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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

Georgia Report

Here is the latest on Georgia's progress. She continues to improve every day. She still needs lots of rest and no stress. Please continue to send cards to the Craig Methodist Retirement Community as she loves to get them.

A few of the current Session members have visited with her the later part of November. She was up and walking around and looked pretty good. She has lost some weight and gets tired easily but that is to be expected. She is facing one more surgery sometime toward the last of December but expects her recovery time to be not nearly as long as what she has been going through.

She sends her love and gratitude to all of us and misses us a great deal. The Session approved a one time gift of \$5000.00 to her to help defray her medical expenses. We felt that under the circumstances of some rather large medical bills (even with insurance) that the money could be useful.

Georgia hopes to be back with us as soon as she can and hopefully back to preaching by the middle of January, if all goes well. We look forward to her return!!

We are very grateful to Jennifer Santer and to all who have filled in for Georgia in her absence.

Submitted by Pat Petty

The three trees



According to legend, three trees grew near Jesus' manger: an olive tree, a palm tree and the fir. The olive offered its fruit to the newborn king, and the palm tree gave its dates.

The poor fir, having nothing to give but worship, raised its boughs in adoration, and the angels hung stars on its branches. So the fir became the first Christmas tree.

Session Actions

Borger, Texas
Called Session Meeting
October 10, 2010

The purpose of this Called Session was to introduce and to pass a motion to formally direct the disposition of two Certificates of Deposit covering the Sharp estate bequest.

The meeting, which was called to order at 11:55 am, was a conference call due to Rev King's illness. Present were the Moderator, the Rev. Georgia King (at her home) and Elders Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool, and Treasurer Pam Nicholas. No Elder was absent.

The CD's in question will expire on October 20, 2010, and the two banks will need notification regarding their disposition. The situation and various alternatives were stated in a letter to Session members by Elder Hebermehl, dated October 7, 2010.

Elder Petty entered a motion to move the original amounts into appropriated savings accounts at the respective banks and to deposit earned interest into the church's general funds (the latter being agreed to previously). Seconded by Elder Kasch. Motion PASSED.

There being no further business, the meeting was dismissed with prayer at 12:00 pm.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING October 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order 5:30pm

Attending the meeting:

Don Thompson
Larry Nelson
Jerry Pool (moderator)
Ethel Marsh
June Voigt

Committee member, Julia Kasch was out of town and could not attend.

Motions:

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| 1. New Ceiling: | Defeated 4 to 1 |
| 2. New Carpet: | Defeated 4 to 1 |
| 3. Clean and Stretch current carpet: | Passed 5 to 0 |
| 4. Redo gathering area: | Defeated 4 to 1 |
| 5. Repaint all three restrooms and convert two to handicap accessible: | Passed 5 to 0 |

Committee urges session to retain all Sue Sharp money except for tithing to Presbytery and funds to new hospital chapel. Rest of Money needs to be located in interest bearing C.D's

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Borger, Texas
Stated Session Meeting
October 31, 2010

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room, beginning at 11:40 am. The Rev. Janne Brumbelow served as Moderator, due to the illness of Rev. King. In addition to the Moderator, present were Elders Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool. Treasurer Pam Nicholas also was present.

CLERK:

1. Minutes of the August 15 Stated Session were approved via motion by Elder Petty, seconded by Elder Pool.
2. Minutes of the October 15 Called Session were reviewed. Motion to accept these as presented was made by Elder Petty and seconded by Elder Kasch. Motion passed.
3. Notable correspondence received over the past ten weeks was reviewed.

TREASURER: Financial reports for August and September, 2010, were accepted as presented.

PASTOR REPORT:

1. Rev. Brumbelow commented on Rev. King's current condition. Also briefly discussed were the potential hospital costs being incurred.
2. The next Stated Session will be November 14, a change from the normal third Sunday schedule.

COMMITTEES:

WORSHIP:

1. Rev. Santer will lead the worship services each Sunday in November.
2. Structuring the candle lighting service during Advent (beginning November 28) was discussed. Most likely, we will use the same documents as last year. Special services generally scheduled during the Christmas season were briefly discussed.

PROPERTY:

1. The Property Committee met on October 17 to discuss various possible capital projects (see attached minutes). The one item that was approved and forwarded to the Session for its consideration was to convert the restrooms adjacent to the office and in the social room to handicapped accessible and to repaint the third restroom. Also attached to these minutes is the cost quotation by TRM Services Co. to do this work. The amount is \$19,422. It was agreed to approve this project and to pay for the work with funds from the Sue Sharp bequest. In addition, there was a discussion by the Elders regarding the Committee's suggestion in their minutes concerning disposition of Sharp funds.

STEWARDSHIP: Elder Hebermehl scheduled Stewardship Commitment Sunday for November 14. An annual Stewardship letter will be mailed to the congregation, along with a pledge card for 2011, on Friday November 5, 2010.

FELLOWSHIP:

1. The annual Thanksgiving Dinner, a Presbyterian Women's project, will be November 17 at 6 pm. The meal will be supplied by M.A.L. restaurant, and \$2.50 per plate of the cost will be from PW funds with the remainder from Memorial funds. A motion to that effect was made by Elder Kasch, seconded by Elder Petty. Motion passed.
2. Elder Harmony thanked all who assisted in the Area 1 Elder training session we hosted the previous day.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Both Elders Hebermehl and Pool complete their second three year terms on the Session this year. Because of our shrinking numbers and because of the nature of upcoming activities, it was suggested that these two remain on the Session for another year. Rev. Brumbelow reviewed the formal procedure needed to implement this change (it takes full Presbytery approval). A motion to implement this process was made by Elder Petty and seconded by

Elder Howard. Motion passed. When we give formal notification to Presbytery, Rev. Brumbelow will place the request on the February, 2011, Palo Duro Presbytery docket.

OLD BUSINESS: None

The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Kasch at 12:30 pm.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for October:

Total Income	\$15,183.20
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 7,514.83</u>
Total	7,668.37
Year to Date	
Total Income	\$85,766.67
Total Expenses	<u>\$91,098.43</u>
Total	(\$5,331.76)



Care of Member and Friends

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

DUTY ELDER FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 5: JERRY POOL

DECEMBER 12: JULIA KASCH

DECEMBER 19:

DECEMBER 26: PAT PETTY

SESSION MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12



P.W. NEWS



Circle will meet on Thursday, December 2nd at 10:00am in the Coffee Room.

Lesson 4 will be about "Diagnosing The Crisis of Empire" Taken from the scripture of Revelation 6. This should be interesting since one of the Topics is about "something is Wrong With the World." We can relate to that!

Come join us for some study and fellowship.

See you at 10:00am!

Lee Buckland

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11th: Marilyn Pearce

14th: Chris Anderson

16th: Scott Winegar

22nd: Pam Nicholas

30th: Nancy Gilliam



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

15th Robert & Debbie Winegar



CHURCH NEWS:

Congregational Meeting December 19th after Sunday Service.

Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 7:00pm.

Bonnie Schropp submitted the following:

The month of October was a month of blessing for this church. We realized how much the church has meant to the community by furnishing the A.A. group with a meeting place. On October 17th several members of the A.A. group expressed their gratitude, and shared some of their personal experiences with the congregation.

We were blessed to have four young children worship with us in October.

requires filling buckets and carrying them to the house to supply their daily needs. (drinking, bathing, cooking, washing etc.) For a family of 13 it's hard to imagine what that would be like isn't it? If anyone wants to help out you can contact Larry or Nena who can transfer any donations to the family and ask them to tell us what equipment (pipe, hand pump, valves etc.) would be required to bring the water into the house thereby eliminating the daily transporting of water by hand. Larry and Nena have been there many times and can probably obtain more information if needed. Larry and Nena want to Thank you again for the Help you have been in the past to Nena's family.



Special Thanks to the Rev. Jennifer Santer for all she has done by filling in for Georgia during this difficult time. Please be sure and let her know how much we appreciate her.



Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone who attended the Praise Dinner on November 17th, we had a good turn out. The Praise Offering raised \$304.71 which will be sent to the 2010 Thank Offering fund to be used for grants. If you would like to learn about how the money is distributed please visit: www.pcusa.org/pw and click on Giving and Funding.



Submitted by Silvia Rivera

Thank you Jerry and Toni for the Honeysuckle White Turkey you gave me for Thanksgiving. Thanks also to the Session and Congregation not only for the opportunity to serve this beautiful church but also for your kindness and company. I consider it a privilege to be employed by you. Have A Merry Christmas.



+ Christian Symbols +



Candle

The candle symbolizes Jesus being the light of the world (John 8:12), as well as his call for Christians to be lights (Matthew 5:14). Candles play a prominent role in the Christmas season. Each candle on an Advent wreath has a special meaning. Many churches have a candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve, often at midnight.



December 2010 Lectionary Readings

December 5

Isa. 11: 1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Rom. 15:4-13

Matt. 3:1-12

December 12

Isa. 35: 1-10

Psalm 146:5-10

Or

Luke 1:47-55

James 5:7-10

Matt. 11:2-11

December 19

Isa. 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Rom. 1:1-7

Matt. 1:18-25

December 26

Isa. 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Heb. 2:10-18

Matt. 2:13-23





Notes from the Music Department



December is now here bringing the Christmas spirit with it. Time to begin Christmas preparations. I am looking forward to this season as it is probably my favorite season. I love the lights and excitement of Christmas but also will be grateful to celebrate another year with all of you and our families. But, more important, we should be happy to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

[We will be having the Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 7:00pm.](#)

Choir practice for December will be December 1, 8, 15, and 22. There will be no choir practice on December 29, 2010.

We will be using a different Opening and Closing Response for December. Both responses are in the hymnal so just follow the bulletin. Please join the choir in singing these responses.

We always hold the following in our prayers: Aleyene Watkins, Scott Glenn, Mary Botkin family, Jim & Bobbie Farrell, Pat & Alice Harvey, Malnor Arthur and Georgia King. We miss Jim Farrell and know that Mischa is taking very good care of him. 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.

The Lord bless you and keep you until we meet again. Amen! Mary, pass the gravy!!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Pat Petty and Choir

Special Dates:



- **Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2010**
- **Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2010**
- **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2010**
- **First day of winter, December 21, 2010**
- **Christmas Eve, December 24, 2010**
- **Christmas Day, December 25, 2010**
- **New Year's Eve/Watch Night, December 31, 2010**

