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“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever”
(Psalm 107:1, NRSV).

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PASTOR'S PEN

Dear friends:

I will be finished with my social work internship at the Guyon Saunders Resource Center in a couple of weeks. The last thing I have been tasked to do before I finish is to come up with ideas for classes the resource center could offer this fall. As an add-on to the budget class, I thought it would be helpful to offer a class called "How to do Christmas without going Broke." It is so easy to get caught up in the joy of the season and go over budget. I am hoping the class can collectively come up with some ideas for how to have a great Christmas, but stay within budget. The days after Christmas might be just as joyful as the days before Christmas if we aren't drowning in bills.

If it would be helpful to plan ahead for our Christmas spending, I began to think it might also be helpful to plan ahead for our spiritual Christmas. How are we going to celebrate Christ this Christmas? Are there scriptures or devotionals we like to read? Do we give away a little extra to those in need? Do we reach out to family, friends, and neighbors? What are some of the special ways you will be celebrating Christmas this year?

Christmas is a joyful time, why not bring some of that joy to the summer months? We don't have to wait until December to celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus. I encourage you to take one of your Christmas spiritual practices and celebrate this month. Maybe take some time this week and read your favorite Christmas Bible passages and be reminded of the gift God gave us by sending his own Son to earth. Also, while charities are overwhelmed with donations in November and December, the summer months are often a time when there is low giving and charities struggle to keep up with the need. Giving a little extra now could make a big difference to a family in need.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BORGER, TEXAS
JUNE 23, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. Elders present were Howard, Hooten, Harmony, Kasch, treasurer Nicholas and pastor Santer.

Devotional was considered to be the previous church service.

Clerk's Report:

- a. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as printed(Motion Elder Harmony, second Elder Hooten, pass).
- b. Communications
 1. Planning calendars for 2013-14 were presented.
 2. Amarillo Foundation report was read, indicating some profit.
 3. Letter from Sue Goodman indicating donation of \$1627.75 from the estate of Nora Sims. An acknowledgement has been sent by the church secretary

Treasurer's Report:

Report accepted as presented, will be filed. (Motion Elder Hooten, Second Elder Harmony) pass. Church is solvent.

Pastor's Report:

Vacation Study in Costa Rica was discussed with Pastor focusing on the social issues comparison. She had lived in the home of an elderly woman while on the study tour.

Committee Reports:

Worship on a motion by Elder Howard, second Elder Kasch the second Sunday each month will be Communion Sunday for the remainder of the year: July14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, and possibly Christmas Eve, December 24.

July 14, 2013 will be the next Communion Service.

Property:

Discussion: Rather than discuss removing the floor in the basement to correct the seepage it was voted (Elder Hooten, Elder Howard, pass) to have the Busy Bee Cleaning Company survey the area and present a bid to clean and seal/wax the floor in question.

Administration:

1. The correct Yellow Pages for the telephone book will be purchased as usual.
2. Custodian Job and Description

The custodians will check in the proper procedures on the list presented to them by the Session. This completed list will be given to the Secretary or placed on the Clerk of Session's Desk each week. It will include the day and time of work. They will be reminded to reset the thermostats to the proper level when they leave the building. On a motion by Elder Harmony, second Elder Hooten the Busy Bee Cleaning Service will be asked to present a bid to clean the entire church. Motion passed. The suggested cost of cleaning the floor in the basement was set at \$300.00 with some overage leeway accepted.

3. The Xerox contract to lease a new machine for five years was considered and approved. Two bids for computers were also considered. The Session decided to accept the bid by On Time Tech. (Elder Hooten, Elder Howard, pass.) The cost of these items will come from the current church budget. (Elder Hooten, Elder Harmony pass).

Christian Education- Elder Howard will place the Pentecost offering envelopes in the pews this week.

New Business

Elders discussed the format of the newsletter. Everyone is happy with the current format. The newsletter prayer list was discussed. Congregation members will be invited to submit their prayer requests for the newsletter.

Elders discussed the traditional "Ice Cream Social" and have altered the style to having the Social after church on Sunday September 8, 2013 with the addition of sandwiches and drinks. United can cater the sandwiches and additional items can be added if the congregation chooses. Suggestions happily accepted!!! Hopefully we will have better attendance at a day activity.

Next session meeting will be on Sunday, July 21st.

Motion to adjourn 12:15 p.m.

Submitted: Julia Ann Kasch, Clerk.

**CALLED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BORGER, TEXAS
July 14, 2013**

There was a called session meeting on Sunday July 14th to discuss issues with the sanctuary air conditioners and Internet service.

There was no agenda provided for this meeting.

The Pastor called the meeting to order at 11:25a.m. and led the group in prayer. Session members present were: Sue Hooten, Hazel Howard, Phyllis Harmony, Julia A. Kasch (Elder and Clerk of Session and Jennifer Santer (Moderator).

Business Items:

Replacement of Air Conditioners in Sanctuary. Gandy Electric declined to bid. If current bid from Jerry's Plumbing is correct we will accept. The cost will come from Borger Federal account. (Motion Hooten, second harmony) pass.

The ATT DSL service is being discontinued and we will need to upgrade to their u-verse system. The session voted to go with the 12 Mbps speed. Talking to the representative there may also be a need to update the phone plan. Pastor Santer will discuss this further with ATT. If there is a need to update the phones the session voted on the unlimited phone service for \$35 a month. The additional cost will come from two accounts.

Consensus to place old computer and screen at clerks/reception desk.
Motion to adjourn (Sue Hooten, second Hazel Howard)

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Submitted: Julia Ann Kasch, Clerk of Session

The Treasurer reported the following figures for June:

Total Income	\$ 8,159.95
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,635.48</u>
Total	\$ (475.53)

Year to Date	
Total Income	\$ 48,136.32
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 39,700.85</u>
Total	\$ 8,435.47



“Our greatest fulfillment lies in giving ourselves to others.”

—Henri J.M. Nouwen



Care of Member and Friends

Malnor Arthur
First Presbyterian Church
of Dumas, our prayer
partner.

DUTY ELDER FOR AUGUST

ETHEL MARSH

SESSION MEETING

August 18, 2013

We need a volunteer to be Duty Elder
for September
there is a signup sheet on volunteer
desk.



P.W. NEWS



PW NEWS

PW is taking a vacation until
September.

See you in September!
Phyllis Harmony

A radical decision

In *Conformed to His Image* (Zondervan), Kenneth Boa writes: “We need to review frequently the truth that our performance and our acceptance by other people has nothing to do with our dignity and value, since this is determined by God and not by the world. When we suffer rejection and indifference, the pain will be real, but it need not destroy us, since we have made the radical decision to look to God and his resources alone for our true and unchanging identity and worth.”

St. Paul made a similar point: “With me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. ... It is the Lord who judges me. ... The Lord ... will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God”
(1 Corinthians 4:3-5, NRSV).

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd: Gary Voigt
3rd: Alexandra Nicholas
8th: Kirsti Kasch
12th: Braden Santer
17th: Paul Edgington
18th: Bill Santer
19th: Margaret Edgington
20th: John Gillespie
28th: Don Thompson



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

29th: Bob and Patty Kasch

Session Connection:

Julia Kasch
Sue Hooten
Hazel Howard
Phyllis Harmony

Clerk Of Session/Administration/Property
Fellowship
Christian Education
Worship

The AC/Heating Units have been replaced in the Sanctuary.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Traditional "Ice Cream Social" After church on Sunday September 8, 2013 with the addition of sandwiches and drinks. United will cater the sandwiches and additional items can be added if the congregation chooses. Suggestions happily accepted!!! Hopefully we will have better attendance at a day activity.

Luke 17:7-10

“Suppose one of you has a servant who is plowing or looking after the sheep. When he comes in from the field, do you tell him to hurry along and eat his meal?

Of course not! Instead, you say to him, ‘Get my supper ready, then put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may have your meal.’

The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he?

It is the same with you; when you have done all you have been told to do, say, ‘We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty.’ ”

HI-PLAINS HELPING HANDS DONATION:

Items needed: **Food:** Crackers, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Tuna Helper, Spaghetti, Cereal, Rice.

Non-Food Items: Laundry detergent, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Dishwashing Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes.

Mission Opportunity

Do you have....

tin cans

plastic coffee cans

milk jugs

cereal boxes

fabric

yarn

or other recyclables you are done with?



Satellite workshop has a special request for aluminum pie, cake, etc. containers

If you answered yes to the above question, then I have a mission opportunity for you. The Borger Satellite Workshop, which provides services and jobs for disabled adults in Hutchinson country, is in need of these items for art and craft projects for their clients. All you have to do is drop your recyclables off at the church. We will set up a box to collect these items near the Helping Hands basket behind the Volunteer’s desk. Don and Sallie Thompson will see that these items get over to the workshop. Thank you in advance for your help.



**August 2013 Revised Common Lectionary
for Sundays and Festivals
Year C**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—August 4
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Semicontinuous Complementary

Hosea 11:1–11 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23
Psalm 107:1–9, 43 Psalm 49:1–12
Colossians 3:1–11 Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21 Luke 12:13–21

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—August 11
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Semicontinuous Complementary

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 Genesis 15:1–6
Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23 Psalm 33:12–22
Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16
Luke 12:32–40 Luke 12:32–40

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—August 18
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Semicontinuous Complementary

Isaiah 5:1–7 Jeremiah 23:23–29
Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49–56 Luke 12:49–56

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—August 25
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Semicontinuous Complementary

Jeremiah 1:4–10 Isaiah 58:9b–14
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Psalm 71:1–6 Psalm 103:1–8
Hebrews 12:18–29 Hebrews 12:18–29
Luke 13:10–17 Luke 13:10–17

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Untapped resources



While taking photos of the earth, the space shuttle Columbia made a surprising discovery: Underneath the harsh Sahara Desert were 26 lakes, as well as miles of underground rivers. That region's inhabitants face tough conditions because those abundant resources haven't yet been tapped.

Churches often suffer a similar problem. Congregations can't reach their full God-given potential unless people discover and use their gifts. When we tap into our talents, however, God promises that we "will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:11, NIV).

What's it worth?

As a man browsed through a rare-book store, he chatted with its owner. The customer had recently thrown away a dusty old Bible he'd found in the attic of an old house he'd just bought.

"Someone named Guten-something-or-other had printed it," he mentioned offhandedly.

"Not Gutenberg?" the shop owner gasped.

"Yes, that was it," the man replied.

"You threw away one of the first books ever printed!" the owner exclaimed in dismay. "A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this Bible would've been worth anything like that," the man replied. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."

Hebrew Names of God

Word Search Game

K A S P E Y M B I B L E P E A
M E E Q F W I S T U D Y Q F D
G E L U G O H A Y G A M E S O
O M Y A A D O N A I H C O M N
T N O E H W L X C O I M R G O
A C N L I Y E H O V A H S H P
B P A Y M K L Z D M J V A I R
E L S H A D D A I N K H B J Y
X Q M I H O L E H V H Y C K H
M U E L O A H M I N O D A L Q
Y W M W B A I S H A D D A I H
Y H V H Y I R E H P L N D M J
W F D Z O E O W E L N O Y L E
L E N O Y L E U G S U M M E R
H O S X K A W Y H H A B Y X Z

Elohim - Yehovah - YHVH - YAH - El - Eloah - Elyon -
Shaddai - Adon - El Shaddai - Elyon El - YHVH Elohim -
Adonai - Adonim - YHVH Yireh

Because the Kingdom of heaven is like this.

Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants' accounts. He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in who owed him millions of dollars.

The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. The servant fell on his knees before the king. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay you everything!'

The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let him go.

"Then the man went out and met one of his fellow servants who owed him a few dollars. He grabbed him and started choking him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he said. His fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!'

But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt.

When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. So he called the servant in. 'You worthless slave!' he said. 'I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to.

You should have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you.'

The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount."

And Jesus concluded, "That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart. "

Matthew 18:23-35

+Christian Symbol+



Wedding Rings

The exchange of wedding rings isn't found in Scripture. It came into practice among Christians in the late ninth century. The unending circle profoundly symbolizes a couple's mutual promises of ongoing love and commitment, as well as God's promise of eternal love that surrounds all – including each couple and marriage.