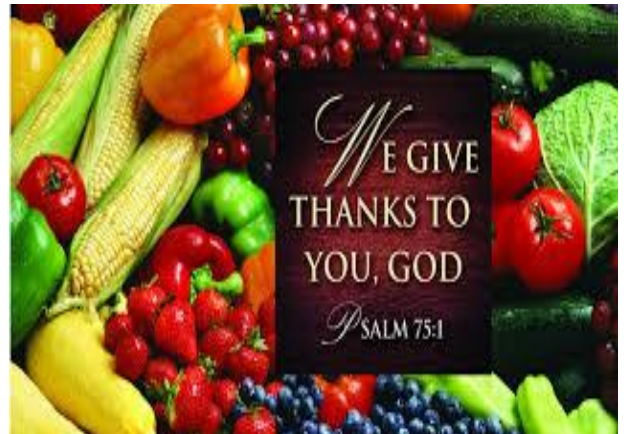


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Psalm 75:1 (NIV)

We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for your Name is near; men tell of your wonderful deeds.

First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

November

Borger, Texas

2013

Dear Friends:

As I pondered what to write about this month, my Compassion International child, Paul, came to mind. Paul is thirteen years old and lives with his parents and siblings in Uganda. Paul has experienced some definite hardships in his life, including struggles with school. However, he always seems to have a good outlook on life. The last letter we received from him was a thank-you note for the birthday money we had sent to him through Compassion. He excitedly described how he had bought a pair of pants, a shirt, rice, and a chicken with the money. I had a hard time imagining my children excitedly writing a thank you note for rice and a chicken.

Paul's letter was a reminder of just how many things for which we have to be thankful. God has so abundantly blessed us. As we enter this Thanksgiving season, may we all take a few moments out this month to take stock of all that God has provided for us throughout this year. As I look over the year I can see how God has cared for and blessed me, my family, and this congregation.

Not only is November the month of Thanksgiving, but it is also the celebration of stewardship. Today, we will be making our pledges and commitments to the church for 2014. While much of our stewardship campaign focuses on giving to the church, stewardship is much more than this. As we take time out of our busy schedules to give our thanks to the Lord, may we also take time out to pray for God to show us how we can give to the kingdom this year not only through our financial gifts, but also through our time and our prayers. No gift is too small. God will take everything we give and use it for the glory of his kingdom.

Have a very blessed Thanksgiving,

Pastor Jennifer

**CALLED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BORGER, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2013**

Call to order at 11:30 a.m. Members present were Elders Phyllis Harmony, Sue Hooten, Julia Kasch. Treasurer Pam Nicholas and Pastor Jennifer Santer were also present. Elder Hazel Howard was absent.

Devotional was provided by the previous church service.

Clerk's Report centered on the recent communications from Presbytery. The minutes will be presented at the next meeting of the Session.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. It is filed with these minutes.

Pastor's Report

The pastor and Session had a discussion concerning the pastor's Stated Supply Contract. The pastor requested that she be allowed to invoke the thirty day in advance notification in her contract and that her employment be terminated on October 15, 2013. After discussion with the Session she agreed to fulfill her contract which expires on December 31, 2013.

Committee Reports:

Worship- The chair requested that communion be observed on the first Sunday in October to coincide with World Wide Communion Sunday. (Motion by Elder Harmony, second by Elder Hooten passed.)

Property-

New Advent Candles will be provided.

A new lock will be installed on the west door. Vinyard Locksmith will be asked to do the installation with a lock and key that are compatible with the existing locks. (Motion Elder Hooten, second Elder Harmony, passed).

The purchase of cleaning supplies will be done by the Busy Bee Company when their store is complete.

Custodian update and current Busy Bee schedule are available in the Church Office.

Internet UVerse-Will stay and request information from ATT as to what they can provide. Also get suggestions from the Tech persons who installed the system. Check on cost for Cable One provider.

The Gillespie family communion will be done if possible.

Christian Education

The Peacemaking Offering envelopes and information are distributed.

Fellowship

The congregation enjoyed the Ice Cream Social plus other goodies.

The Thanksgiving Dinner could be on November 17th (after church) depending on the caterer. Presbyterian Women has sponsored this in the past and will be assisted by Session Members this year.

Motion to adjourn Elder Harmony, second Elder Hooten, pass. 12:15 p.m.

Submitted: Julia Ann Kasch Clerk of Session

A Veterans Day prayer



God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips



The Treasurer reported the following figures for September:

Total Income	\$ 8,042.74
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,239.89</u>
Total	\$ 2,802.85

Year to Date

Total Income	\$ 73,803.79
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 61,171.68</u>
Total	\$ 12,632.11



As we celebrate Thanksgiving, generous God, make us mindful of ways to use our blessings to bless others.



Care of Member and Friends

Malnor Arthur
John and Louise Gillespie
Carlis Hooten
Teddy Buckland
First Presbyterian Church of
Dumas, our prayer partner.

DUTY ELDER FOR NOVEMBER

HAZEL HOWARD

SESSION MEETING

November 24, 2013



P.W. NEWS



It is almost time for our meeting on November 7, 2013. We will discuss lesson three “Set Free By God” and also the short program for the Praise Dinner.

Phyllis Harmony

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

Praise Dinner:

Hospitality Room on November 17th following Worship. There will be a sign up sheet on volunteer's desk for deserts. Mals, will cater the meal as usual and a Thank Offering will be taken up before meal. There will also be a sign up sheet on volunteer's desk for an attendance count. Please come by and sign up or call the office (806) 274-5331 during office hours if you are attending. We need to let Mals know how many are attending by November 11, 2013.

My thankful heart



Making the stuffing for Thanksgiving dinner helps restore my heart to gratefulness. First I cut bread into cubes to dry out. Has it really been a year since I thanked God for the simple things of life? Dear God, thank you for my daily bread. Next I boil giblets for the tasty broth. When did I last express thanks for my body – even the oft-forgotten parts? Thank you, God, for creating and sustaining me.

Then I dice onions and celery, adding them to the mixture. That reminds me to thank God for abundant harvests. Finally I measure raisins, nuts, sage and salt into the stuffing, as scents fill the air. Lord, help me not grow weary of the interesting “spices” that fill my life.

As the stuffing goes into the oven, warm air wafting into the kitchen, I remember to thank God for providing my home. Here relatives and friends gather, often an odd combination. Yet when we bow our heads in thankfulness, we’re an unbeatable mix.

—MaryAnn Sundby

Special dates

- All Saints’ Day, *November 1, 2013*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 3, 2013*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2013*
- National Bible Week, *November 17-23, 2013*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 24, 2013*
- Thanksgiving, *November 28, 2013*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th: Rosa Pace
9th: Lee Williams
Gene Lusk
12th: Shauna Lusk
16th: Jodee Mills
28th: Carol Mills



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries this Month

Session Connection:

Julia Kasch	Clerk Of Session/Administration/Property
Sue Hooten	Fellowship
Hazel Howard	Christian Education
Phyllis Harmony	Worship

HI-PLAINS HELPING HANDS DONATION:

Items needed: **Food:** Crackers, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Tuna Helper, Spaghetti, Cereal, Rice, Pinto Beans, Canned Meats and Peanut Butter, mixed vegetable cans.

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

Teddy Buckland has received a Kidney and is in Dallas TX, recovering.

+ Christian Symbol +



Almond

In Numbers 17:1-8, God settles a dispute among the Israelites by directing Moses to obtain a staff from each of Israel's 12 tribes and to place the staffs in the Tent of Meeting. The one representing the tribe God chose would sprout. The next day, not only had the staff of Aaron, representing the tribe of Levi, sprouted, but it had blossomed and borne ripe almonds. Thus, the almond came to symbolize God's approval. By extension, it has also been used as a symbol of the Virgin Mary, who found divine favor and was chosen to bear God's Son.

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.

Thank You Lord

by [Roger Horsch](#)

I thank you Lord for hearing me
When I get on my knees to pray
I thank you Lord every day for life
As I go from day to day.

I thank you Lord for your sacrifice
When you died on the cross for me
I once walked through life being blinded
But, because of you I now can see.

I thank you Lord for the miracles you send
Your love, forgiveness and grace
I thank you Lord for carrying me
When I could no longer set the pace.

I thank you Lord for lifting me
My spirit you lift so high
I thank you Lord when I'm feeling down
'cause you give me the will to try.

You gave me the path to eternal life
And, only you my Lord know when
The day I can thank you face to face
In Jesus name,
Amen.





**November 2013 Revised Common Lectionary
for Sundays and Festivals(Year C)**

All Saints' Day—November 1, 2013

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11–23
Luke 6:20–31

Twenty–fourth Sunday after Pentecost—November 3

Thirty–first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Semicontinuous

Complementary

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4	Isaiah 1:10–18
Psalm 119:137–144	Psalm 32:1–7
2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12	2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12
Luke 19:1–10	Luke 19:1–10

Twenty–fifth Sunday after Pentecost—November 10

Thirty–second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Semicontinuous

Complementary

Haggai 1:15b—2:9	Job 19:23–27a
Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 98	Psalm 17:1–9
2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17	2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17
Luke 20:27–38	Luke 20:27–38

Twenty–sixth Sunday after Pentecost—November 17

Thirty–third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Semicontinuous

Complementary

Isaiah 65:17–25	Malachi 4:1–2a
Isaiah 12 Psalm 98	
2 Thessalonians 3:6–13	2 Thessalonians 3:6–13
Luke 21:5–19	Luke 21:5–19

Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 24

Semicontinuous

Complementary

Jeremiah 23:1–6	Jeremiah 23:1–6
Luke 1:68–79	Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11–20	Colossians 1:11–20
Luke 23:33–43	Luke 23:33–43



Thanksgiving Word Search

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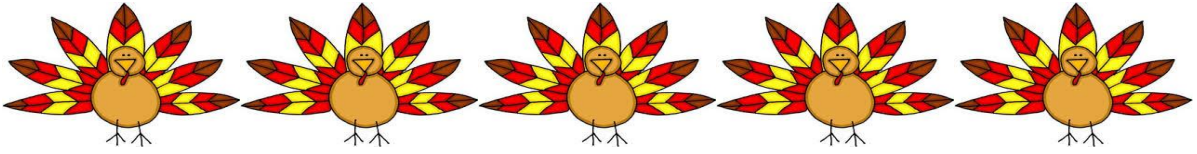
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cranberry	Indians	squash	



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I retyped the words below because I felt the words were too difficult to read:

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Cranberry	Indians	squash	



A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray*

*We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing*

*We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold*

*But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for*

*For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head*

*I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know*

*Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure*

*That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace*

*So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided
And bless each and every person invited*

Amen!

