



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
OF
UVALDE**

July

Sunday, 4th

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Monday, 5th

Church office closed

Sunday, 18th

Ice Cream Social, 6 p.m.

Monday, 19th

Finance/Personnel
Committee
Meeting. Main Street Grill
12 noon.

Tuesday, 20th

Session Meeting @ Our
Health Wellness Center
6 p.m.

CHURCH WITH A HEART



July 2010



From the Pastor's Desk ...

As we enter into the season of summer in our regular calendar, the calendar we all use to schedule appointments, vacations, etc., it is good to remember that in the church, we follow a different type of calendar. The church year follows a liturgical calendar. "The nature and fullness of God's time is so radically different from our natural and arbitrary understanding of time that at best we can say: 'Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.' (1 Cor. 13:12). The liturgical calendar gives us a glimpse of the way God's time breaks into our time."¹

Basically, the liturgical calendar follows cycles or seasons. The first cycle is the Christmas (Incarnational) Cycle, which includes Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. There are liturgical colors used in worship to indicate the cycle we are in. This cycle uses purple during Advent and white during Christmas and the 12 days following.

The next period of time is called Ordinary Time and lasts until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The color is green. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we enter into the Easter (Resurrection) Cycle. This includes the forty days of Lent, the fifty days of Easter, and the Day of Pentecost. Three colors are used during this time—purple during Lent, white during Easter, and red on Pentecost Sunday.

The day after Pentecost Sunday brings us back to a period of Ordinary Time. This is the season we are currently in, and it will last until the first Sunday of Advent. Ordinary time is the "standard" time of the church, that which is standard, normative or typical. We have ordinary elements of worship that we use each Sunday together, such as The Lord's Prayer, the Doxology, the Gloria Patri, etc. As standard elements of worship, they are called "ordinaries."

The Sundays of Ordinary Time is a "time to celebrate the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, and the unfolding presence of the new creation. Ordinary Time presents us with an ongoing opportunity to witness to the living Lord who makes all things new."¹ The color green used in Ordinary Time can remind us that it is during this time (and always, actually) that we can grow in our discipleship efforts and the depth of our faith.

I encourage each of you to "go green" during this season of Ordinary Time as you grow in your walk with the Lord and deepen your faith in the one that loves us and sustains us throughout our lives.

Blessings, Pastor Nancy

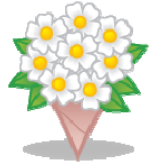
¹ *Liturgical year: The Worship of God: Supplemental Liturgical Resource 7*. Prepared by the Ministry Unit on Theology and Worship for the PCUSA. (Louisville, KY, Westminster/John Knox Press), 1992. Page 22.

¹ *Ibid.* Page 50.

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Flowers Needed for Worship

Flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning add to the beauty of our sanctuary and enhance worship for many. There is no one signed up to donate flowers until September. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign the flower chart in the narthex by the door to the courtyard.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL—JULY 18



Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held this year on Sunday evening, July 18, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather in Christian fellowship with no other agenda than to enjoy some good ole home-made ice cream and one another's company. This is an excellent time to bring a friend along with you that may have been considering coming to church.

Guitars and Friends will be on hand for some singing that we all love so much. For the event, please bring ice cream, sandwiches or cookies.

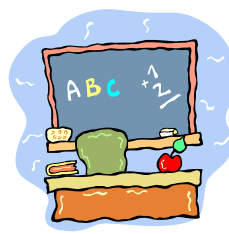
UVALDE CLASSICAL ACADEMY COMING TO FPC

Uvalde Classical Academy, a private Christian school will be meeting on our campus three days a week beginning in September. The Session approved the presence of the school pending insurance documents, which are in the works.

Carey Beasley and Rachel Hesse, both certified teachers will be teaching the classes here of children 1st through 8th grade.

We are excited about the opportunity to work with this newly established school in Uvalde. We hope that this outreach ministry of our congregation will have a lasting and positive effect on the children attending the school as well as the entire community.

Shannon Mortensen is the Moderator of the Church/School Relations Committee. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our new set of committees has been hard at work, this year, but there is always more work to be done.

There are many opportunities for you to serve Christ's church. Listed below are some of the ways you may get involved:

- Sunday worship at Amistad Nursing Home
- The Food Pantry
- Prepare a dish for a member getting out of the hospital or having a difficult time
- Send a card or call members who have been away for a while
- Write an article for the newsletter
- Take up offering on Sunday morning
- Sing in the choir
- Ring Handbells
- Volunteer in church office
- Elders—serve as liturgist or Elder Ordering Worship on Sunday morning
- Elders—Serve Communion

Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving.

MEMORIALS

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Teresa Coble's father, T.L. Whitley, from Karen Sullivan and Alice Gorman.

We, the people . . .

"We the people . . ." Those are the opening words of one of the greatest documents ever written, the Constitution of the United States. What responsibility do we, the people, have to history?

The Bible, that book whose wisdom is endless, puts it to each of us in words that have never been equaled: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 10:27).

If each of us will just do his or her best to live up to that majestic utterance, our responsibility to history will be fulfilled and our nation will prosper.

--Norman Vincent Peale

A Prayer for Peace and Justice

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Help us always to remember your generosity and constantly do your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, sound learning and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

--*The Worship Sourcebook*

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Prayer Concerns



Please join us as we pray for:

Church Family Members:

Rose Brook, Mary Gallagher, Alice Gorman, Dusty & Edie Huddleston, Errol & Mary Jane Jonsson, Jackie Rutherford, Muryle Shurley, Garry Smith, Jean Stanley, and Charles Wimberley

Friends and Loved Ones:

Jean Ann Angermiller, friend of Susie Stone

Robert Driskoll, friend of Bob Coble

Lee Dubose, aunt of Ray Dabney

Heidi Fowler, student injured in auto accident

Gary and Cindy Hogman

Alice Hunnicutt

Melanie Jones, co-worker of Cheryl Renfro

Judy Kale, wife of high school friend of Bob Coble

Elaine Kiesling, principal at Anthon

James Loch, grandfather of Bryan & Brittany Loch

Bob Oakley, brother-in-law of Kittie & Edmond Speer

Dick Pelton, father of Pastor Nancy

Sara Probasco

Laura Sasser, daughter-in-law of Augusta Matthews

Deborah Schafer, friend of Jackie Rutherford

Daisy Stocks, friend of Tim Wilson

Pam Tannahill, former church member

Joe Welch, Patti Dishman's brother-in-law

John Wilson, Tim Wilson's son

Linda Word, friend of the Elrod family

Family and Loved Ones in the Military:

Will Dabney, son of Ray & Laura Dabney

Brandon Davis, great-nephew of Edmond & Kittie Speer

Derek Elrod, grandson of Dayse Elrod

Tyler Hamiter, nephew of Edmond & Kittie Speer

Kevin Wimberley, grandson of Charles & Penny Wimberley

Family and Friends who have joined the Church Triumphant:

Ken Garrett, Sherry Garrett's father

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Worship on Sunday mornings as a community of faith is integral to our spiritual lives. We were created, live, and breathe to give God glory and to worship our Risen Lord. Listed below are the Scriptures that will be used in worship services for the month of July. Please read over the passages before each service to deepen your understanding of what God is saying to you. An asterisk (*) indicates the text the sermon will be based upon for that week.

July 4 , 2010

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Observed

Psalm 32

*Luke 17:1-6 "How Much Faith is Enough?"

July 11, 2010

Amos 7: 7-17

*Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

July 18, 2010

*Genesis 18: 1-10

* Luke 10:38-42 Hospitality

July 25, 2010

Psalm 85

*Luke 11: 1-13 "Knock-Knock"



Elders serving this month:

Susie Stone, Terri Rambie, Bob Willet,

Rusty Jones - Liturgists

Ken Rutherford - Elder Ordering Worship

When you or someone you care about needs prayers during difficult or challenging times, please call the church office for inclusion on all Prayer Concerns lists. Remember also to call the office when the difficult or challenging time passes to have the name removed.

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE

Pastor Nancy opened the meeting with sharing of prayer concerns. The Session participated in Word/Share/Prayer by reading and discussing Jeremiah 29: 11-14 and praying for one another.

Treasurer Kelly Lindenborn reported that we are on track this year with the budget and the giving was up in June. We continue to see substantial savings in our electric bill since installing the programmable thermostats.

Buildings and Grounds called for a workday to be held June 26th.

Steve Dishman and Augusta Matthews were elected to serve on the Church Nominating Committee. Steve will serve as Moderator of the committee.

The Session approved a request from Shelly Oakley Adame to baptize her children on June 27, 2010.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

MONEY MATTERS

	INCOME	EXPENSE	GAIN/LOSS
MAY 2010	\$ 9,176.51	\$10,169.30	+\$ 992.79
YEAR TO DATE	\$47,996.58	\$52,930.70	+\$ 4,934.12

A huge thanks is extended to all of you who have so faithfully kept up with your gifts and pledges.

Your quarterly giving slips will be available this month. These giving slips will help you to keep up with whether you are in line with your pledge for the year. Check the table in the narthex for the box and help save the church expensive postage costs by picking up yours before worship when they are available.

Mission Presbytery Review of Minutes

First Presbyterian's Session minutes for 2009 were reviewed and approved without exception at the Presbytery meeting on June 18-19 at Trinity Chapel in San Antonio.

Our thanks to Laura Dabney for faithfully serving as our Clerk of Session and for doing such a wonderful job.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSION TO THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS JULY 23.

To save the church printing and postage costs, please consider receiving your newsletter by email. Send your email address to fpcuvalde@sbcglobal.net

Hoping God will Bless You is Not Enough!

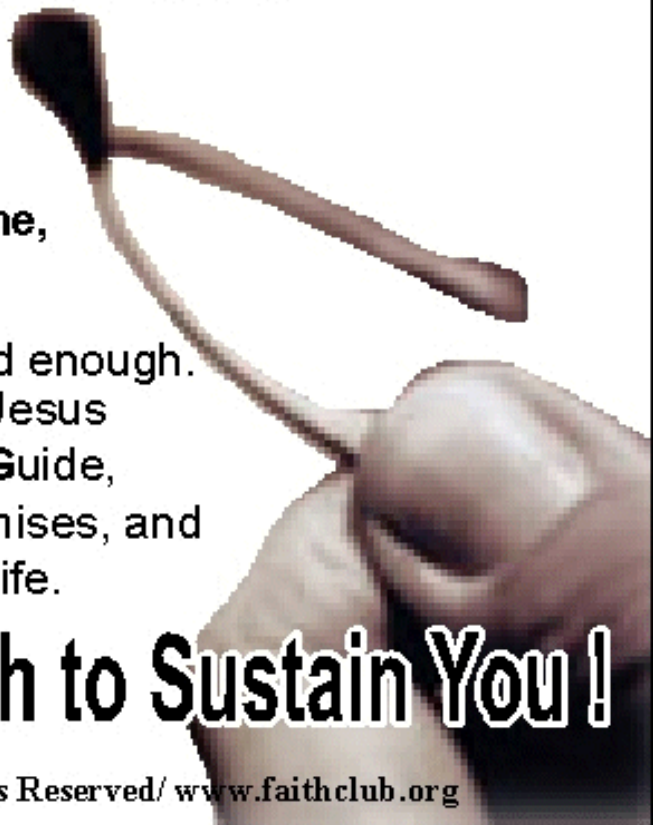
When turmoil surrounds you,
wishing and hoping is not good enough.
You need to know what God has promised you.
You need to expect His strength to sustain you.

Take hold of **God's** promises through **His Son.** Jn. 14:17
Hold fast to the faith you have in **Jesus.**
Depend on **His strength.**

Jesus said,
"You may ask Me
for anything in My Name,
and I will do it!" Jn. 14:14

Wishing and hoping is not good enough.
Put yourself into the hands of **Jesus**
by claiming **Him** as your **Guide,**
by depending on **His** promises, and
by applying them in your life.

Expect His Strength to Sustain You!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Tim Wilson's Birthday 1	2	3 General Assembly convenes
4 Independence Day 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship 11:00AM - Sacrament of Communion	5 Church Office Closed	6	7 Rebecca Merritt's Birthday	8	9 Cheryl Renfro's Birthday Butler Wedding Rehearsal	10 Lance Elrod's Birthday Butler Wedding General Assembly ends
11 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship	12 June Richardson's Birthday	13	14 Jackie Rutherford's Birthday	15 Pastor on Retreat	16 Laura Dabney	17
18 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship 6:00PM - Ice Cream Social	19 Muryle Shurley's Birthday 12:00PM - Finance Committee Mtg	20 Tara O'Brien's Birthday 6:00PM - Stated Session @ Our Health	21	22	23	24 Ben Elrod's Birthday The Abbott's Anniversary
25 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship	26 Bill Cate's Birthday The Coble's Anniversary	27	28	29	30	31