SEPTEMBER

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.

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The Living of Life

One of the blessings and curses of the internet is that there are so many interesting things to be found there. I start out looking for something specific and then find myself like Alice in Wonderland, wandering here and there, discovering things that are ever-more curiouser and curiouser.

Recently I stumbled over the Holstee website. It's a company started a few years ago by three young men who found themselves looking for something to do in the recent recession. They sat down one day and just wrote down what they were thinking at the time. The results are now in poster form, and known as the "Holstee Manifesto." It goes like this:

This is your LIFE. Do what you love and do it often. If you don't like something, change it. If you don't like your job, quit. If you don't have enough time, stop watching TV. If you are looking for the love of your life, stop. They will be waiting for you when you start doing things you love. Stop overanalyzing. Life is simple. All emotions are beautiful. When you eat, appreciate every last bite. Open your mind, arms, and heart to new things and people; we are united in our differences. Ask the next person you see what their passion is, and share your inspiring dream with them. Travel often; getting lost will help you find yourself. Some opportunities only come once, seize them. Life is about the people you meet, and the things you create with them, so go out and start creating. Live your dream and share your passion. LIFE IS SHORT.

From the perspective of six decades, I know that all of that is easier said than done, but I still find it challenging. It is excellent advice for young people, but it also applies to the rest of us. I am convinced that if we're still here, it's because God has something more for us to do, and it's up to us to discover what that is. *However many years you live, enjoy them all. Ecclesiastes 11:8.*

Blessings, *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

Web Site – www.fpcsmithville.org – Kathy Ford 512.321.4132

News from Susan Guedry - September

Book Reviews:

Empire of the Sun by J.G. Ballard: This is a semi-autobiographical novel written about the POW camps in Japan during WWII as seen through the eyes of a young boy. Separated from his parents during the war, the boy learns to survive in the internment camp. He struggles to survive and meets a variety of characters during his time in various camps. This book was made into a movie by Stephen Spielberg. I recommend both.

Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Nort: This is the book upon which the Oscar winning movie was based. Solomon was a free man of color who was tragically placed into slavery. He survived 12 years of slavery – some of it very cruel – before he was returned to his family. He develops a close relationship to other slaves during this time. I have not seen the movie, so I don't know how much of the book is in the movie. There are some graphic parts that are hard to read.

Born Again Emporium:

These are the dates and most of the times our church will work at the Emporium for the rest of 2014 and the beginning of 2015:

Friday, September 5 10am -12 Noon
Friday, September 12 and Saturday, September 13 Time TBA

September 23 - September 29 10am – 2pm FPC will be the only church working during this time!

November 11 - 17 10am – 2pm

January 20 - 26 10am – 2pm

Adult Sunday School News - *Susan Guedry*

Sept. 7 - We will conclude our study of "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver.

Sept. 14- We will be doing a three or four week study of the use of prayer beads to add to your prayer life. We will be making personalized prayer beads during class.

Beginning around the first of October we will begin a 31 week study of the Bible using "The Story" with forward by Max Lucado & Randy Frazee. We will pause in this study for advent and Lenten lessons.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. for discussion and fellowship.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – *Nancy Martin*

First Presbyterian Church Session met on August 27, 2014 for their monthly Stated Session Meeting.

Pastor Jane reported she will be out from October 10 through the 18th.

The Building and Grounds committee reported the new carpet in the Fellowship Hall will be installed within the next couple of weeks.

The Grand Opening weekend for the Born Again Emporium has been set for September 12 and 13th. The work schedule for FPC through January is as follows: September 23-27 & 29, November 11-15 & 17 and January 20-24 & 26. Born Again Emporium will be closed the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years

Elders Susan Guedry and Nancy Martin were elected Elder Commissioners for the October Presbytery Meeting in San Antonio.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to complete a slate of 2 Elders and 2 Deacons for the class of 2017.

Comments from the Clerk

The Nominating Committee will be contacting members of the Congregation to fill the slate of 2 Elders and 2 Deacons for the Class of 2017. The Elders going off are Nancy Martin and Jane Istre; they have served 6 years so cannot run again. The 2 Deacon positions to fill are for Dorothy Dillon (6 years) and Pat McLaughlin (3 years). Give this some prayerful thought in the next few weeks, please.

That also means the Clerk of Session position could be available to any ordained Elder wishing to learn more about the record keeping of the Church and Presbytery.

Smithville Food Pantry AUGUST Report From *Dorothy Dillon*

August

Date	Clients	Family Members	New Clients	Family Members
7/30	115	285	4	7
8/6	112	258	2	7
8/13	106	253	4	7
8/20	120	275	8	11
8/27	132	316	6	15
Totals	585	1,387	24	47

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.

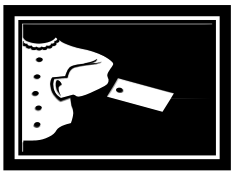
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

From Gwen Morris

Women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. Our study for 2014-2915 is entitled "Reconciling Paul – a Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians" by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty.

Join us then for study, fellowship and food in the Fellowship Hall, downstairs. Everyone is welcome!

MISSION AND OUTREACH REPORT
By Janet Stephens



- Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
  I would like to shout out to all the people who have been dedicated in helping with the BAE opening. Without your hard work, this wouldn't be possible. We will never know how many people we are touching with our work, but the Lord does and he is smiling down on us and saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servants!!"

- Please don't forget that **Jumpstart** will also start this fall. More information will be available soon. If you have signed up to be involved in this new endeavor, please be ready to begin seriously planning what you want to cover in your month of activities. Questions? Please see me.

God bless you!!! Janet

Church Attendance – August 2014
Prepared by Dorothy Dillon

Date	Members	Regular Visitors	Visitors	Total
7/27	19	5	2	25
8/3	24	1	2	26
8/10	15	2		17
8/17	30	5		35
8/24	29	5	1	35

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

Nancy Martin, Janet Stephens, David Herrington, Kelly Hubley

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 Susan Guedry.

Remember – Baby Shower for Leah & Scott on Sept 7 following the covered-dish lunch. Bring your favorite childhood book to start baby's library.

The 3rd *Annual Back to School Picnic and Ice Cream Social* was held at the home of Fredee and David Carr on Saturday, August 16th. Everyone who attended had a grand time.

Our sincere thanks to the Carr's for their gracious hospitality and to Doug for the refreshments and to all the attendees who brought ice cream. It was all good! Pictures on www.fpcsmithville.org

The Members and Friends of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
are cordially invited to join in
the party celebrating the 98th Birthday
of
FLOYD R "SKIP" HYSON
on
Sunday, September 21st
at The Heritage House
602 Main Street, Smithville
3-5 p.m.
Sponsored by Smithville Heritage Society
The completely refurbished Heritage House
will be open for tours.

To many, Skip is a legend! To all he is an active citizen extraordinaire. Whether serving his country, his church, his community, playing golf, making the community a better place to live, he never ceases to amaze!

Skip was born September 18, 1916 in the middle, upstairs bedroom at 602 Main Street, the home of his grandparents, John and Irene Cox. Skip grew up in Smithville, attended Smithville schools and graduated from high school here.

As a youngster he watched airplanes fly over Smithville and dreamed of flying his own plane one day. And fly he did! Before the United States entered WWII, the Government began a Civilian Pilot Training Program. Skip signed up and earned his Civilian Pilot's License. He had logged over 76 hours of flight time when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He received further training at Gary AFB, San Marcos. After WWII he returned to work for Humble Oil Company before entering Texas A&M University where he earned his degree. In 1951 Skip was called back into the Air Force for service in Korea. He served in Guam, Spain, Ft. Worth, Texas, Omaha, Nebraska, becoming Chief of Fuels Branch for the Strategic Air Command. After service in Germany, he returned to Langley AFB. Along the way he found time to marry his hometown sweetheart, Lucille Adamcik of Smithville. She was by his side for his career or more precisely, his careers. Skip even served during the Vietnam War. Anxious to get home, he and Lucille welcomed the opportunity to return to Smithville and begin retirement.

Retiring is not a word associated with Skip. He purchased an insurance agency in Smithville, added tax services and plunged into the community as if to make up for lost time. Lucille was also very active in community organizations and together they were always giving. Many organizations enjoyed their efforts, but none more than The Smithville Heritage Society to which Skip and Lucille donated Skip's boyhood home at 602 Main Street for their permanent home and museum in 1976. With a permanent home the Heritage Society could collect and preserve the heritage of Smithville and its residents. In 1983 Skip was honored as Smithville Citizen of the Year for his many contributions to civic organizations.

Not his honors, which have been many, but his adventures in living life to the fullest will be his legacy. Ask Skip about his trip to San Antonio by himself on the train to have his tonsils removed when he was a young boy; or ask him about boarding the steam train, The Comet, for a quick 2 ½ hour ride to Houston from Smithville to enjoy the big city and return on the evening run when a teenager; ask him about his rail trip to the Chicago World's Fair with Mr. and Mrs. Mills, Clarence and Jack; ask him about flying low enough over the building in Smithville where Lucille (his future wife) worked so that Lucille could climb out the window onto the roof and wave at Skip as he practiced maneuvers during his training at Randolph AFB; ask about his championship golf; ask him about flying 5,000 flying hours without an accident; ask him about his 38 continuous years as Head Usher at Smithville Methodist Church missing only six Sundays; or ask him about his classy Ford convertible that made him the talk of the town !

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day *A Social Creed for the 21ar Century*	2	3 *Deacon Meeting - 5:30 p.m.*	4 Anna & Shawn Hernandez	5	6 Bill Reibe
7 **13th Sunday after Penecost** *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Worship at 11** **Communion** **Covered dish lunch - 1:00 Baby Shower for Leah & Scott** *Christian Education Week begins* *Season of Peace begins*	8	9 Tryston Elliott	10 *Women's Bible Study - 5:30 p.m.*	11 James Sill	12 *Dawn Walters*	13 Kelly Evans Linda & Byron Westerman
14 **14th Sunday after Pentecost** *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Worship at 11** Jane Istre	15	16 Chase Ceder	17 Dianna King	18 Hoyt Johnson	19 Jim McLaughlin	20
21 **15th Sunday after Pentecost** *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Worship at 11** *International Day of Peace* *Theological Education/Seminary*	22	23	24 Sylvia Conoley	25	26	27
28 **16th Sunday after Pentecost** *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Worship at 11** *Evangelism*	29 Janet Stephens	30				

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