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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
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PASTOR'S PEN



Dear friends,

The story of Jesus Christ is a powerful one. It still catches our hearts and imaginations 2000 years after it happened. Can you imagine what it must have been like to be there; to be an eyewitness to everything that happened? Over the years I have imagined almost every aspect of the story, even writing a few sermons as if I was there. However, one thing I have recently realized is that I have never spent much time thinking about the actual moment of resurrection.

What was it like when the Father blew the breath of life back into Jesus? Did he lie there enjoying the breath? Or did he jump up taking in a lungful of air? Did Jesus slowly sit up and unwrap himself from the linen clothes? Or did he grab at the linens throwing them off? Did Jesus walk out of the tomb with a white light glowing around him? Or did Jesus leave the tomb at a run?

As I look at the two pictures at the top of the page, I think I have always pictured the scene at the tomb more like the picture on the left - a solemn and holy occasion. But what if the scene at the tomb was more like the picture on the right? What if Jesus ran out of the tomb eager to see His Father, eager to see his disciples, eager to get on with the building of the church?

Of course, we can never know for sure what happened at the tomb that morning so long ago; at least, not until we get to heaven. In truth, the moment of resurrection probably didn't look like either of these pictures. However, I love the picture on the right. I love the image of Jesus joyfully running into new life. What a wonderful image of the good news of Easter.

This year may we not sedately walk into Easter. May we not sit quietly in the pews murmuring our Hallelujahs. May we instead come at a run Easter morning to experience the fullness of the good news of Jesus Christ. May we shout at the top of our lungs for all to hear, "Hallelujah Jesus is Risen!!!" May we be as eager as Jesus to embrace the new life of Easter.

Pastor Jennifer

Session Actions

First Presbyterian Church Stated Meeting of the Session February 26, 2012

The Moderator, Rev. Jennifer Santer called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer. The meeting, beginning at 11:45 a.m., was held in the Miller Board Room of the First Presbyterian Church. The prior church service served as the devotional. A quorum was established with these members in attendance: Elders June Voigt, Phyllis Harmony, Margaret Edgington, and Sue Hooten. Rev. Santer, Treasurer Pam Nicholas and Clerk of Session Julia A. Kasch were in attendance.

Clerk's Report:

Julia A. Kasch reported that there was no correspondence which required Session action. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Session reviewed the printed report, noting that the Happy State Bank account might be depleted in the near future. There was no action taken and the report was accepted as presented. The Power Church Accounting Program was discussed and action will be taken at a later date. The Housing C.D. will remain at the Groom State National Bank(motion Elder Hooten, passed). The Audit will be discussed with Rosa Pace with Administration Committee chair, Phyllis Harmony making the appointment to do so.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Santer reported on the service for member Alice Harvey and stated that Barbara Graham, daughter of Evelyn Graham has requested a graveside service on May 18, 2012 for Evelyn. This was approved by the Session.

Committee Reports:

Worship stated that Communion will be held on March 11, 2012.

The various suggestions for minute for mission were discussed(see agenda listing) and approved. The dates for each will be set when the speakers are available. Worship Chairperson will contact the appropriate speakers.

The pulpit will be filled by Nancy Ruff on June 17, 2012. Bells will be used in March and April.

Discussion Items: Fence proposal for 6' high fence and two gates will be approximately \$4,200.00.

After discussion it was suggested that we get other bids before making a decision on constructing the fence.

Sound System: Pastor Santer has requested a lavalier microphone rather than the one that was sent with the system. It will cost an extra \$100.00 which can be taken from the unrestricted memorial fund.

Carpet Proposal: General discussion agreed that the church will take bids other than the ones currently held on cleaning the pews and carpet. White Glove Cleaning presented a card, and will make a formal bid.

Stewardship: no report

Christian Education: no report

Fellowship:

Margaret Edgington requested information on her duties regarding the church kitchen purchases and what her responsibilities were for other special occasions. Previous Fellowship chairpersons will inform her.

New Business: March 18, 2012 will be the next Session Meeting.

Jerry Pool has been invited to attend next month's Session Meeting to discuss investments.

Old Business:

We will continue our current yellow page information for the new telephone directory. Session discussed the Romania trip that the pastor is making and suggested that the congregation be allowed to contribute to it if they so desire. A title suggested was "Air Fare Fund", no official action was taken.

Adjourn: Motion Elder Pat Petty, 1:00 p.m.

Submitted: Julia Ann Kasch

Date Approved

Clerk

Moderator

Roadblock

"We can depend on God to fulfill his promise, even when all the roads leading to it are closed," wrote Bible commentator Matthew Henry about 300 years ago.

For the disciples on Good Friday, all the roads had closed and the gates were barred shut. Jesus was dead – and with him, their hope. In fear and grief, they locked themselves in an upper room.

But soon they discovered the tomb was empty. The grave wasn't the end. Even death wasn't strong enough to thwart God's plans. Easter is proof that no situation is hopeless. God offers a way through every type of roadblock.

–Kari Myers

The Treasurer reported the following figures for January:

Total Income	\$ 5,727.63
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 19,958.21</u>
Total	\$(14,230.58)

Year to Date	
Total Income	\$ 21,195.08
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 35,090.42</u>
Total	\$(13,895.34)



Lord, break through the doors we use to lock out others, the world and even you.
Replace our fear with peace so we may declare: "My Lord and my God!"



**Care of Member and
Friends**

Malnor Arthur
Pat Harvey
Larry Nelson
Hal & Virginia Hebermehl
First Presbyterian Church
of Dumas, our prayer
partner.

DUTY ELDER FOR APRIL

MARGARET EDGINGTON

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2012



P.W. NEWS



PW NEWS

Next meeting of P.W. is Maundy Thursday, April 5. We'll be studying lesson 8, "Greatly Honored Are Those Who Have Been Persecuted For The Sake Of Justice! The lessons are self contained so if you are interested and have missed the first 7, come learn with us. We learn and visit and have light refreshments.

Phyllis Harmony

May we be “of one heart and soul” (Acts 4:32) in love for one another and in praise of Christ.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

14th: Casey Winegar
15th: Manor Arthur
19th: Carroll Pace
23rd: Burke Moore
25th: Janie Lambert



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

**NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS
MONTH**



CHURCH NEWS:



Session Connection:

Julia Kasch	Clerk Of Session
June Voigt	Property
Margaret Edgington	Fellowship
Sue Hooten	Christian Education
Pat Petty	Worship/Liaison between Congregation, Session and Pastor
Phyllis Harmony	Stewardship/Administration



HI-PLAINS HELPING HANDS DONATION:

Items needed for March, **Food:** Macaroni & Cheese, crackers, sugar free puddings, oatmeal, canned peas, canned soup, tuna, cereal. **Non-Food Items:** Laundry detergent, tooth brushes.



We will have a Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. Communion will be offered by intinction



April Communion will be on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
(Luke 2:14)

Special Dates

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012
 Holy Week, April 1-7, 2012
 Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 5, 2012
 Good Friday, April 6, 2012
 Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012
 Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012
 Administrative Professionals Day, April 25, 2012



Notes from the Music



Department

Christ the Lord is Risen!! Happy Easter everyone!

Choir practice for April will be: April 4, 11, 18, and 25. We will Not be working on any new music until the Fall. That should give us all a break from all our hard work. Thank you, choir members, for your hard work in the last few weeks.

The Opening Response for April will be “Spirit of the Living God” found on page 322 of the hymnal. Closing Response will be “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” from the hymnal also.

I would like to thank the choir members for working so hard during February and March to learn two new anthems. I would like to also thank the Santer children and Margaret Edgington for being part of the Bell Choir for March and April. We are extremely lucky to have such a small group of dedicated and talented people to enhance our worship service. It takes all of us to make our music for worship work!

May the Good Lord bless and keep you.

Love and Grace - Pat Petty and Choir

New clothes

One night of bitter cold and pitiless storm, a mother was out in the wilds with her child in her arms. Unable to carry her precious burden and find a shelter, she took off her own outer clothing and, wrapping it about her little one, laid him in a cleft of the rock and hastened on, hoping to find help.

Next morning some shepherds heard the cry of a child and found the babe safe and warm in the rock's cleft. Then, not far away in the snow, they discovered the mother – dead! She had stripped off her own garments and died in the cold to save her child.

Did not Jesus do the same? He took off his raiment and hung naked on his cross, that we may stand in the final judgment arrayed in robes of beauty.

—J.R. Miller

Need something to pass the time during a break from studying? Try these two Bible book names puzzles. (answers on last page of newsletter)

Can you find sixteen (16) books of the Bible in this paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story.

Give up?

Bigger challenge

Can you find thirty (30) books of the Bible in this paragraph? Actually, there are 31 if you can find the variant of one Old Testament prophet's name.

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless. **Give up?**



April 2012 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Passion/Palm Sunday—April 1

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16

Ps. 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isa. 50:4–9a

Ps. 31:9–16

Phil. 2:5–11

Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)

Monday of Holy Week—April 2

Isa. 42:1–9

Ps. 36:5–11

Heb. 9:11–15

John 12:1–11

Tuesday of Holy Week—April 3

Isa. 49:1–7

Ps. 71:1–14

1 Cor. 1:18–31

John 12:20–36

Wednesday of Holy Week—April 4

Isa. 50:4–9a

Ps. 70:1–5

Heb. 12:1–3

John 13:21–32

Maundy Thursday—April 5

Exod. 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14

Ps. 116:1–2, 12–19

1 Cor. 11:23–26

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Good Friday—April 6

Isa. 52:13—53:12

Ps. 22:1–31

Heb. 10:16–25 or Heb. 4:14–16, 5:7–9

John 18:1—19:42

Easter Vigil—April 7

Gen. 1:1—2:4a

Ps. 136:1–9, 23–26

Gen. 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13
Ps. 46:1-11
Gen. 22:1-18
Ps. 16:1-11
Exod. 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Exod. 15:1b-13, 17-18
Isa. 55:1-11
Isa. 12:2-6
Prov. 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6
Ps. 19:1-14
Ezek. 36:24-28
Ps. 42:1-11 *and* Ps. 43:1-5
Ezek. 37:1-14
Ps. 143:1-12
Zeph. 3:14-20
Ps. 98:1-9
Rom. 6:3-11
Ps. 114:1-8
Mark 16:1-8

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter—April 8

Acts 10:34–43 *or* Isa. 25:6–9
Ps. 118:1–2, 14–24
1 Cor. 15:1–11 *or* Acts 10:34–43
John 20:1–18 *or* Mark 16:1–8

2nd Sunday of Easter—April 15

Acts 4:32–35
Ps. 133
1 John 1:1–2:2
John 20:19–31

3rd Sunday of Easter—April 22

Acts 3:12–19
Ps. 4
1 John 3:1–7
Luke 24:36b–48

4th Sunday of Easter—April 29

Acts 4:5–12
Ps. 23
1 John 3:16–24
John 10:11–18

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Solution: 16 hidden Bible book names

The letters in bold reveal the solution to the paragraph with 16 Bible book names hidden in it

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Hidden Bible Book names: The solution

Did you solve the hidden Bible book names puzzle? Here is the solution. The Bible books are in bold print.

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