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June, 2011

Pastor's Pen,

Oh my, this month is going by quickly! I need to get a lot done so I can have my knee done on the 20th. One of those is to make sure everything is paid in advance, like our pledge. I know that in almost every church summer months get scary where finances are concerned. So if you are going to be gone you might think about paying ahead. Is it necessary? No. Is it helpful? Yes. The church is like any family or organization, its bills come too no matter how much money comes in. Though we are doing pretty well this year, but we are still not taking in what was budgeted. Do stay up to date on your pledge.

Pastor's Pen Two

In the next couple of months we are hoping to work on getting information out to members and visitors alike by doing things a little differently with the news letter, t-mail and the announcements on Sunday morning (whether it is said or on the rolling announcements). If there are some things you have been missing we would like to hear from you about how we can get information out to the church in a timely, informative and interesting manner. If deadlines change, or you are asked to write a special article for the newsletter, it is to make sure people get the information they need in a timely manner. I am delighted that our service group is reconsidering how things are done and how they might be done more efficiently. If you are asked to turn in an article, or asked to give an announcement, know it is so we can have as many people informed about events before they happen and let people know how things went after the event.

Pastor's Pen Three

I know that many of you are aware I will be out of the pulpit and the office from June 13-July 17th so that I can take vacation in Disney World and then come back to have my right knee replaced. My knee surgery will be June 20th. Is there something you can do to help? Yes, first pray for me and the surgeon on the 20th. Dr. Montgomery is a man of faith and prays before his surgeries but I am sure he would have as many praying for him and me so that all goes well. I should be in the hospital only 2 to 3 days. I will be in Frisco Baylor and you are welcome to come for a visit if you wish. After I get out of surgery I will be pretty immobile for about 3-4 weeks but will be here for VBS. I have a friend who is a nurse who will come to help out for a week and then my sister will probably come for a week. Of course Wayne and my children will be here to help as well. During this time if you think of me in prayer, please ask the Lord to keep me doing my physical therapy every day even when it hurts. The better I do, but not over do, the quicker I will be back to my old self. Also, please call the office if you have pastoral needs for both John Fowler and your elders are covering for me. Also, Paula will let me know all of the prayer concerns for I will have time to pray. However, for about the first three weeks I am not allowed to drive at all. I would worry but I know you will be there for each other. Also, if you have something that needs session approval you can call John Fielder who is our clerk of session.

Thanks,

Rev. Bev



Worship Schedule

9:00 AM
Bible Study for
All Ages

10:00 AM
Fellowship
Coffee & Doughnuts

10:30 AM
Combined Worship Service
Traditional and
Contemporary

*(Check your calendar for
special Sunday events
and time changes.)*



Financial Status
For 2011 Budget Year

Giving for:

Week ending 05/22/2011:
\$3,452.00

Year to date:
\$94,537.28

Important Dates

Birthdays

6/1 Ruth Horton
Marilyn Schilling
6/2 Ken Santjer
6/6 Leigh Godecke
6/7 John Savastano
6/10 Destiny Crook
Doug Kuklenz
6/12 Justin Walker
6/13 Cindy Thomas
6/15 Grace Uwakwe
6/16 Tricia Stiefer
6/17 Clyde Ding
6/18 A.J. Olson
6/20 Cissi Bauer
6/26 Pam Hampson
6/27 Joseph Hanna
6/28 Caitlin Dilger



Anniversaries

6/8 Bing & Lienie Poh
6/11 Mike & Sue Bacon
6/19 Doug & Dee Stokes
Danny & Kelsey Decker
6/25 Greg & Debra Sweeney
6/30 Shane & Dana Donahue



Ushers

6/5 Kate Bobo
Rachel Bobo
Joseph Uwakwe
Joe Cesspooch
6/12 Gloria Parsons
Nancy Hearon
Joy Koch
Marilyn Schilling
6/19 Ruth Horton
Charlie Horton
Daniel Bauer
Harvey Wright
6/26 Terri Decker
Brad Decker
Debi Ward



Please Note!

If your name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list, please let the church office know. Thanks!

Note to

New Members: You need to give your information to the church office if you haven't already done so. We would like to be able to acknowledge your special days!

Trinity News



The scriptures used in the common lectionary for June

- June 5th Acts:1:6-14; Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35; I Peter 4:12-14. 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
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- June 12 (Pentecost) Acts 2:1-21; Psalms 104:24-30,35b; I Corinthians 12:3- 13; John 20:19-23
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- June 19th (Trinity Sunday) Genesis 1:1--24a; Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matt. 28:16-20
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- June 26th Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42

Reminder: Rev Beverly Hughes usually follows the scriptures chosen for each week. However she will be out from the 13 of June until the 17 of July. Those who are preaching are allowed to choose the texts they wish to preach on.

Gober Scholarship



On June 12 we are happy to announce that we will be giving out the Gober Scholarship to one of our graduating seniors. Gregory Sweeny, who directed our choir when Jack became injured, has received the Gober Scholarship. He will be awarded the scholarship during worship on the 12th.

Trinity Chimers

What a great year we have had. Thanks to Ms. Robin for providing fun devotionals and all the adults who stepped up to make the chime choir a success.



We will be taking the summer off and will start practice again in September (date not yet determined); we will keep you updated on that. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us.

Anyone interested in joining the Trinity Chimers please call Paula Mallory at 214-458-1386.

In Christ,

Paula Mallory

Trinity News

History of Our Songs

Ron McKee

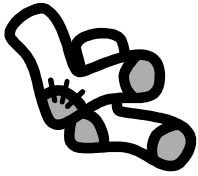
Many the sprightly hymn we sing
was born of fire and tears.
Family lost or slavery move
writers to grief beyond their worst fears.

Looking back to Israel's struggles and
inspired by Christ's journey through pain,
Hymn writers forge songs of glory to come
if we choose to live again.

Be not deceived by this world's troubles
by terrible conflict and strife.
For each day's dawning brings new redemption
If we aim for what's best beyond life.

History of Our Songs class meets at 9
a.m. on Sundays in the north building of
the church (first door on the left as you
enter the building, across the hall from
the church office). Visitors are welcome
to join our group as we learn about and
sing hymns of our Christian faith.

Children's/Youth Ministries



For our May event the children collected 102 pairs of white cotton socks (for both men and women) to send to our troops. Thank you to all who participated in this. I'm certain our troops will be glad to receive these.

The Children's Choir will be singing again the first Sunday in June (June 5). Sunday School is at 9:00 AM and choir practice is now at 9:40 every Sunday morning. We would love to have you.



Also, we are looking for help with the Children's Worship time on Sunday mornings during the Worship Service at 10:30. We are growing and would like to divide into two age groups for this so if you would be willing to help please contact Amy Olson or Ruth Horton.

VBS is coming. July 18 - 22.
Watch for more info from Ms. Amy.



There was this pen ...

The other night I was going to a meeting. I wasn't late but didn't have a lot of time to spare so I parked and quickly headed inside. As I was walking I noticed this pen lying there in the parking lot. There was nothing special about this pen. It appeared to be one of those inexpensive pens that are common in businesses and banks and where people always need a pen. But this pen wasn't on somebody's desk or the counter at the bank; it was lost, and abandoned in a parking lot. It had been dropped there in that parking lot by somebody; presumably in such a hurry that they didn't even know it was gone.

I was briefly tempted to stop and pick it up. But it really wasn't the kind of pen that I liked to write with. Besides, there was a good chance that it was broken, and about a 100% chance that it was a dirty. The fact that I was had some place to be and was in a hurry sealed the pen's fate. Like many others I looked at the pen and passed by without a second thought.

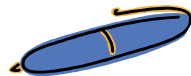
Later that night driving home I had time to think, and that pen came back to my mind. It occurred to me that we often treat people in the same way as I did that pen. We judge them by their appearance. We judge them by the circumstances in which we find them. And perhaps worst of all, we judge them by our own preferences and prejudices.

Let me give you just one of many possible examples. The people you see them on street corners in Dallas and other big cities. They are there all the time, looking worn and dirty. When traffic slows or stops they hold up their cardboard sign which proclaims to all the world that they're hungry and asking for our help. We generally look the other way, but will occasionally will make eye contact. Every once in a great while we might even give them a dollar or two, but when we do it's more to ease our own conscience than from any desire to help.

But that was not how Jesus saw people. Nor was it how he demonstrated God's love for all of mankind. In fact, Jesus spent most of his ministry among the people that the world had deemed to be unacceptable, or unlovable.

When the risen Lord appeared to Peter and the other disciples he asked Peter three times if he loved him. Each time after Peter answered that he did Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep." Take note that Jesus instructed Peter to feed his sheep, not just the nice ones, the polite ones, the ones that are easy to love. Jesus said to feed my sheep, no qualifications, and no exclusions, in fact the only requirement was to need God's grace. And that certainly includes all of us at one time or another.

Oh well, it was just a pen...



John is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Prosper.

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Organizational Structure

Session

Session Elders - Debra Sweeney, Ruth Horton, Lee Ann Bandy, Robin Dilger, Humphrey Wambaa,
Lloyd Olson, Debra Whinnie, Dennis Yates, Paul Leddy

Session Moderator - Rev. Beverly Hughes

Clerk of Session - John Fiedler

Ministries

Worship – Debra Sweeney

Children – Ruth Horton

Youth – Lee Ann Bandy

Membership – Robin Dilger (includes Fellowship, Member Care and Member Involvement)

Team Leaders

Gloria Parsons, Camille Marchelletta, Mimi Montgomery

Adult Studies – Humphrey Wambaa

Evangelism – Lloyd Olson

Mission – Debra Whinnie

Points of Contact

Hurricane Ike Relief Galveston and Emanuel Presbyterian Church - Lynda Rice

Angel Food - Roly Rice

Hats for the Homeless - Laurie and Ron McKee

Never Ending Food Drive, A Youth Project - Tyler Winn

Road to Recovery -Dee Stokes

Volunteering at North Texas Food Bank -Pam Hampson

TPC Touchstones - (Does not begin until August 2011) -Cissi Bauer

Al's Hugs and Hammers Project - Janet Ohlig

Volunteering at The Stewpot-Second Chance Cafe- Frank and Debra Whinnie

Meals on Wheels - Lynda Rice

Facilitating – Dennis Yates

Committees

Property - Patrick Dilger

Grounds - Charlie Horton

Services - Steve Thomas

Finance - Larry Johnson

Personnel - Paul Leddy

Executive Director - Steve Thomas