JUNE/JULY 2014

First Presbyterian Church, 300 Burleson, Smithville, TX

Newsletter

Sunday Schedule

Choir Practice – 9:30 am
Sunday School – All Ages 10 am
Fellowship in Library 9:45-10:45 am
Coffee and refreshments served
Worship Service - 11 am

Come for a visit, stay for a faith-lift.

Pastor's Remarks – Rev. Jane C. Johnson **Summertime**

Oh, the joy of the sound of the school bell ringing for the last time before summer! The promise of three months without homework, without getting up and getting dressed and getting to school on time. Everything slowed down, and staying cool became a main pastime. Decades later, things are a little different. But still there's that remembrance of summer as a time somewhat unlike the rest of the year. We may not leave town on vacation - in fact, in the last few years a new phrase has taken hold - the stay-cation, where we stay at home, but still relax from our usual schedule.

This happens in churches as well, large and small. It's summertime, and getting up and getting dressed and going to church just seems like an awful lot of work. But I'm glad the church hasn't decided to take the summer off. I'm glad we still gather for worship every Sunday, and share a meal each first Sunday. And I'm very glad that God doesn't decide to take a vacation from us.

I hope you'll make time in your summer schedule to join us. There are some special things being planned - like Pentecost Sunday, which celebrates the beginning of the Church, and the Children's Music Sunday in late June. If there's something you think we ought to try out, let us know.

Beginning also in mid-June, the lectionary readings are from the book of Romans. It's been a long time since I've really paid attention to this letter St. Paul wrote, and I'm looking forward to revisiting it. It has been a pivotal part of scripture for many, including the theologians St. Augustine and Martin Luther. You can find all kinds of commentary on it. It was a major part of my growing up years, and I'm excited at the prospect of exploring it again now with you. And I'd love to hear your response to it, or questions about it. Law and Grace - good stuff, good news.

So, enjoy your summer - whether you're a student, a teacher, or even if your workweek doesn't change all that much in June, July, and August. And remember to make some time to spend Sundays at FPC. We'll be here!

Grace and peace, *Jane*

Church Leadership

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Session Members - Susan Guedry, Jane Istre, Nancy Martin, Lori Lancaster, Jim McLaughlin, David Herrington, Janet Stephens
Board of Deacons – Dot Dillon, Moderator; Gloria Hurta, Hoyt Johnson, Kathy Ford, Kelly Hubley, Pat McLaughlin

Custodian – Anna Hernandez 512.237.3880

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

NEWS from Gwen Morris

Women's Bible Study will be Wednesday, June 11, at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no meetings in July/August. We will resume on September 10, 2014. Join us for study, fellowship and food. Everyone is welcome!

The PW Fall Cluster meeting will be held on Saturday, August 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The women of the church will provide a salad lunch. We will learn about the PW Study for 2014-2015 and enjoy food and fellowship with Presbyterian Women from the area. More information will be coming!!

We have received an invitation from Beth Flynn of PW in Luling, inviting us to their church on June 24th to hear Sherry Harwick speak about her time in the Appalachian Mountains. We will gather in their Fellowship Hall around 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be at noon and the presentation after lunch. They will take a donation for the Women's Center in their area. Small/large containers of shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes will be welcomed. They will also have a money jar for donations.

For more information on these events contact Gwen at 512-308-7791.

Corrections to 2014 Church Directory

Hubley, Kelly - e-mail change to kehubley@yahoo.com

ADD December birthdays:
12/05 Phillips, Rick
12/10 Lancaster, Lori
12/10 Walters, Miki
12/11 Webb, Carolyn
12/11 Gosselink III, Jake
12/15 Ford, Alan
12/18 Ceder, Lacy (V)
12/19 Bell, Jordan
12/20 Michell, Bernard
12/29 Saunders, Blakelee
12/31 Ford, Kathryn

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost Sunday – the "birthday of the church." Wear red and celebrate with birthday cupcakes at lunch.

Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day – all fathers will be recognized.

Sunday, June 22 – Children's Music – your favorite childhood hymns. Submit suggestions to Susan Guedry.

Tuesday, June 24 - Speaker Sherry Hardwick at Luling Presbyterian Fellowship Hall 11:30, lunch at noon, presentation follows.

Saturday, August 2 – Church Clean-Up Day

Saturday, August 9 – PW Fall Cluster Meeting Hosted by PW of FPC Smithville, 9 am – 1 pm

Adult Sunday School News

Continuing the study of "The Jesus I Never Knew" **by Philip Yancey**

June 1 - Ascension: A Blank Blue Sky
June 8 - Kingdom: Wheat Among the Weeds
June 15 - The Difference He Makes

June 22 we will begin the book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" **finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life by Joanna Weaver. It will be a be a 12-week study. Participants will need to get a copy of the book for this study. It was published in 2000 so it should be available at resale stores or the library.**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. for discussion And fellowship led by Susan Guedry.

Life Lessons:

COMMUNION SCHEDULE - June/July

JUNE

Jane Istre, Jim McLaughlin, Lori Lancaster, Pat McLaughlin.

JULY

Jim McLaughlin, Lori Lancaster, Nancy Martin, Dorothy Dillon

The first person listed will bring the bread, prepare the communion table, pick up the glasses at the end of the service, wash and put away the service trays.

If you cannot be at church when it is your turn to be in charge of the preparation for communion, please call the Elder listed after you to prepare the communion in your place and ask one of the other Elders to serve in your place. Those who serve communion also collect the offering and should ask for a back-up before the service if you will not be able to collect the offering. Backup Elders: Nancy Evans, Gwen Morris, LaVerne Herrington, Alan Ford, John Saunders, Sammye Hodges, and

Smithville Food Pantry MAY Report from *Dorothy Dillon*

Date	Clients	Family Members	New Clients	Family Members
5/7	109	279	5	8
5/14	89	224	3	12
5/21	95	233	2	6
5/28	115	269	5	13

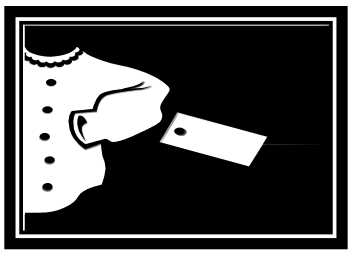
Totals	408	1005	15	39

Please bring your donations on First Sunday and place them in the basket at the covered dish luncheon. There will also be envelopes available if you prefer to give money. The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Capital Area Food Bank much more economically than you can purchase it at the store, so please consider giving by check/cash. If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Dillon.

MISSION AND OUTREACH REPORT
By Janet Stephens

The goal for the *One Great Hour of Sharing* was $350. Our collection was $496.
Thank you to everyone who donated!

UPDATE ON THE RESALE SHOP-"BORN AGAIN EMPORIUM"



The most recent meeting was held May 29th at the FBC Fellowship Hall. LaVerne, Pastor Jane and I will represent our church on the Board of the resale shop. The board will have three members from each of the participating churches. The officers include Chairman, Vice chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. There will also be the following committees: Executive Committee, Shop Committee, Funds Review Committee, and Public Relations Committee. At this meeting there was a read-through of the by-laws and the next meeting will be of the board and the by-laws will be voted on at that time.

The name has been selected: "Born Again Emporium." An opening date has not been set yet; but everyone start saving for the giant garage sale. The proceeds will be used for the start-up of the shop. Contact Janet Stephens for additional information.

Church Attendance – May – 2014

Date	Members	Regular Visitors	Visitors	Total
5/4	34	6	2	42
5/11	37	5	0	42
5/18	28	1	0	29
5/26	21	4	0	25

Sunday, June 22 will be filled with music – singing our favorite childhood hymns – Be sure to attend and bring some friends.

IT'S GRADUATION TIME – WHAT'S NEXT FOR OUR SENIORS???

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THE SENIORS ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

Rev. Jane Johnson, D.J. Lancaster, Emily Boord, and Haden Bell (not pictured – Chase Ceder)

D.J. Lancaster will be going to Bastrop Works starting in the fall. It is a 3-year program. He has also applied for Clemson University's Clemson Life Program which is a 3-year program in a college setting in Clemson, SC. This is for the 2015-2016 school year and D.J. will have to wait until June 2015 to find out if he is accepted. Bet he will be!!

Emily Boord plans to attend Texas A&M University Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) and wants to major in education. She is thinking about early childhood education or kinesiology with a minor in art. She'd be great in physical education with her background in sports!

Haden Bell will attend Hays Community College in Kyle, TX. He will be sharing an apartment with Hunter and Gray in San Marcos – watch out for the Wild Bunch!

Chase Ceder is currently undecided about his next steps and that is understandable – many high school grads don't know exactly what career or education path they want to pursue. Many change their minds about their initial plan during the first several years after graduation and wish they had waited on this important decision. Better to give it some time than to regret a hasty choice!

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7th Sunday of Easter **Worship at 11** **Communion** Dedication of Church Sign Covered dish lunch *Rural Life*	2	3 Charlie King Ally & John Gosselink Kelly Evans & Aaron Leis 	4	5	6 *1001 Worshiping Communities*	7
8 **Day of Pentecost** **Worship at 11** *Pentecost Offering*	9 Leah & Scott Saunders 	10 Fredee & David Carr 	11 Kathy Maney Dianna & Wayne King **Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm**	12 Janis Riebe 	13	14 *General Assembly convenes, Detroit*
15 **Trinity Sunday** **Worship at 11** *Men of the Church;* Father's Day	16 Walter Winslett 	17	18 Byron Westerman 	19	20	21 *General Assembly ends*
22 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost** **Worship at 11** **Children's Hymn Singing Sunday** *Disability Inclusion*	23 Kathy & Alan Ford 	24	25	26 Carolyn & Bill Webb Lori & Doug Lancaster 	27 Kelly Hubley Jane & David Johnson 	28
29 **3rd Sunday after Pentecost** **Worship at 11**	30 Dorothy Dillon 					

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ruth Whitehead 	2 Virginia Ilseng 	3	4 Independence Day	5
6 **4th Sunday after Pentecost** *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Worship at 11** **Communion** Covered dish Lunch	7	8	9	10	11	12 Lisa Maresh & Hoyt Johnson
13 **5th Sunday after Pentecost** *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Worship at 11** **Covered Dish Lunch**	14	15 Leah Saunders 	16	17 Janice Butler 	18	19 Paul Evans
20 **6th Sunday after Pentecost** *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Worship at 11** *Smaller Membership Church*	21	22	23 Gray Morris 	24	25	26 Mildred & Henry Beckcom Jeri Nell & Walter Winslett
27 **7th Sunday after Pentecost** *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Worship at 11** *Metropolitan/Urban Ministry*	28 Blake Hernandez 	29	30	31		