



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
OF
UVALDE**

June

Sunday, 6th

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, 8th

PW Morning Circle -10:30 a.m.
PW L.O.V.E. Circle - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, 18th

Saturday, 19th

Mission Presbytery Meeting at
University PC in San Antonio

Sunday, 20th

Father's Day/Men of the Church

Saturday, 26th

Work Day

CHURCH WITH A HEART



June 2010



From the Pastor's Desk ...

Summer is upon us! School is out, vacations have begun, and the air conditioners are running strong. Summer, for most of us is a time to catch our breath and to slow down a bit so the heat doesn't overtake us. However, even during the summer months, the church is still here and in full swing. Everybody says that traditionally, church attendance and giving go way down during the summer months. I encourage each of you to remain faithful attendees as well as faithful givers during these next few months so we don't fall into that "everybody says" category.

Speaking of school being out...how about a little summer school lesson? While the following information may be old hat to many of you who are frequently online and check e-mail, or social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter, there may be some folks that would like a little computer 101 instruction. Accessing the many available options for staying connected with people and the happenings at our church this summer while away on vacation and during the whole year might just open up a whole new world for you!

The most basic way to read about the church online is on the church's website. The URL address is: www.fpcuvalde.org. There you will be able to access a great deal of information about the church. You can see the current monthly calendar, read important announcements of upcoming events, and even read or listen to the current or past sermons. You may read the current or past issues of *Church With a Heart*—our monthly newsletter or submit a prayer request. There is a link you may click on to read daily devotionals or the history of our church. There is also a photo gallery where pictures of church members and events are posted.

A link on the homepage that I am really excited about is the link to the church's Facebook page. More and more people are using Facebook as a way to stay connected with friends and family, reconnect with old friends, play games, and just have fun. I will be posting my Mid-Week Updates (MWU) on the church's Facebook page under the discussion tab each week. This will enable my writing to become interactive. You may post a reply, start a discussion, or just leave a comment. I will still send out the regular e-mail version of the MWU, as well, that will have the Sunday school lesson attached. Also on our Facebook page will be events, such as the Blood Drive and the Church Picnic. There will be details about these events and even a way to RSVP if you plan on attending.

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From the Pastor's Desk ...

We are living in the Information Age these days, where at times all that information can become overwhelming. However, when you are familiar with the technology that supports the transmission of all this information, the stress level really will go down. Computers aren't for everyone—this I know. However, the use of technology and computers is one of the ways we can be faithful disciples by reaching out to others, even if it is electronically, to those who might not be reached by any other means. God uses whatever means are available and possible to reach others with God's love and God's message—this includes current technology as well. Speak with any of our many computer savvy members if you need some help with the website or Facebook. Many of our members are active users of both.

Blessings,
Pastor Nancy



219th General Assembly to meet in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 3-10, 2010

The General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be Ministers of Word and Sacrament, half will be elders. Few will ever have been commissioners to the General Assembly before, but most will have served in one of the other governing bodies of our church: the session, which provides care and oversight of a local congregation; the presbytery, which provides care and oversight of a group of congregations; or the synod, which provides care and oversight of several presbyteries. Our very own Ray Dabney will be representing Mission Presbytery this year as a commissioner.

The General Assembly reviews the work of synods, resolves controversies in the church, is responsible for matters of common concern for the whole church, and serves as a symbol of unity for the church.

Once a Moderator is elected, the assembly breaks up into assembly committees to consider particular kinds of business. Each committee is responsible for considering a number of items, and reporting back to the General Assembly on completed actions or their recommendations.

The combined insights of all those on assembly committees become the recommendations to the whole assembly. If they are approved, they guide the church in the years to come.

Please pray for Ray and all the elder and clergy commissioners to this year's General Assembly.

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BLOOD DRIVE

The combined efforts of First Presbyterian and St. Philip's Episcopal Churches led to a huge success for the Blood Drive for South Texas Blood and Tissue Center. The center had expectations of collecting at least 40 pints of blood. Well, out of the 69 people who showed up for the drive, 62 were able to donate blood. Way to go all you donors! There were many folks from the community who showed up to donate.

The center is anxious for us to hold another drive soon. Donors may give blood every 56 days. The Evangelism and Outreach Committee had in mind doing a drive with our neighbor church once every six months, but maybe it will happen more often.

A huge thank you to the committee and especially committee member Bob Willet for all his hard work in organizing this drive.

Impressions of Amy Forste About the Flowering of the Cross

by Mary Gallagher

Each Easter before our church service, anyone who wishes may gather in the courtyard. Then the cross is woven with flowers. This was an experience unique to Amy Forste at FPC, so she was eager to attend. Amy brought flowers for the children to weave onto the cross. She was enthralled watching innocent children handle delicate flowers.

The Christian Book Club will meet June 2, 10:00 a.m., at Dayse Elrod's house. This will be the last meeting before a summer break. They will resume meetings at the end of summer. Time and place will be announced.



Presbyterian Women will not meet during the summer months beginning in June. A dinner is tentatively planned for June 22. Information will be sent out after plans are confirmed.

WORSHIP & PICNIC AT BIG TREE RANCH

The rain and thunderstorms did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm and excitement of worshippers as they gathered together in the cookhouse at Big Tree Ranch last month for the annual event held at Big Tree Ranch every spring.

Normally, the congregation gathers under the big tree on the Frio River for worship, then makes its way up to the cookhouse for a BBQ lunch. Weather this year, however, prevented an outdoor worship service. Around 60 people gathered together as First Presbyterian Church hosted this ecumenical gathering to worship God and celebrate God's goodness of creation. We had numerous guests from various churches in Uvalde.

Danny Williams was the guest preacher for the day and delivered an inspiring sermon about God's command to love one another. We also had guest musicians, Dudley Ilse and Steve Carr. All who were there enjoyed the Cowboy Church. Dudley sang an original composition he had written, "Why Did I Miss So Many Sundays." Many said they were looking forward to next year and doing another cowboy church under the big tree.

Lunch was great thanks to all the wonderful cooks, and especially Ray Dabney for smoking all the briskets. After lunch, there was a brisket sale in which we raised around \$400 that will be used to renovate the chapel.

Ten Church Growth Assumptions

1. Not all growing churches are healthy churches; but most healthy churches are growing churches.
2. Church growth is not just numbers and dollars, but it includes numbers and dollars (Acts 16:5).
3. The Church is called to thrive, not just survive; the Church is called to be faithful AND fruitful (John 15:8).
4. The Church does NOT have a mission, the Church IS the mission of God, called into being by the Holy Spirit with Christ as Head of the Church (Col. 1:17-18).
5. Christ's mission for his Church is to "make new disciples," not just recycle current disciples; to make new disciples, not just new members Matt. 18:19-20).
6. Christ further commands the Church to work with the Holy Spirit to change people's lives ("baptizing") and help new disciples learn how to follow the way of Jesus ("teaching").
7. The Church is to grow new Christians and help Christians grow up (Eph. 4:15-16).
8. The Congregation is called to ministry; the pastor is called to "equip the saints" for that ministry (Eph 4:12). All baptized Christians are called by God to use their spiritual gifts to be directly involved in ministry to the world.
9. A growing Congregation expands their mission outreach capability. In other words, faithful obedience to Matthew 18:16-20 enables a church to be more faithful in fulfilling Christ's commandment of compassion in Matthew 25:34-40.
10. The growing church focuses outward on the ones who are not here yet, the ones who have not yet heard the good news of the gospel and been introduced to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Prayer Concerns



Please join us as we pray for:

Church Family Members:

Alice Gorman, Dusty & Edie Huddleston, Errol & Mary Jane Jonsson, Jackie Rutherford, Muryle Shurley, Garry Smith, 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
Ken Garrett, Sherry Garrett's father
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
Laura Sasser, daughter-in-law of Augusta Matthews
Deborah Schafer, friend of Jackie Rutherford
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:

5/13 - T. L. Whitley, Teresa Coble'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 June. 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.

June 6, 2010

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Observed

*1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

*Luke 7:11-17

Galatians 1:11-24

June 13, 2010

1 Kings 21:1-10

*Luke 7:36-8:3

Galatians 2:15-21

June 20, 2010

Fathers' Day/Men of the Church

1 Kings 19:1-10

Luke 8:26-39

*Galatians 3:23-29.

June 27, 2010

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

*Luke 9:51-62

Galatians 5:1, 13-25



Elders serving this month:

Ben Elrod - Liturgist

Ray Dabney - 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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MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on May 18 at 6:30 pm for their monthly stated meeting. Prayer concerns and joys were shared. A new spiritual exercise was started—Word/Share/Prayer, with the understanding that “we must be the people of God before doing the work of God.” In this exercise, the group breaks up into pairs to study and reflect on a passage of Scripture and then pray for each other.

Treasurer Kelly Knight gave the Treasurer’s report stating that we fell \$314.89 behind budget for the month of April. She encouraged everyone to stay faithful with their giving during the summer months. She also reported that the church has saved \$729.00 on our electric bill since last year at this time. This is due mostly to installing programmable thermostats and switching energy providers.

Ray Dabney reported that there is a tentative date of **June 26 for a Work Day**. All church members are encouraged to come. If you are unable to do heavy physical work, there is always light work that needs to be done.

Michael Robinson reported that the **Blood Drive** was very successful. He noted that in addition to all the lives that are helped by donating blood, holding the drive on our church parking lot gave FPC Uvalde a sense of presence and vitality in the community.

Laura Dabney reported that she took two youth to the Rush of Fools concert held at the High School last month. They all had a wonderful time.

Pastor Nancy spoke about the Acts 16:5 Initiative and distributed books “Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church,” by E. Stanley Ott. Elders will be reading and discussing this book over the summer.

Laura Dabney was voted to serve as commissioner at the Mission Presbytery meeting to be held in University Presbyterian Church in San Antonio June 18-19.

The Session voted not to meet in August this year.

Pastor Nancy gave an offertory prayer for all the work offered of the Session. There was no unfinished business, so after singing the Doxology, Laura Dabney gave a closing prayer and the Session gave a benediction to each other.

MONEY MATTERS

	INCOME	EXPENSE	GAIN/LOSS
APRIL	\$ 9,361.60	\$ 9,676.49	<\$ 314.89>
YEAR TO DATE	\$42,761.40	\$38,820.07	+\$ 3,941.33

Expenses exceeded income for the month of April, but we are still ahead of budget year to date. The summer months are upon us. Please remember your pledges and gifts even if you are away.

The Food Pantry has a balance of \$1,074.61. \$124.55 was spent to buy food during the month of April. Twelve families representing 37 individuals were served.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Pastor's Study Leave 1	Chris Elrod's Birthday Whitney Rambie's Birthday Pastor's Study Leave 10:00AM - The Book Club 2	Gus Neutze's Birthday The Stone's Anniversary Pastor's Study Leave 3	Barret Rambie's Birthday 4	
Communion 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship 6					Lindy Dishman's Birthday 11	
Mark Black's Birthday The Jones' Anniversary 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship 13	12:00PM - Finance Committee 14	6:30PM - Stated Session 15	Karen Huddleston's Birthday 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal 16		Presbytery Mtg in SA 18	Presbytery Mtg in SA 19
9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship Father's Day 20	Joan Willis' Birthday 21	Presbyterian Women's Dinner 22			The Dabney's Anniversary 25	Church Work Day 26
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