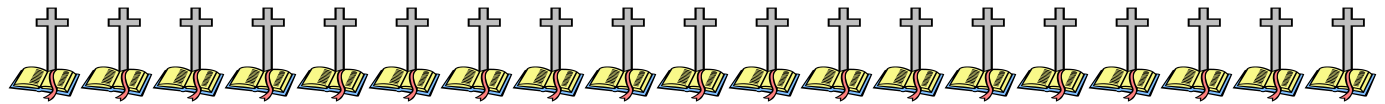
From Pat, Alice and their family:

I'm writing this note to thank you for celebrating with us Dad's 90th birthday. Seeing everyone was so wonderful for him and mom. We also wanted to say thank you for all you do for them. You all have been such a blessing to them. We think sometimes words seem

Remodeling is still going on at the church so please be patient they should be finished soon.



Thank you for the gifts and cards, it is a blessing to work for such a wonderful Session and congregation.
God bless you. Silvia



A psychologist has determined that the Monday in the last full week of January is the most depressing day of the year. This year, “Blue Monday” falls on January 24.

Cliff Arnall calculated this date based on a combination of bad weather, Christmas debts, broken New Year’s resolutions and the end of the holiday break.

But no matter how bleak things seem — regardless of the time of year — Christians always have reason for hope. Thankfully, we can look beyond our earthly circumstances to the promise of new life with God forever.

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, “We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.”

• “LET US SING EVEN WHEN WE DO NOT FEEL LIKE IT, FOR IN THIS WAY WE GIVE WINGS TO HEAVY FEET AND TURN WEARINESS INTO STRENGTH.”

—JOHN HENRY JOWETT

• “THE HIGHEST REWARD FOR A PERSON’S TOIL IS NOT WHAT THEY GET FOR IT, BUT WHAT THEY BECOME BY IT.”

—JOHN RUSKIN

• “I AM SO MADE THAT WORRY AND ANXIETY ARE SAND IN THE MACHINERY OF LIFE. FAITH IS THE OIL.”

—E. STANLEY JONES



Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference
January 2011

January 2 (2nd Sunday After Christmas Day)

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 6 (Epiphany of the Lord) Not a Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29:1-11
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 16 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 23 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

January 30 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15:1-5
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12





Notes from the Music Department



Happy New Year to everyone!! I pray for health and happiness for all in 2011..I pray for world peace and for our troops to come home safely from overseas. And I pray for our church to remain strong and vibrant in 2011.

Choir practice for January will be January 5, 12, 19, and 26. We meet at 6:30 pm and would love to have any of you who want to come join us.

The Opening Response for January will be the hymn “Still, Still, Still” from our hymnal. The Closing Response will be one we have used in the past. The words are simple: “Joy to the world, Joy to the world, Joy to the world the Lord has come!” The words will be printed in the bulletin each Sunday. The tune is very simple. I don’t think I will have Silvia print the music as an insert. I think we all can remember the tune without music. Please join the choir in singing.

We always hold the following in our prayers: Aleyene Watkins, Scott Glenn, Jim Farrell & family, Pat & Alice Harvey, Malnor Arthur and Georgia King. We continue to hold Georgia in our prayers as well. We pray for continued strength and healing for all those mentioned and for all our church family.

I would like to thank all of our dedicated choir members for all that they do to make our Sunday morning worship service more meaningful. This is a very wonderful group to work with. They come to practice with open hearts to see what I am going to make them sing each week. And without too much grumbling! I thank you each one for all your years of service and dedication.

May the road rise up to meet you until we meet again. Amen!

Pat Petty and Choir



Special Dates:

New Year’s Day, January 1, 2011
Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 2011
Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2011
Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday Observance, January 17, 2011
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2011

