

The Open Door

First Presbyterian Church

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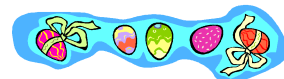
Easter is a time of new beginnings. It always seems appropriate to me that we have our session retreat around Easter time. Each year the session takes Saturday morning to address the regular session business and to also reflect on what is going well in the church and what dreams we have for the future. At the meeting on March 27th, we were excited to approve confirmation for Easter Sunday and to welcome new members. We felt good about the child's day out program, our church staff, the fact that we finished last year ahead in finances (the first time that has happened in this century I understand), adult education classes (Sunday and Tuesday morning), mission (Allgood Bible study, Hearts and Hammers...), busy bee bags, consistency of worship and classes. We also mention several things that we would like to work on and improve. The session then voted on their top three. So, the session has three places to focus this coming year:

- A New Pictorial Directory– we decided we need a new pictorial directory. We also decided that we can do most of it ourselves in our new digital age. So, see if you have any current family pictures that you would like to email the church. We will also have several people who are willing to take family pictures with their digital cameras.
- More upbeat music in worship.
- Local mission: We do an amazing amount of mission– in fact most of our members only know a small part of what we do. We will seek to update people on mission activities and encourage people to become involved on one or more of the projects themselves.

Christ has risen indeed– look at all that He is doing! April 4th is only the beginning of Easter, for we are an Easter people who believe and live in the continued presence, guidance and new beginnings in God.

Grace and Peace,

Helen



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We will gather for fellowship dinner and communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1st. We hope no tornado this year, but a memorable evening of being together before Easter.

April 1, 6:00 p.m.
Bring your table service.
A-F Main dish
G-P Salad or veggie
R-Z Dessert

Hurray the Goodland Boys are coming!!!

They will be entertained and fed by our youth, mission committee and Men’s Breakfast group for the weekend. The congregation will share lunch with the group after church, before they head home to Hugo. Please plan to join us with this great group of boys and their sponsors. Sunday, April 11, after church. Please bring chips or a dessert to share. Drinks and main dish will be provided.

Presbyterians in the News

- Greg Hiebert was featured in an article about “Dentistry from the Heart .” He spent a weekend with a group of dentists giving dental care to people with great need and who were unable to pay.
- John Gray earned a Superior Rating at the District Band Competition as part of a Trumpet Trio. They will compete in the State Competition in April. He also played CENTAURUS by Vander Cook as a solo in the competition. He played this as a part of our worship service March 7.
- Jeanne Fleming was pictured with the employees of the Security Bank when the bank was given the PROJECT PRIDE award.



Easter Sunday April 4, 9:00 a.m.

Come for an Easter Breakfast,
an Easter egg hunt for kids and at 10:30
an Easter worship service.

Stamps for Mission *by Nancy Gee*

For many years the members of the Presbyterian Women saved cancelled postage stamps to be sent to be sold to Stamp Companies for Stamp Collectors. A few have continued to save the stamps – not the most common stamps like the flag stamps or the Liberty Bells. Recently I sent the stamps I had to Peggy Reinhold in Virginia. I received a letter of thanks telling me that she and three others in the retirement community where she lives sort and prepare the stamps. Last year they received more than \$12,000 which was used to meet needs in the Congo where the Reinholds had been missionaries for 25 years. If we had more people saving the stamps, we would make more difference. Please cut the stamps off the envelope leaving ¼ inch all around the stamp and give it the stamps to me. Thank you.

Food for the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is at The Harbor. We have the grocery cart out to receive the food but many of us forget. Some of our members, Frank Gray being one, make it a point to bring food on the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday. The need is great so try to remember to bring nonperishable items to be taken to the Food Pantry. Thank you to C. B. Roberts for taking the food each month.

The family of Thelma Carey invites everyone to come out Sunday, April 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 in the fellowship hall here at First Presbyterian Church for a cake and punch reception to celebrate Thelma’s 90th Birthday!



Household Items for The Harbor

People come to The Harbor because they are homeless. But it is always the hope that they will be able to move into a home or apartment. When this becomes possible, they need household items like each of us needed when we “set up housekeeping.” They need so many things – sheets, towels, pots, pans, glasses, silverware – to name a few. Between April 25 and May 7 we are going to collect items at the church to be taken to The Harbor. They have space to store the items until they are needed. In late April go through your linens and kitchen cabinets and share items you no longer need. We will be talking about this more but start to think what you might share.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The Mission Committee set a goal of \$1000 for our church’s contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing. As of March 29th we have collected \$1,144. Thanks to everyone who has given to this mission.

Community Free Health Clinic news—

First Presbyterian Miami volunteers every other month on a Thursday to deliver healthy snacks to the clinic. The free community clinic is open every Thursday evening for people who have health care needs and can not afford to pay. While they are there they can wait up to two or three hours to be seen by a doctor. On March 25, our church youth prepared sandwiches, chips and a piece of fruit for 41 people.

**Thanks to the Kitchen Angel who is keeping the
drawer full of towels and dishcloths!!!!**



Our Church Family

More About Our Church Family

Rosemary Russell

If you were asked who are some of the most caring, enthusiastic people in our church, Rosemary would be on your short list!! Since she and George moved to Miami in 1990, the Russells have been very important in our congregation.

Rosemary grew up in Neosho. Her parents were very interesting. Her dad was in Panama for ten years during the time the Panama Canal was built. Her mother was an artist who taught art. Rosemary was the only child and very special to them.

George was the oldest of four children. He lived in Picher until he was a Junior in High School. When his dad was elected County Judge, the family moved to Miami.

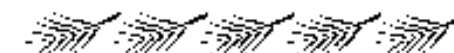
George and Rosemary met on a double date, but they were not dating each other. Then they met again when they were both at OU. They were married in 1956, soon after he graduated and received his commission in the Army. The career in the Army took them to interesting places both in the USA and overseas. The places of birth of the five children gives you an idea. George III was born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Samantha was born in Fort Lewis, Washington; Charlie was born in Fairbanks, Alaska; Tammy was born in Fort Chaffee, Arkansas; and Gus was born in Fort Sill. What an interesting life!! As a Judge George traveled to many parts of the world. When the youngest child was in college, Rosemary started traveling with him and they had some wonderful trips.

During his time in the Army George earned his Law Degree so he was a part of JAG. In time he became Chief Judge of the Army. As George had different assignments over thirty years, he rose in rank and retired from the service with the high rank of Colonel! Rosemary was in the role of wife of the officer and was great at the many expectations of her.

George and Rosemary moved to Miami for George to accept the newly created position of City Attorney. They built their dream house and all was great for a few years. But George died suddenly on the Golf Course in 1993. Rosemary has found a different life. She worked several years for Chuck Watterson. Now she works for the Tribal Council and for Hometown Pet Care. She takes a lot of pride in her “Russell boys” –her four dogs.

Ranking even higher on her list of joys are her 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Our church is always a little brighter place when Rosemary is here.





2nd—Melba Cordell
 4th—Tom Cordell and Darlene Nolte
 6th—Dulcinea Wenzel
 8th—Thelma Carey and Waymeth Cantrell
 9th—Michelle Bolton
 12th— Michael Leggett
 16th—Sarah Mirjanich
 17th— Ruth Butler
 18th—Misha Grissom and Jake Gray
 22nd—Michael Bolton
 23rd—Sarah Lomax
 24th— Elia Rendel

USHER DUTIES FOR APRIL

Ushers— Mark Hybiak and Dave Foster
Coffee Host— Tiffany Williams
Communion Preparer for Maundy Thursday Service— Victoria Vazquez and Jeraldine Wilcox



April 2010



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| AA meets every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. | <i>Albion</i> <i>CHRIST IS RISEN!</i> | | | 1 Holy Week Serv. 12:00-1st Christian 6:00- Maundy Thursday potluck/ Communion | 2 Good Friday Holy Week Serv. 12:00-Catholic church Church Office Closed | 3 |
| 4 Easter!! 9:00 Breakfast 9:30-Egg Hunt 10:30- Worship 6:00-HS Bible Study | 5 3:45-Youth group | 6 10:00—Tuesday am class 11:30- Mission mtg. | 7 8:15- CDO 3:45-Youth 5:15- Chime 6:00-Cong. Dinner 6:30-Worship 7:00-Choir | 8 7:00- Gamblers Anonymous | 9 | 10 Goodland Boys here |
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