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"I would hasten to my place of refuge from the stormy wind *and* tempest."

Psalms 55:8 (NASB)

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

March

Borger, Texas

2013

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends:

This week has seemed like it came right out of a television show. It has included an Olympic athlete being accused of the murder of his girlfriend, a diamond heist in Belgium, a woman found in a cistern at a hotel in California, and a man carrying out his vendetta against the LAPD. On top of all of that, there are wars, famine, economic recessions, and natural disasters in various places around the world. Each time I turn on the news, I wonder what evil or tragedy I will hear about next. Where will all of this end?

Actually, as a Christian, I know exactly where it is going to end. It is going to end with new life and new hope. On March 31st we come once again to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The world thought it had won the day when Jesus was killed on the cross, little did they know that three days later God would raise Jesus from the dead. In the resurrection of Jesus Christ we not only have the promise of new life, but the promise that God will win the final victory. Even on the darkest days this is the hope that we live in. This is the hope that gives us the courage to go on and to be the people of God even in the midst of so much evil and tragedy. Today, the world needs the hope of Jesus Christ as much as it ever did. In this coming Easter season may we experience anew the hope of Jesus Christ and then share this hope with all those whom the Lord lays in our path.

Have a wonderful and blessed Easter! Jesus Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! Amen!

Pastor Jennifer

**STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION OF
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MILLER FAMILY MEETING ROOM
BORGER, TEXAS
JANUARY 20, 2013**

The members attending the meeting were Elders: Sue Hooten, Margaret Edgington, Phyllis Harmony, Pat Petty, and June Voigt. Also in attendance were Reverend Jennifer Santer(Moderator), Pam Nicholas (Treasurer) and Julia A. Kasch(Clerk of Session). The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Pastor Jennifer Santer. Devotional was the previous church service.

The Clerk's Report

Minutes were read and approved with the correction that the housing payment to Jennifer Santer would be \$18,000.00 for the contract year. The Pastor was granted the requested vacation days, of May 19 and May 26, 2013. The cost for mileage will be 56.5 cents per mile traveled.

Communications were various letters concerning mission trips and camps available for church members.

Treasurer's Report

Adjustments for the New Year will be made concerning insurance and custodian costs.

Pastor's Report

The Stated Supply contract for 2013 has been signed and received at First Presbyterian Church, Borger, Texas.

Committee Reports:

Worship Committee

Marilyn Pearce will play the piano during worship until a new choir director/organist is employed. The salary will be \$60.00 per week for this service. (Elder Petty, Second Elder Harmony.)

Choir will join the congregation and no longer sing from the choir loft.

Communion is February 10, 2013.

Property Committee:

Motion by Elder Petty, second by Elder Harmony that the pest control spray contract be for every two months. Motion passed.

Motion by Elder Petty second by Elder Hooten that the carpet in the hall and snack room be shampooed every six months by Advance Cleaning. Motion passed. The basement floor is being evaluated and decision will be made on its rehabilitation later.

Administrative Committee: No report

Fellowship

Elder Edgington reported that Jim Hess, printer will do printing for the memorial book of the church.

Members are asked to sign up for food for the Annual Meeting.

Old Business

The Annual Meeting will be January 27, 2013.

The New Elder Duty Roster is posted. Julia Kasch is Elder for February.

New Business:

Installation of Elders will be on February 3, 2013.

The next Session meeting will be Sunday, February 17, 2013.

Elder Kasch gave an informal report on her attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Submitted: Julia Kasch

The Treasurer reported the following figures for January:

Total Income	\$ 10,581.69
Total Expenses	\$ 6,298.51
Total	\$ 4,283.18

Year to Date

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Holy God, mighty and immortal, have mercy on us. We praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

[Good Friday]



Care of Member and Friends

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

DUTY ELDER FOR MARCH

PHYLLIS HARMONY

SESSION MEETING

March 10, 2013

“Faith walks simply, childlike, between the darkness of human life and the hope of what is to come.”

—Catherine de Hueck Doherty



P. W. NEWS



PW News

It is difficult to believe time for the March meeting of PW is right around the corner but it is, so come join us on March 7 at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and donut holes and study. The study title is 'The Elders'. I have not read it yet, but it looks interesting. Hope to see you there.

Phyllis Harmony

Keep on believing

Through major life challenges, Christian singer-songwriter Jeremy Camp has learned to walk by faith and cling to his hope in Christ. While he was growing up, Camp's family (which includes a brother with Down syndrome) struggled with poverty. When Camp was just 23, his wife of several months died of cancer.

The first song Camp wrote after her death was the chart-topper "I Still Believe." In the chorus, he sings:

I still believe in Your faithfulness
I still believe in Your truth
I still believe in Your holy word
even when I don't see, I still believe.

Camp says trusting in God during life's valleys takes lots of courage. "You can say, 'All right, Lord, I don't get it, but I'm going to trust you,' and go to the only One [who] offers life and hope and peace and joy."

One got out

A father and son were driving past a cemetery, when the boy noticed a large pile of dirt beside a newly excavated grave.

He pointed and exclaimed, “Look, Dad! One got out!”

Adults know that in this world, no one “gets out,” unless it’s in a movie. Dead is dead. And yet on Easter Sunday we gather to celebrate the good news that One did get out. Jesus’ resurrection from the grave makes all the difference.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2rd : Sandy Edgington
26th: Pat Hester



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries this month

The greatest news

Death carries with it a certain dread. It has always been the enemy, the great, mysterious monster that makes people quake with fear. Death stalks the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated. Death is no respecter of race, color or creed. Its shadow haunts us day and night. We never know when the moment of death will come for us. Is there any hope?

....

The greatest news that mortal ear has ever heard is the news that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, as he had promised. ... Because Christ lives, we also shall live. The greatest truth that you can ever hear is that Jesus Christ died but rose again, and that you, too, will die but can rise again into newness of life.

—Billy Graham

A sign of spring



In *The Story of the Easter Robin* (Zonderkidz), Dandi Daley Mackall retells an old Pennsylvania Dutch tale of the robin's compassion as he witnessed Jesus' death.

On Good Friday, a plain brown robin flying over Jerusalem was curious about the "nest" atop Jesus' head. When the bird realized it was a crown of thorns, he tried to dislodge it. As the robin pulled out a long thorn from Jesus' forehead, a drop of blood landed on the bird's breast, staining it red. Now the robin's red breast is a symbol of Jesus' loving sacrifice, and the robin's early-spring song is a reminder of Jesus' joyful resurrection.

Special dates

- World Day of Prayer, *March 1, 2013*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 3, 2013*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 10, 2013*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 10, 2013*
- Girl Scout Sunday, *March 10, 2013*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 17, 2013*
- First Day of Spring, *March 20, 2013*
- Palm Sunday, *March 24, 2013*
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, *March 28, 2013*
- Good Friday, *March 29, 2013*
- Holy Saturday, *March 30, 2013*
- Easter Sunday, *March 31, 2013*



March 2013 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Year C

Third Sunday in Lent—March 3, 2013

Isaiah 55:1–9
Psalm 63:1–8
1 Corinthians 10:1–13
Luke 13:1–9

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 10

Joshua 5:9–12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16–21
Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 17

Isaiah 43:16–21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b–14
John 12:1–8

Passion / Palm Sunday—March 24 Sixth Sunday in Lent *Liturgy of the Palms*

Luke 19:28–40
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 31:9–16
Philippians 2:5–11
Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1–49

Monday of Holy Week—March 25

Isaiah 42:1–9
Psalm 36:5–11
Hebrews 9:11–15
John 12:1–11

Tuesday of Holy Week—March 26

Isaiah 49:1–7
Psalm 71:1–14
1 Corinthians 1:18–31
John 12:20–36

Wednesday of Holy Week—March 27

Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1–3
John 13:21–32

Maundy Thursday—March 28

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
1 Corinthians 11:23–26
John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Good Friday—March 29

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9
John 18:1—19:42

Easter Vigil—March 30

A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26
Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13
Psalm 46
Genesis 22:1–18
Psalm 16
Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21
Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18
Isaiah 55:1–11
Isaiah 12:2–6
Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6
Psalm 19
Ezekiel 36:24–28
Psalm 42 and 43
Ezekiel 37:1–14
Psalm 143
Zephaniah 3:14–20
Psalm 98
Romans 6:3–11
Psalm 114
Luke 24:1–12

Resurrection of the Lord—March 31 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

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+ **Christian Symbol** +



Latin cross

The Latin cross is the simplest and most common form of the Christian cross, possibly dating from the second or third century. Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians typically display a crucifix — an image of Jesus hanging on the cross — to remember his death for the sake of the world, while Protestant churches often favor the empty cross, commemorating Jesus' resurrection.

An Easter message

On Easter Sunday 1544, pastor and church reformer Martin Luther proclaimed in a sermon: “The conception and birth of every human creature ... is no less a miracle and wonder-work of God than that Adam was made out of a clod of earth, and Eve out of a fleshy rib. The world is full of such works of wonder. ...” (“On the Resurrection,” *The Table Talk of Martin Luther*).

That reminder holds yet today, that God brings life not only from death but from *nothing*.

SEARCH-A-WORD 24

In the Parables

DEBTOR

EWES

FEAST

FISHES

FOOL

FRIEND

GOSPEL

LABORERS

LAMB

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LEAVEN

LOAVES

LOST COIN

MUSTARD SEED

PEARL

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Easter joy



Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Invisible and visible,
Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

—St. John of Damascus

