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¹²¹ **I have done what is righteous and just; do not leave me to my oppressors.**

¹²² **Ensure your servant's well-being; do not let the arrogant oppress me.**

Psalm 119:121-122
New International Version (NIV)

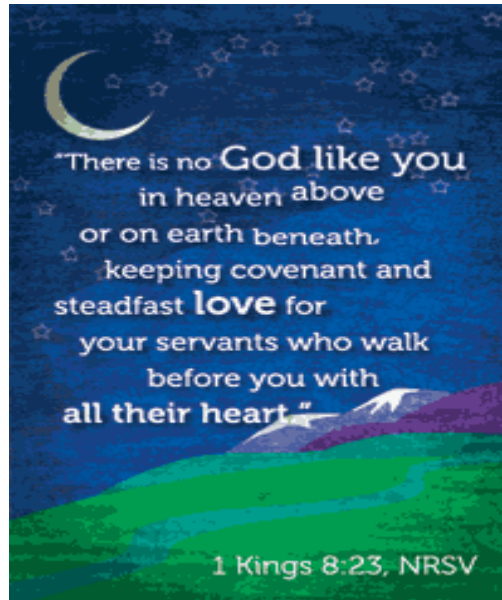
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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PASTOR'S PEN



No Pastors Pen due to Rev. Santer's Costa Rica trip.

Remember the Giver

God wants us to enjoy the good gifts that he gives to us, provided that we don't so focus on the gift that we forget the Giver. When the gift becomes more important than the Giver, you have idolatry; when the Giver is seen through the gift, you have worship.

—Warren Wiersbe

No May Session Meeting

The Treasurer reported the following figures for February, March April (combined):

Total Income	\$ 23,329.80
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 20,143.19</u>
Total	\$ 3,186.61

Year to Date

Total Income	\$ 33,911.49
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 26,441.70</u>
Total	\$ 7,469.79



The power of attitudes

Attitude is the mind's paintbrush. It can color a situation gloomy and gray, or cheerful and gay. In fact, attitudes are more important than facts.

—Mary C. Crowley



Care of Member and Friends

Malnor Arthur
Virginia Edmonds
Don Reno
Lori Shimizu
Toni Pool
Georgia King
First Presbyterian Church
of Dumas, our prayer
partner.

DUTY ELDER FOR JUNE

C.J. NELSON

SESSION MEETING

June 16, 2013



P. W. NEWS



PW News

Ah June, the month of weddings, vacations, etc. Also the month PW has chosen to end our study for the year. June 6 we will study the last two lessons in our work book, lesson 8; The Bad Seeds and lesson 9; Brothers and Sisters in Harmony. It looks like a very good study and all are invited. June 6 at 10:00 is the time and the coffee room is the place.

Phyllis Harmony

Guide me, God, to focus on one of the fruits of your Spirit in which to grow: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

“O water-born”



I've loved this anonymous invitation since I first read it: “O water-born, go where the Spirit calls.” It's part of an early Christian prayer (fifth century or older), perhaps used by bishops performing baptisms.

When I Googled the phrase to learn more about it, the search engine asked if I meant “water-borne.” No, I didn't: We are born of water and the Holy Spirit through baptism.

Then it dawned on me: Aren't we also borne on that baptismal water infused with the Word of God? The grace of baptism carries us through the ups and downs of life. When we rest in it (like floating on our back in a summer lake), rather than struggling (swimming) against it, we let the water take us gently wherever God's Spirit would have us go.

—Heidi Mann

Special dates

- Flag Day, *June 14, 2013*
- Father's Day, *June 16, 2013*
- First day of summer, *June 21, 2013*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st: Robert Winegar
2nd: Virginia Hebermehl
3rd: Sally Thompson
8th: Justin Lusk
18th: Sue Hooten
20th: Toni Pool
25th: C.J. Nelson



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

12th: Gary and June Voigt
27th: Harold and Virginia Hebermehl

A new old way to pray

An ancient Jewish form of prayer, still in use today, involves sprinkling one's day with short prayers of gratitude to God. The prayer typically begins: "Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who ..." and concludes with a phrase that fits the specific situation. Such a prayer works well in good circumstances and bad. For example:

- "Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who has provided clean water for my shower this morning."
- "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who brings friends to support me in my grief."
- "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who has blessed me with a keen mind; please help me focus while I take this test."
- "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who holds my children in unconditional love."

Try using this form of prayer liberally as a way to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and to weave your faith throughout your day.

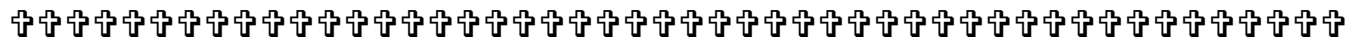
Mission Opportunity

Do you have....

- tin cans
- plastic coffee cans
- milk jugs
- cereal boxes
- fabric
- yarn
- or other recyclables you are done with?



If you answered yes to the above question, then I have a mission opportunity for you. The Berger 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.



What's missing?

While teaching a Bible college class, Donald Miller conducted an interesting experiment. He told students he was going to leave out one important truth and that they should try to detect it. Miller then talked about people's sinfulness and our need to repent; he read Scripture and stories; he discussed the reward awaiting us in heaven.

Not one of the 45 students realized their professor had left out Jesus. "I had said nothing about his love, his life and incarnation, his death or his resurrection," Miller says. "I had said nothing about our need to ... have his righteousness cover us."

Miller, author of *Blue Like Jazz*, says he could probably conduct the same experiment from Christian church pulpits, and few people would notice or be upset. Faith should be a relationship, not a formula, he argues, and it's hard to have a relationship when you leave out Jesus.



June 2013 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Year C

Second Sunday after Pentecost—June 2, 2013

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 18:20–21 [22–29] 30–39
Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1–12
Luke 7:1–10

Complementary

1 Kings 8:22–23, 41–43
Psalm 96:1–9
Galatians 1:1–12
Luke 7:1–10

Third Sunday after Pentecost—June 9

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 17:8–16 [17–24]
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11–24
Luke 7:11–17

Complementary

1 Kings 17:17–24
Psalm 30
Galatians 1:11–24
Luke 7:11–17

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—June 16

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 21:1–10 [11–14] 15–21a
Psalm 5:1–8
Galatians 2:15–21
Luke 7:36–8:3

Complementary

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13–15
Psalm 32
Galatians 2:15–21
Luke 7:36–8:3

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—June 23

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 19:1–4 [5–7] 8–15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23–29
Luke 8:26–39

Complementary

Isaiah 65:1–9
Psalm 22:19–28
Galatians 3:23–29
Luke 8:26–39



"Look for the helpers"

When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world.

—Fred Rogers



Photo: Helpers pulling out children after tornado struck in Oklahoma

Why I stopped attending sports events

1. Every time I go, they ask for money.
2. The people I have to sit with don't seem friendly.
3. The seats are too hard and uncomfortable.
4. The coach never visits me.
5. The referee makes decisions I disagree with.
6. I sit near some hypocrites; they come only to see what others are wearing.
7. Some games go into overtime, so I'm late getting home.
8. The band plays some music I haven't heard before.
9. The games are scheduled when I want to do other things.
10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
11. I read a book on sports, so I know more than the coaches do anyhow.
12. I want my kids to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

—Moody Monthly

Honoring our Fathers on Fathers Day
June 16, 2013

Fathers

Fathers young, fathers old
Remembering good times are our gold.

Value earned through guidance given
Helping us go forth in living'.

Each father adding to our trove
A treasure chest of love untold.

Remembering father in our lives
Taking time to realize.

Fatherly love brings wealth to living
Remembering this we go forth in giving.

Fathers young, fathers old
We remember you all
As life unfolds.

Ragini

Grandfathers Are Fathers Who Are Grand

Grandfathers are fathers who are grand,
Restoring the sense that our most precious things
Are those that do not change much over time.
No love of childhood is more sublime,
Demanding little, giving on demand,
Far more inclined than most to grant the wings
Allowing us to reach enchanted lands.
Though grandfathers must serve as second fathers,
Helping out with young and restless hearts,
Each has all the patience wisdom brings,
Remembering our passions more than others,
Soothing us with old and well-honed arts.

Author Unknown

A Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Kirk Loadman