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Session Actions

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room, beginning at 6:05 pm. The following were present and constituted a quorum: Moderator, the Rev. Georgia King and Elders Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, Pat Patty and Jerry Pool. No Elder was absent. Treasurer Pam Nicholas was also present. A motion was made by Elder Harmony and seconded by Elder Petty to accept the April Stated Session minutes as presented. Motion Passed. Elder Commissioner documents were received for the June 6 Presbytery at Abilene.

One savings CD was renewed, with the addition of \$10,000 of fresh money transferred from the Pantex savings account. Ms Nicholas reported that she found no correlation in year-to-year collections.

Church attendance is in line with expectations. With travel season approaching, attendance most likely will drop off. Rev. King asked Barbara to attend the next Sunday service and be introduced to the congregation. She discussed local memorial arrangements for Barney Boyd, a long time former member who recently died in Florida.

Elder Pool reported that there are no major building and grounds problems at this time, however there are two or three minor items to be corrected.

We will have communion on June 8. Rev. King will not be present on June 15.

The last Wednesday potluck for the season will be May 21. A potluck will be scheduled after the Sunday, June 8 service.

Elder Hebermehl (Clerk) will collect names to be added to the Memorial books.

Rev. King's Stated Supply contract will need to be renewed in June.

The next scheduled Stated Session will be July 15. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for April:

Total Income	\$ 5,617.02
Total Expenses	\$ <u>6,441.03</u>
Total	\$ -824.03

Year to Date

Total Income	\$32,893.39
Total Expenses	<u>\$30,784.41</u>
Total	\$2,108.98



Care of Members and Friends

Please keep these members and friends in our prayers...



Scott Glenn
Bobbie Farrell
Bob & Aleyene Watkins
Pete Marsh
Leah Buckland & Family

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
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Myanmar, China, and The United States have each taken headlines in newspapers and on television and radio (and of course on the internet) around the world because of natural disasters. The media has had a stormy time itself keeping up with the death, destruction, and information. There are always those reports that later we discover were very inaccurate but also the ones that just didn't quite tell the whole story – things were even worse than first thought.

The devastating experience for the people of Myanmar has surely taken its toll on the structures of society, the realities of faith, and every other aspect of life. According to PC(USA) and outside news services, *"Although many news agencies are reporting the troubles of aid organizations gaining access to and operating in Myanmar, the PDA-supported local organizations — as co-members of Action by Churches Together (ACT) International — are providing water, food and temporary shelter through a network of local organizations. PDA has provided \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds towards the \$5 million ACT appeal that will help up to 1.3 million survivors of the May 2, 2008, Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar (Burma). Aid is going out everyday, and local organizations are reaching thousands of people," says an ACT member representative.*

Many of the Chinese people continue to live in fear and trauma as aftershocks, disease, and death fill their days. Even though the Chinese government and military have appeared to come to the aid of the people there has been much confusion and turmoil. *"Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has sent \$50,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds to help meet the needs of survivors of the massive earthquake that shook central China on Monday, May 12, 2008. PDA is supporting our local and long-time mission partner, Amity Foundation. Amity Foundation, which has previous experience in disaster response, immediately provided food and drinking water for thousands in heavily damaged areas. Amity, also a fellow member of Action by Churches Together (ACT) International, is taking the lead in the ACT response. They have deployed staff to the affected region and are focusing assistance in the severely affected provinces of Gansu, Sha'anxi and Sichuan."*

The United States has experienced (and continues to experience) an extremely stormy tornado season. Deadly and destructive storms have hit in locations where tornadoes don't normally strike. "PC(USA) is responding to all of these situations directly or indirectly through our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Since January, \$216,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds have been provided to 27 presbyteries that have been affected by the storms, and 28 volunteer members of the PDA National Response Team (NRT) have been sent to work in cooperation with and in support of local community response efforts." "PDA staff has been in contact with presbyteries in the affected areas and NRT members and PDA funds are available to respond as deemed necessary by the presbyteries and local communities."

The purpose of these comments and quotations is to exhibit how our denomination, our church's contributions, and our personal gifts and prayers make a difference. We are called to be a people of caring and provision Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program is one that comes to the aid of victims in every place and in many ways. God bless them for the work that they do and God bless you for the gifts that you give to our denominational offerings.

Grace and peace to you

Notes from the Music Department

Grace and peace to everyone! Summer has arrived with hot temperatures and storms. The rain was wonderful but I for one could do without the turbulent storms.

There will be no Choir practice for the months of June, July, or August. We will, however, have one last practice on Wednesday, June 4, at 6:00 pm. We will not meet again until the first Wednesday in September (September 3, 2008, at 7:00 pm) unless a need arises.

Closing Response for the month of June will be "Amen" from our hymnal. The words will not be printed in the bulletin but the page number will be included for the congregation to follow and sing with us. The closing response for July and August are also in the hymnal. Hopefully this will make it easier for everyone to follow.

I have chosen anthems for June, July, and August that are familiar to all of us. Some of them will have CD accompaniment to help add a little extra to our small numbers. We have several of the choir members that will be in and out all summer. We can use a little added help! Most of the music I chose is something we have done in the past. The congregation is invited to sing along with us.

I can never say enough thanks to you, our congregation, for your appreciation of our hard work. We do indeed make beautiful music and I thank this very loyal group.

If you have a favorite anthem or any special music you would like to hear, we invite you to let us know. As I have stated above, I have chosen music in advance but I would be thrilled to make a change for anyone. Also, if you would like to join the choir, we would love to have you!

We hold Bob & Aleyene Watkins, Mary Botkin, Jim & Bobbie Farrell, and Scott Glenn in our prayers and hearts. We pray for healing and blessings for them all.

Thank You!
Pat Petty

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