



FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June Borger, Texas 2010



June 2010

Pastor's Pen

It seems that throughout our history, we Americans have loved to take to the open road during the summer. I'm not sure if it is a leftover from pioneer days of "manifest destiny" when our forefathers traveled west in search of new adventures or it is just the need of 21st century people to disconnect from the daily grind. We all want to get away now and then. Whether it is packing up the car with all our stuff or just packing as lightly as we can for a flight, we want to travel. And there is so much to see. We can head to the beautiful coasts of California, the lush tropical environment of Florida, the islands, the history of our country shown in the east, or any other of a myriad of places around the globe.

But taking to the open road, or sky, or sea, is always an adventure because of the uncertainty that lies ahead. Perhaps that's part of what makes summer vacations so memorable. Who could forget a flat tire in the desert, engine trouble in the badlands or navigating a road washed out from a summer thunder storm? I vividly remember the day when my car slipped off the muddy road into the ditch. Yikes!

The Bible speaks of life as a road or path that we are called to travel. Here are a few examples of the truths we can find in Scripture about the road of life:

Matthew 7:17, "Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Acts 2:28, "You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

Romans 11:33, "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!"

2 Corinthians 6:3, "We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited."

John 14:6, "Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

According to Scripture, the road of life is narrow, is not easy to find, is sometimes mysterious, teaches us to care for others, and begins with knowing Jesus who is the way to heaven...our ultimate destination. The road to life can also be called "the road to hope" as we travel on this earth. There is no doubt that we can each and all become a bit skeptical or pessimistic sometimes, but ultimately it is hope that keeps us in forward motion and not stuck in reverse. I recently came across an interesting description of "the road to hope" written by the Reverend Jerry Rueb.

"The road to hope is not straight. There is a curve called failure. A loop called confusion. Speed bumps called trials. Red lights called enemies. Caution lights called family. And flats called suffering. But, if I have a tank full of love, a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, my GPS fixed on the Lord, and a driver called Jesus, I will make it to a place called heaven filled with hope!"

May your road be filled with hope in this season of your life,

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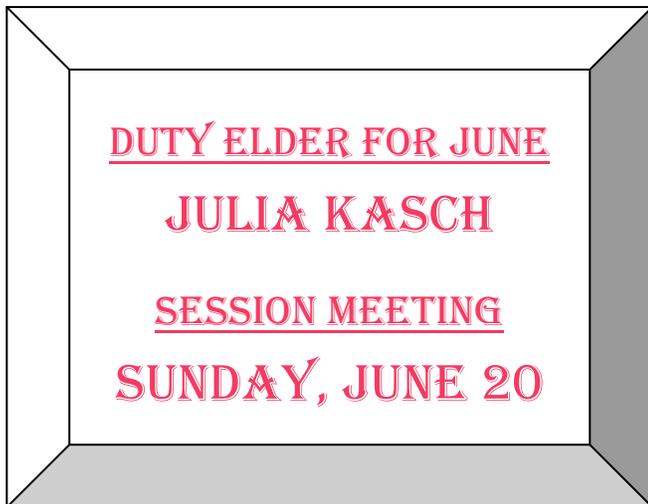
Georgia N King



What is a father?

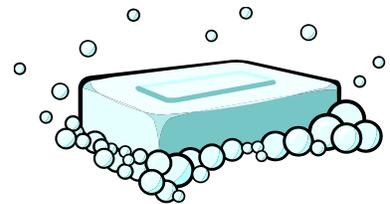
Being a male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero; disciplinarian; a friend; someone to look up to; someone to model ... someone with a touch of the "mother" in him; someone who is big enough to say, "The fault was mine" ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, "I, too, shall follow Him!"

—Dr. Alton Kaul



HIGH PLAINS HELPING HANDS

*Donation for June:
bars of soap*



The Treasurer reported the following figures for
April:

Total Income	6,976.20
Total Expenses	<u>8,027.74</u>
Total	(1,051.54)
Year to Date	
Total Income	35,319.87
Total Expenses	<u>41,031.63</u>
Total	(5,711.76)



**Newsletter
Deadline
for July**

June 23, 2010

JUNE 2010 LECTIONARY READINGS

June 6

1 Kings 17:8–16 (17–24)
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11–24
Luke 7:11–17
Or
1 Kings 17:17–24
Psalm 30

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elijah visits the widow at Zarephath.
Praise for God as the source of all life and prosperity.
The gospel is not of human origin.
Jesus raises a young man from the dead.

Elijah calls on God to raise a widow's son from the dead.
Psalmist praises God, who gives and takes away. loved you.

June 13, 2010

1 Kings 21:1–10 (11–14), 1–21a
Psalm 5:1–8
Galatians 2:15–21
Luke 7:36—8:3
Or
2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13–15
Psalm 32

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

King Ahab covets Naboth's vineyard.
Celebration of God's steadfast love for the faithful.
It is not we who live, but Christ who lives in us.
Woman anoints Jesus' feet at the house of Simon.

Lord punishes David for the death of Uriah.
Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord

June 20, 2010

1 Kings 19:1–4 (5–7), 8–15a
Psalms 42, 43
Galatians 3:23–29
Luke 8:26–39
Or
Isaiah 65:1–9
Psalm 22:19–28

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord appears to Elijah in silence.
Psalms of supplication for God's presence and deliverance.
All are one in Christ.
Jesus heals a Gerasene possessed by demons.

God laments the people's unfaithfulness.
Prayer and thanksgiving for deliverance.

June 27, 2010

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14
Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20
Galatians 5:1, 13–25
Luke 9:51–62
Or
1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21
Psalm 16

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elisha receives the mantle from Elijah.
God's history of deliverance remembered.
For freedom Christ has set us free to become slaves to one another.
The nature of the commitment to following Christ.

Elisha called to follow Elijah.
Psalmist gives thanks to God for a life of blessing.



If you have any changes or updates to your email address please let the church office know at firstpresborger@att.net.

Notes from the Music Department

Looks like the warm weather has arrived! I love to watch this part of the country turn green and lush this time of the year. As long as we have enough rain it will stay that way.

There will be no choir practice for the summer months. Our members are usually in and out for the summer. And we could use a break! We will meet only if need be and I will let you know when that is.

We will begin using a different Opening Response for June. We will use "Through it All". I would like to keep using "Lift High the Cross" for the Closing Response for June. So look for an insert for the Opening Response and a page number for the Closing. Please join with us as we sing.

A great big "Thank You" to Marilyn Pearce and Virginia Hebermehl for filling for me while I was out in May. I understand that they both did a terrific job and I thank them for doing that. This is the first time that I have ever taken more than one Sunday off. I missed you guys!!

As always, we hold the following in our prayers and thoughts: Aleyene Watkins, Scott Glenn, Mary Botkin, Jim & Bobbie Farrell, and Pat & Alice Harvey. We wish for Jim a very speedy recovery and return to us. We hold all our members in our prayers and thoughts as we continue on our life's journey. With God's help and our listening to Him speak to us we will muddle through life together.

The Lord bless you and keep you. Amen! Mary, pass the gravy!

Pat Petty and Choir

PW News

We're meeting on Thursday, June 3 to continue our study of Joshua. Our snow days slowed us down this year, so we chose to finish our bible study by continuing it into the summer. Our lesson is eight—"The Place of Rest."

The new Bible study booklets have been ordered and will be here for our circle meeting in June.

Come join us for this time of bible study and fellowship. All women are welcome!

Lee Buckland



Sidewalk Update

Elder Jerry Pool recently began investigation into the possibility of placing a handrail on the sidewalk that accesses the main sanctuary entrance. For many the grade is steep and difficult to get up. This sidewalk is on City easement and requires their approval and involvement to make a change. Jerry has contracted the City of Borger Planning and Zoning Department for permission to place a handrail. The response was to say that the City will bring the sidewalk up to City code and federal regulations, and that we are not to be the ones to make the changes as it sets a precedent for others in similar matters. The City was sympathetic to our needs and assures Elder that they will address the issue in a timely manner.

Why Flag Day is important

America was founded as a “nation under God,” and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries – and some of our own citizens – are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we’re still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There’s a simple way you can help show that to the world – by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you’re saying, “I’m an American and proud of what this flag represents.” The flag stands for “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

Flag Day is celebrated each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!



Happy Birthday!

for June

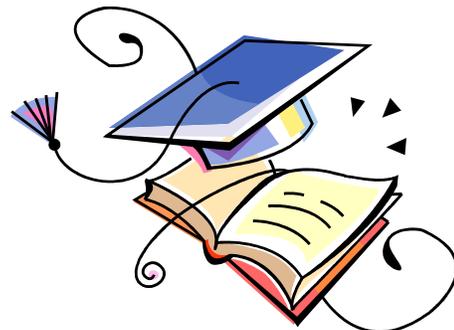
- 1st Robert Winegar
- 2nd Virginia Hebermehl
- 3rd Sally Thompson
- 8th Justin Lusk
- 9th Jerry Pool
- 18th Sue Hooten
- 20th Toni Pool



Happy Anniversary

- 12th June and Gary Voigt
- 27th Harold & Virginia Hebermehl

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
BEST WISHES
TO
KATEY KASCH
AND
JODE LYNN MILLS**



Thank you very much to all who gathered for lunch and our Congregational Conversation on Sunday, May 23rd, in order to continue the discussion of our stewardship of the Sharp Gift. This is such a important time that we spend together and it is such a blessed responsibility and trust that has been given us.

The following are notes that were taken and submitted by Elder Julia Kasch.

First Presbyterian Church Congregational Discussion May 16, 2010

Rev. Georgia King, pastor, called the meeting to order and presided.

Business: Motion by Rosa Pace, second by Margaret Edgington, to write a letter of committal to the Borger Hospital District indicating that the congregation approves the plan to furnish the chapel in the new hospital. Motion passed. The funds (\$10.000) will remain with the church until the hospital indicates that the building is ready for furnishings. The above motion was approved by the Session: Motion by Hal Hebermehl, second by Hazel Howard.

The new advisory committee was appointed: Ethel Marsh, June Voigt, Larry Nelson, Don Thompson, Jerry Pool and Julia Kasch. This committee will discuss the physical needs of our church building and make recommendations to the Session. Other items discussed, but not acted upon included: cleaning the covers for the stained glass windows, refinishing the pulpit and baptismal font, new carpet for the sanctuary, video screen, accessible restrooms.

The Presbyterian Children's Home in Amarillo requested assistance in a mission trip to Belize this summer. Motion by John Edgington, second Rosa Pace that the congregation provide \$200.00 for each student traveling and \$1,500.00 for the purchase of Singer Sewing Machines. The above motion was approved by the Session: Motion by Hal Hebermehl second by Phyllis Harmony.

Meeting adjourned.

Members attending were: Malnor Arthur, Sue Hooten and Shawna Lusk, Phyllis Harmony, MM Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, MM Edgington, MM Pace, MM Nelson,

MM Larson, Pam Nicholas, MM Williams, Ethel Marsh, June Voigt, Marilyn Pearce, Aleyene Watkins, MM Pool, Georgia King, Julia Kasch.

Submitted: Julia Ann Kasch

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