



Recipe from 1926 Presbyterian Women's Cookbook
Potato Candy

Cook 1 small potato, mash and stir in lump of butter the size of a walnut, stir in powdered sugar, knead on a bread board until it is stiff enough to roll (use corn starch on board when you roll), roll thin, spread peanut butter on and roll like a jelly-roll. Cut in thin slices.

Mrs. J. J. Shoe

Have a Safe and Happy 4th!



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You all continue to amaze me! Thank you to Cathy Rabel and Kim Wenzel and all the many people who made Vacation Bible School this year a success. It takes a lot of planning, organizing and coordinating to make all that happen. But it is not only those two who made Vacation Bible School come together, it takes an amazing amount of behind the scenes work to provide four nights of meals, worship and educational opportunities for 65 children, 15 youth and 50 adults. And it is not just Vacation Bible School- it is all aspects of our lives together. There is a huge amount of behind the scenes work that goes on in this place. Thank you to Chris Rabel, Lou Mirjanich, Bill Giffhorn, Sherry Hiebert who worked to replace the air conditioning unit and continue to seek out ways to lower our utility bills and to solve the problem of lighting in the parking lot. Others of you (I decided it would take the whole newsletter to name you all) help with fellowship, education and mission projects and this congregation is definitely an amazing asset to this town, to the Presbytery, to our nation and to our world. At a time when we honor and celebrate the founding of our country and the vision of those who would create a world of freedom and opportunity, I will also be thinking about those who continue to work to make this town, this country and this world better places. Who ever said belonging to a church was only an hour on Sunday morning never meet all of you. Thank you for your faith, your dedication and your willingness to get involved.

Grace and Peace,
Helen



Presbyterians in the NEWS—

- Job Rendel was a winner in the Poetry Challenge sponsored by Chapters.
- Miami High School Honor Roll - Carmen Rabel, Abbey Ankenman, Abrina Kneeland and Bryson Williams.
- Dusty Bekemier and his daughter were pictured in a Father-Child Look Alike Contest for Fathers Day.



**News from Malawi
From Debbie Chase at the College of Theology**

The new creation at the College of Theology Campus has become a reality through the generous gifts, prayers, and encouragement of our partner churches. In addition to a new male hostel we now have four new classrooms. Temporarily one classroom has been converted into a library and another has been divided into administrative and faculty offices. As we develop and grow we hope to build a library and administrative office block and all four classrooms will be for teaching. Also we will soon break ground to construct a hostel for female students. We hope this will pave the way to open doors for many more women to answer the call to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



CLEANING DAY

If you weren't there, you wouldn't believe the activity and work that got done!! Can you believe that 37 people worked most of the day. We are SO PROUD of how it looks. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard.

Poem by Job Rendel

Buddy
Happy dog
Can be funny
Loves Playing with rugs
Fun



FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR —

June was a busy month for the youth at FPC. Several of the San Antonio mission team members traveled to Bartlesville to visit the Voice of the Martyrs ministry and learn more about the work of missionaries in dangerous parts of the world. The mission team members have also participated in four different window cleaning fundraisers to help finance their ministry trip. Drama and karate have continued through the summer, and this years VBS camp was held at our church building, with scores of children from the Methodist, Episcopal and First Presbyterian churches. Several of our youth helped work with and teach the younger children. The theme of all our teen Bible studies this month has been prayer. In July we hope to have a few "day missions" where we take the youth on one day mission trips here in town and put their prayer skills into use. Some of the grade school children have graduated and will be moving up into the youth group in August, and we look forward to their involvement!

**ARTICLE FROM THE GOODLAND GAZETTE
Goodland Sunday**

For at least twenty years the Miami First Presbyterian Church has held Goodland Sunday once a year. This year was no different. As the boys left for Miami, Oklahoma, Saturday morning, they looked forward to their traditional weekend. As always they stopped at the world's largest McDonalds on the way. Sadly enough the McDonalds credit card machine was down and as a result the boys were afraid that their traditional trip was going to be reined. However, they knew that all was well as they pulled into the parking lot at Miami and saw the banners welcoming them. The weekend was very successful and included bubble gum blowing contests, sidewalk chalking (There was a picture of a Goodland boy doing some "Chalking."), bowling, hula hoop contests and much more. This is definitely a tradition that the boys hope to be enjoying for years to come.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

For nearly 100 years we had an organization of the women of our church called by various names such Ladies Aid Society, Missionary Society, United Presbyterian Women and most recently Presbyterian Women. Through the years the women in these organizations have been hard working, a sort of backbone of the church. At this time we don't have a formal organization with officers and business meetings. The treasury of the organization has money. The last Treasurer of the Presbyterian Women, Marilyn Stark, has taken the money out of a CD so that we as women of the church can make a decision to give it to a mission project. Presbyterian Women at the Presbytery level and the national level have a very worthwhile project called Networking. Money given to this project buys mos-

quito nets for third world countries where many, especially children, die of Malaria. There are other worthwhile projects. Maybe you have an idea. Immediately after worship on July 13, please move forward in the sanctuary for a 5 minute meeting. Our money can make a good difference.

Just because we don't have an organization with officers doesn't mean we don't have wonderful opportunities for the women of the church. Every Tuesday morning Helen leads a very interesting study. (Now it is on the Apocrypha and in the fall it will be "Our World and the Mixture of Fundamentalism, Reason, and Technology.") On the second and fourth Monday evenings Helen leads a study on contemporary issues. All of the women of the church are invited to join these groups.

Church Prayer Group:

One of the goals of the session this year was to develop a prayer group that could meet on a regular basis and lift up prayers for the church and our outreach and members. Anyone who is willing to be a part of this prayer group is invited to meet after church on July 20th. The group will be focusing on the upcoming youth mission trip to San Antonio and will assist in the commissioning of the trip on Sunday July 27th.



MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Don and Patricia Trolinger

Don and Patricia Trolinger have done so many interesting things in their lives that at least five pages would be needed to tell their stories!

Don grew up on a farm east of Miami. While attending NEO, he had an opportunity to take training to become a pilot, which opened the door to a very interesting career. Patricia spent her young life in Tennessee but moved to Oklahoma City when her father was transferred as an FBI agent. They met when Don was training at Tinker Air Force Base.

Don served 21 years in the Air Force and retired as a Lt. Col. He flew over 10,000 hours and flew into 55 countries. During those years he flew 17 different aircraft. He served in Viet Nam. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart. The family spent 3 years in Spain and 4 years in Germany when Don was in the European theater. Don was the personal pilot for a General. Also during that time he flew other important people like Donald Rumsfeld and Henry Kissinger. Patricia remembers many good times with friends during this period. The children, Richard and Betty were young. Their lives were enriched by experiencing other cultures.

In 1974 Don decided to retire for the sake of the family; he and Patricia wanted the children to settle into a place to call home. After moving to Miami, Patricia worked for the Modoc tribe and helped with the research and writing to recognize the Modoc Tribe. She got interested in genealogy and that led to involvement with leadership in societies including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of America, and she was especially active in the United States Daughters of 1812. She was President of that organization and traveled all over the country in that capacity. Patricia recently was made an Honorary Member of The Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America. She is a major contributor to a recently published history of the Modoc Tribe.

Don is on the Board of The Senior Center and supports the Booster Clubs at NEO. Patricia has been very active in the Humane Society.

Don and Patricia feel blessed to be near children and grandchildren. Richard and his family live in Bartlesville. Betty and family live in Tulsa. Patricia said, "Don't forget Sunny D – their 11 year old dog who is an important part of the family.

Wow!! What interesting people!! We are so fortunate to have them in our church family.

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First Presbyterian, All Saints Episcopal and the United Methodist churches once again combined efforts and held Vacation Bible School together here at 1st Pres. It took place June 16th –19th from 5:30-8:00 each evening. The theme this year was Friendship Trek, Jesus, Our Forever Friend. We started each evening with a light supper for everyone. Kim and Kathy Wenzel lead the opening and closing each evening with an introduction to the bible story and high-energy songs with sign language and movements. Dr. Rev. Helen Hutchison and Rev. Kathy Leithner, minister at UMC, took turns leading us in bible scripture and story each evening during the opening. Dr. Rev. Helen Hutchison also held a well attended adult class each evening. “VBS isn’t just for kids any more. There was time for additional discovery of the bible stories for the kids during campfire story-time. All the kids joined with friends during recreation time to gain a better sense of Jesus’ love and friendship he wants to share with us. In keeping with the theme the children decorated backpacks with their footprints and used items from nature to decorate wooden cross plaques. All the fun came to an end Thursday evening with parents and friends being invited to join us for our closing program and cookies and ice cream served in the fellowship hall.

This was once again a great experience for everyone that participated, and we had a lot of people participate! We had an average of 60 children under the age of 12, 16 youth ranging in age from 13 to 18 years old, and about 40 adults each night. That’s a grand total of an average of 116 people getting together to worship, fellowship and fun. It was truly wonderful to receive all the help from our congregation! We had individuals help with baking cookies, helping make things in the kitchen run smoothly by being “kitchen help” or “table buddies”, teaching, decorating, leading worship and singing. We couldn’t have done this without everyone’s help.

THANK YOU to all!

Cathy Rabel



SESSION NEWS:

The session had been busy at work and would like to bring you up to date on several happenings:

- At the beginning of the year, the session approved a working budget where our costs exceeded our income. Although the session is working towards a balanced budget we did not cut any staff or programs so it is not surprising that we have spent more than we have coming in. So far this year we have spent \$8,000 more than we have received and need to continue to watch our spending.
- We have been seeking ways to try and lower our energy costs and have been looking into the church insulation and heating/cooling system.
- Two and a half years ago we received a donation of some land near Tar Creek with the idea that we would build a playground and park and donate it to the city. Because of several things (including financial concerns) we have not been able to transform the property and earlier this year received an offer for the land. This month we concluded the sale for \$15,000 which will be a great help to cover the new air conditioning unit.
- We received a sizable donation in April from community members who appreciated our work at Curtis Plaza and understood our frustration when the contracts with HUD did not allow for monies from that sale to be received by the church. Our long term finance committee has been looking into the best ways to invest. The guiding principal that was researched and laid down for the church when we first received the Meyers endowment was that if we used the funds for general operating expenses it would hurt the church in the long run. The church needs to fund its general operating by its membership and the funds can be used for new programs, mission and major unexpected expenses.
- The mission committee has identified a need at the health clinic located near the hospital for those who do not have insurance and can not pay for medical care. The session approved \$6,000 from the Meyers local mission fund to be used to purchase and build a ramp at the facility to make it handicap accessible.