



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
OF  
UVALDE**

May

**Sunday, 2nd**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Sunday, 9th**

Gifts of Women Sunday

**Tuesday, 11th**

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

**Sunday, 16th**

Worship & Picnic at Big Tree  
Ranch

**Sunday, 23rd**

Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red

**Sunday, 30th**

Special Guest Preacher  
Congregational Luncheon

**Mondays, 5:30 p.m.**

Bell Choir Rehearsals

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

# CHURCH WITH A HEART



May 2010



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

The month of May is going to be a busy one at First Presbyterian in Uvalde. May 9<sup>th</sup>, the traditional day of Mother's Day, will be celebrated as the Gifts of Women Sunday during worship. Women, not just mothers, have influenced all our lives exponentially throughout the ages, and we will honor all women that day.

May 16 is our annual worship service and picnic at Big Tree Ranch on the Frio River. This year, our worship service will be a little different than usual. We will be worshipping God at Cowboy Church that day. Please see article for details.

I will be gone from May 21 – May 28 with my family in Puerto Nuevo, Mexico for vacation. Bob and I are taking our three kids and their significant others. We will all be staying together in the same condo for seven days. Please pray for us!

That Sunday that I will be gone is Pentecost Sunday—May 23. This is the Sunday that the church was established as the Holy Spirit was received. Pentecost has been called the Birthday of the Church. The liturgical color for that day is red, representing the tongues of fire that appeared on the worshippers that day (Acts 2). Everybody wear red that day!

On May 30, we have a very special guest coming to be with us. Hilary Shuford is the new Executive Presbyter of Mission Presbytery. She will be with us for worship and a congregational lunch to follow.

I am looking forward to sharing these special times of worship with each of you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Nancy

# CHURCH WITH A HEART, May 2010

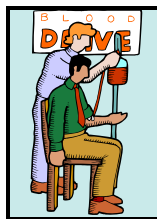
## BLOOD DRIVE MAY 18, 2010 - NOON-7:00 P.M.

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee, in conjunction with The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center, is organizing a blood drive to be held on **Tues, May 18 from 12-7**, in a mobile unit on our parking lot. Our congregation is partnering with St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in organizing this event. We hope to start a rotation system of holding blood drives every several months with St. Phillip's to fulfill this important need in our community.

Did you know these facts?

- In order to meet hospital demands the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center must collect at least 600 units of blood each day to service 100 hospitals in 43 South Texas counties.
- Sixty percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, however, only five percent do.
- Every three seconds someone needs blood.
- One out of every 10 people entering a hospital needs blood.
- Approximately 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the United States.
- Blood donation takes four steps: medical history, quick physical, donation, and snacks. The actual blood collection takes approximately 10-20 minutes. The entire process, from when you sign in to the time you leave, takes about 45 minutes to one hour.

Sign up began on April 25, so if you haven't already signed up to give, please do so. The signup sheet will be on the table in the narthex along side the worship bulletins. Please sign up today, the life of someone YOU love might be saved.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women, members and friends of the church, are invited to join with us

- ♥ in fellowship
- ♥ in prayer and Bible study
- ♥ in service and mission

Please join us for our next meeting. There are two circles that meet monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. The morning circle meets at 10:30 a.m. for coffee and study. The evening circle, the L.O.V.E circle, meets at 6:00 p.m. for snacks/light supper and Bible study.

## Prayer for Serenity

*God, grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. AMEN.*

*-Reinhold Niebuhr*

# CHURCH WITH A HEART, May 2010

Annual Church Picnic  
May 16, 10:30 A.M  
Big Tree Ranch



Our annual worship under the big tree and picnic at Big Tree Ranch will be May 16 this year. We will begin singing at 10:30 and worship will begin at 11:00. There will be no Sunday School that day. This year, the session has approved Danny Williams to preach and lead worship for us. Danny has experience leading Cowboy Church services and we will get to experience God in a whole new way this year as we worship and praise God in our cowboy boots and hats (no hats during the prayers, though, please).

Cowboy church first started in the rodeo circles as a way of ministering to those participating in rodeo events. Since rodeos are almost always held on weekends, including Sunday, worship was taken to them. A typical cowboy church may meet nowadays in a rural setting in a barn, metal building, arena, sale barn, or old western building, have its own rodeo arena, or under a huge Cypress tree on the banks of the Frio River. There will probably be hay bales to sit on, saddles around, and other western garb visible. For our service, there will also be chairs for those needing more back support.

For the picnic, the church will be providing mouth-waterin' smoked brisket. You are asked to please bring a dessert and/or a side dish to share. Bring enough for guests, because we are expecting some. If there is brisket left, we will auction it off with the proceeds going to the chapel renovation fund.

We are guests of Roann Crawford, owner of the Big Tree Ranch. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a guest to this special worship and fellowship time in the life of our church. Pray for agreeable weather and get your boots and bandanas ready for Cowboy Church!

Directions: Drive 83 North, exit right at the Concan sign and drive 1/2 mile past Neal's low water crossing. Worship is at the Big Tree Ranch, 2nd entrance, the picnic is at the 1st entrance. If you need a ride, please contact the church office.

## BAKE SALE

The PW will be holding a Bake Sale on Friday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. at First State Bank. This is Mother's Day weekend, and the perfect time to buy a goodie for a special dinner for Mom.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to help by donating items for the sale. Cakes, pies, cookies, breads, soups, or casseroles—any homemade goodies will be appreciated.



Please deliver your sale items to the bank before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the sale. Proceeds from the sale benefit the ministries of the Presbyterian Women.

To save the church printing and postage costs, please consider receiving your newsletter by email. Send your email address to [fpcunews@gmail.com](mailto:fpcunews@gmail.com)

# CHURCH WITH A HEART, May 2010

## Prayer Concerns



Please join us as we pray for:

### Church Family Members:

**Ted Brook, Mary Gallagher, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Alice Gorman, Edie Huddleston, Errol & Mary Jane Jonsson, Ashley O'Brien, Jackie Rutherford, Muryle Shurley, Garry Smith, 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  
**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  
**T. L. Whitley**, Teresa Coble's father  
**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

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

## 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 May. 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.

### May 2, 2010

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Observed  
John 13: 31-35  
\*Acts 11: 1-18

### May 9, 2010

Celebration of Women Sunday  
\*Exodus 1: 15 - 2:10  
John 7: 37-39  
Acts 16: 9-5



### May 16, 2010

Cowboy Worship at Big Tree Ranch 10:30 a.m.

### May 23, 2010

Pentecost Sunday - wear red  
Genesis 11: 1-9  
John 14: 8-17  
\*Acts 2: 1-21

### May 30, 2010

Executive Presbyter Hilary Shuford preaching  
Psalm 8  
\*John 16: 12-15  
Romans 5: 1-5

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSION TO THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS MAY 21.**

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## APRIL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Pastor Nancy asked for and shared prayer concerns and opened the meeting with prayer.
- Treasurer Kelly Lindenborn gave the financial report stating that giving was on track. The expenses have been under budget and we have collected enough this first quarter to bring the operating account a little closer to where it needs to be.
- Building and Grounds—planning a workday soon to strip and repaint the sidewalks around the courtyard. Everyone's help is requested.
- Evangelism and Outreach—Session members were the first to sign up for the Blood Drive to be held May 18 from 12-7. Signup sheet will be on Narthex table before and after worship. FPC will have an ad in the Visitor's Guide of the Uvalde Leader News this year.
- Congregational Care reported that they have taken dinner to Mary Gallagher.
- Finance—Committee in process of getting quotes for a church audit. Susie Stone is working on developing a stewardship campaign.
- Youth—Laura Dabney reported the youth spent time March 28 painting the mural in the children's Sunday school room. They hope to finish the project soon.
- The Session has approved the request for Uvalde Classical Academy to meet in our building this fall three days a week. There are still details to be worked out. Shannon Mortensen will moderate the School/Church Relations Committee to finalize the details.
- Pastor Nancy gave an offertory prayer for the work of the committees and the session.
- Singing the Doxology, a prayer led by Susie Stone and the benediction, adjourned the meeting.

## FINANCES FOR MARCH 2010

March Income Received:	\$10,881.00	March Expenses:	\$ 8,979.31
2010 Year to Date:	\$33,399.80	Year To Date:	\$29,143.58

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You might recall that our congregation formed a new set of committees that began this year in January. The committees have been hard at work, 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  
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.

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### MISSION PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, HILARY SHUFORD TO VISIT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MAY 30

In June 2009, Mission Presbytery completed their search and called Elder Hilary Shuford to serve as Executive Presbyter. We are thrilled that Hilary will be joining us on May 30. She will be preaching in worship and then be a part of our congregational luncheon in which she will tell us about her work and the work of the presbytery. We have invited the other churches from the Ranchland Cluster to attend. Please make every effort to attend worship and the luncheon on the 30<sup>th</sup> for these important events in the life of our congregation. The following biographical information is from Mission Presbytery:

She was born in Orinda, California and baptized in the Orinda Community Church in 1957. Eleven years later Hilary's family moved to Athens, Georgia and joined the First Presbyterian Church, where she met her husband Harry.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History at Duke University in 1979 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1983. She engaged in the practice of law in Athens from 1983 to 2001, which included general litigation, and estate planning and probate work.

Hilary served First Presbyterian Church in Athens, Georgia as a Deacon and as an Elder. In the Northeast Georgia Presbytery she served as Chair of Council and Chair of the Executive Presbyter Search Committee, and served on other committees and task forces including Bills and Overtures and the task force that wrote policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct.

Hilary was called in June, 2001 to serve as General Presbyter of Maumee Valley Presbytery in northwest Ohio and southern Michigan (73 Churches & 1 NCD). During her 8 years there, Maumee Valley experienced a visioning and goal-setting process and worked to become more intentionally connectional through a streamlined "permission-giving" structure, trained and successfully deployed a Reconciliation Consultation Team, developed an Hispanic Lay Leadership Program, and established a Long Range Recovery Planning Team, working in conjunction with PDA to support local churches in efforts to serve survivors of natural disasters. Additionally Hilary has served the denomination on the Interviewing Team for the General Counsel of the General Assembly Council, and recently Moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow appointed her to the Restricted Fund Resolution Committee. Hilary is a candidate under care of Maumee Valley Presbytery and is a "middler" at McCormick Theological Seminary.

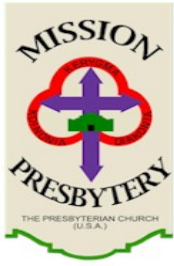
Hilary's husband, Harry, is a retired banker who plays golf and does volunteer work in the church and Presbytery. Hilary exercises regularly and enjoys walking their dog.

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS

The church office received a request from the presbytery office for all churches to update their emergency information forms on their members. This information is very valuable during times of personal emergencies or during natural disasters.

In this newsletter, you will find a Disaster Preparedness Emergency Information Form you are asked to complete and return as the Presbytery prepares for the start of another hurricane season. This form provides Rev. Karen Stocks, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator with data essential to maintain communication with you before, during and following disasters that impact our area of churches. It also provides means to effectively coordinate resources you and/or our church needs in preparation and in the aftermath.

If you are receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please print out the form to fill out. You may return your completed form to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate. Forms are requested by May 30.



# Emergency Information Form

<b>Last Name:</b>					
Home address:					
City:					
State, ZIP:					
Home Phone:					
Church:					
Position:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor <input type="checkbox"/> Session <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of Session <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Employee				
First Name:		Cell Phone:		Email:	
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### Evacuation Information

Will evacuate:    Yes    No                      Will shelter:    Yes    No

If evacuating:   Transportation:    Personal Car    Bus    Group Transit    Other

Evacuation/Shelter:

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone at Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**ICE Numbers (In Case of Emergency)** so emergency personnel reading your phone will know who to contact

1 <sup>st</sup> Out-of Area Contact	2 <sup>nd</sup> Out-of-Area Contact
Name:	Name:
Relationship:	Relationship:
Address:	Address:
Home Phone:	Home Phone:
Work Phone:	Work Phone:
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	Email:

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE

## PRE-EMERGENCY SURVEY

		YES	NO
1.	Do you have a family emergency/evacuation plan?		
2.	Do you have emergency supplies?		
3.	Do you have special needs? If yes, explain:		
4.	Have you registered with the County to obtain assistance, in needed?		
5.	Are you dependent on emergency support equipments? If yes, explain:		
6.	Do/will you need help filing out the County paperwork?		
7.	Are you in an assisted living or nursing home:		
8.	Are you able to drive beyond the city limits?		
9.	If able, are you able to drive for another person to a shelter or for evacuation?		
10.	Would you accept church families who may be evacuated? If yes, how many: _____ Will you accept smokers: _____ Will you accept pets: _____ Restrictions? _____		
11.	Are you a volunteer for a disaster readiness & response team?		
12.	Do you have special talents to help following a disaster? If yes, please list: _____ _____ _____		
13.	Do you have special equipment, which may be used, such as:		
	Truck?		
	Travel Trailer or RV?		
	Generator?		
	Chain Saw?		
	Pump?		
	Ham Radio?		
	Storage Facility?		
	Other (list):		

# First Presbyterian Church of Uvalde

## May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship	3 12:00PM - Finance Committee 5:30PM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal	4	5 10:00AM - The Book Club 6:30PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 Ben Huddleston's Birthday National Day of Prayer	7 8:30AM - PW Bake Sale	8
9 Mother's Day 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship-Handbells Ringing	10	11 10:30AM - PW Morning Circle 6:00PM - PW L.O.V.E. Circle	12 10:00AM - The Book Club 6:30PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sissy Parham's Birthday	13	14 Audra Elrod's Birthday	15
16 Worship at the Big Tree Ranch 10:30AM - Singing 11:00AM - Worship 12:00PM - Picnic	17 12:00PM - Finance Committee	18 12:00PM - 7:00PM Blood Brive 6:30PM - Stated Session	19 Brittany Loch's Birthday 10:00AM - The Book Club 6:30PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 Mary Jane Jonsson's Birthday	21	22 Pastor on Vacation May 23-27
23 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship-Forrest Fitzhugh	24	25	26 10:00AM - The Book Club 6:30PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
30 9:00AM - Amistad NH 9:45AM - Sunday School 11:00AM - Worship-Hilary Shuford 12:00PM - Congregational Lunch	31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed					