



**The Open Door**  
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**FROM THE PASTOR** A big thank you to Sheri Smith and to the wonderful congregational response when she mentioned that October was pastor's appreciation month. I must admit, it does make me feel funny because I know the work that all of you have done and continue to do: teaching, farming, ranching, counseling, flying, administration, care of family, care of yards, care of the environment, local businesses... (the list goes on and on) and you rarely get the appreciation that you deserve. You remind me of a quote from Mother Teresa that I have used before in a sermon:

“People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy over night; build anyway. If you find eternity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway.”

Yes, you all do it anyway and for that I say thank you. Thank you for everything that you do anyway.

Grace and Peace,  
 Helen





### Congregational Thanksgiving Meal

Get ready to gobble gobble.

**We will have our November Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m.**

We are in need of five volunteers to roast the five turkeys at their homes. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer your roasting skills. The church will provide the roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Please bring your table service and a favorite Thanksgiving side dish and dessert.

### Notes from Stated Session Meeting October 19, 2010

Building and Grounds: Bill reported that the church contractor had been here with those who did the roofing. They took several pieces of the roof with them to analyze and diagnose the problems. Bill continues to work with them to replace the roof and fix the problems.

Nominating committee: Bill Giffhorn reported that the nominating committee was up and running and contacting people about serving. He asked that the congregation prayerfully consider serving as an Elder, Deacon or Usher and contact him if you are willing.

Budget: The session started looking at the budget for 2011. Personnel reported that they would like to see a 3% raise in staff salaries because there was no increase last year. No decisions were made for the session will continue to watch this year's budget and to encourage the congregation to turn in pledges.

The session gladly accepted Eddie Hartnitt as a member and will welcome him on October 24th during the service.



### Do you remember . . . ?

### Two little girls that grew up in this church 20+ years ago . . .

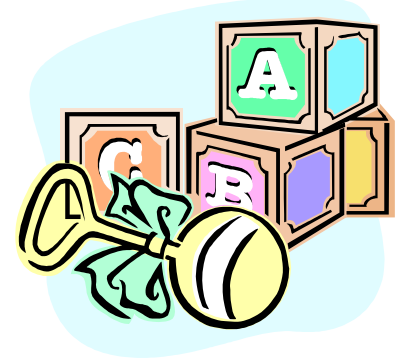
Cynthia Lomax Parr and Cate Price Adams are going to be mothers in January. These babies will make both John and Sarah and Doris and Harold first time grandparents!


**We will celebrate with a double church baby shower on Friday, November 26 at 2:00 p.m. -**

Cyndi and Travis will be unable to attend, so we will decorate a baby tree to send to them as a "baby shower in a box". Items to be included could be gift cards, money or a favorite children's book.

Cate and Brian will be in town and are registered at Babies R Us and Target.

We hope you can come share these joyous arrivals!





**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK AN HOUR ON SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, BEFORE GOING TO BED!!**

### Back for a visit—

Friday November 12th at 7:00 p.m. Cheryl Hartman is having snacks and drinks for anyone that would like to come visit with Fred and Nancy Niehaus. Cheryl's address is 804 23rd Ave. S.W. in Miami please RSVP 542-8885.



Frank Gray, a member of our committee, purchased for the committee food for the Ministerial Alliance food pantry. He spent \$200 for cases of the most needed canned meats. C. B. Roberts went with him to take the meat along with the churches grocery cart items. Keep up the good work – bring more food!!!!

The committee voted and the Session approved our sending \$1,000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Fund. The needs worldwide are great. The committee will be purchasing sweats, underwear and sock for “our” school Wilson. The school appreciates having these items available for students in case of accidents.

The mission committee is looking over the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Disaster Readiness & Response Plan. This can help us prepare the church and our church family if disaster hits. Copies of the family preparedness check list are available in the church office. A time of crises is often the best time for Christians to demonstrate the reality of God’s healing grace, caring and sharing.

We will be receiving the Christmas Joy Offering during Advent.



**Presbyterians in the NEWS —**

- Winnie Hiebert, granddaughter of Dave and Sherry Hiebert, was pictured as Student of the Month in Music. She is in the second grade in Nichols School.
- John Gray was pictured with the Homecoming Royalty at Miami High School. John and Jennifer Stanley represented the Miami High School Band.
- Our organist, Twila Dickerson, was pictured presenting a contribution for the Coleman Ballroom from The Community Patriotic Concert to Barbara Smith, Executive Director of the Coleman Theater.

**NICE TO KNOW** —Grace Goodeagle was presented with an award on September 25, 2010 from the Colorado Springs Indian Center for her service as Elder and for her dedication to preserving and sharing traditional cultural teachings and continued support of the Native community in the Pikes Peak Region.

**MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS**

**Cheryl Hartman**



Cheryl grew up in Skaneateles, New York, on an acreage on which her father cut down the trees, had them milled for lumber for their house and barn. It was “A Little House on the Prairie” sort of childhood. She attended a one room school. She and her younger brother had a tree house in the woods.

After High School, she worked at a local bank for three years. Steve Hartman, who had gone to the same High School but a few years earlier, came back to Skaneateles from OSU. They were married after dating a year. Steve was in the Air Force for four years and they lived several places, including Washington, DC. After his discharge Steve went to work for Hormel in South Dakota and Cheryl was a stay at home mom for Tiffany, Tammy and Travis.

In 1974 they were transferred to Miami for Steve to work in the Hormel plant here. When the Hormel plant closed, Steve worked for the Gas Company. Cheryl, who is a talented seamstress, did sewing for Virginia Romick and her Indian Designs. After a divorce, Cheryl worked for INS and later for Lakeland Office Systems.

Cheryl was very involved with her children’s activities as they grew up. Tiffany and Tammy were horsewomen. At first they showed Registered Quarter Horses and later they showed for Pony of the Americas. Tammy entered the Pony of the Americas competitions and won over 400 trophies. She was the third high point rider in the nation. Travis was an Eagle Scout at the age of 13, perhaps a record for Miami.

Tiffany is now the area manager of Macys at Penn Square Mall in Oklahoma City. Tammy lives with her husband and two children, Riley who is 8 years old and Gage, who is three, in Scotts Bluff, Nebraska. Tammy is an assistant to a Veterinarian assisting on 5 farms. Travis is a city sort of guy. He lives with his wife and two young children, Aiden who is almost two and Kaytlin who is 2 months old in Tracy, California.

Cheryl’s favorite thing to do since retirement is go to see the grandchildren. She and her friend, Joe Quinn enjoy going to Branson. At home she especially likes to work in the yard. She is a worker in the Child’s Day Out program and she is in charge of the recyclables at the church. Her enthusiasm and smile encourage us all. We appreciate Cheryl.



# November 2010



## November Birthdays

- 3rd—Janice Johnson
- 6th—Doris Price
- 8th—Virginia Romick
- 10th— C.B. Roberts
- 15th—Harold Price and Gene Cantrell
- 16th—Mike Willard
- 19th—Judy Abel
- 20th— Pat Landers
- 21st—Ashley Lomax
- 23rd—Marcia McManigal
- 25th- Jeanne Fleming
- 29th—Rebecca and Emily Carden
- 30th—Nancy Gee and Jim Hill

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA meets every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.	1	2 10:00-Tuesday morning class  Election Day	3 8:30 –Childs Day Out 3:45-Jr. High Group 6:00-Wednesday Worship 7:00-Choir practice	4  7:00– Gamblers Anonymous	5	6  6:00-Youth sponsored dinner for their parents
7 9:30 Classes & Choir 10:30-Worship / Communion 5:30-Sr. High Group	8	9 10:00-Tuesday morning class	10 8:30 –Childs Day Out 3:45-Jr. High Group 6:00-Wednesday Worship 7:00-Choir practice	11 <u>Veterans' Day</u> 1:00– Mission Committee meeting 7:00– Gamblers Anonymous	12	13  4:00-Lexy Leggett wedding shower
14 9:30 Classes & Choir 10:30-Worship 5:30-Sr. High Group	15	16 10:00-Tuesday morning class 7:00-Session mtg.	17 8:30 –Childs Day Out 3:45-Jr. High Group 6:00-Wednesday Worship 7:00-Choir practice	18  7:00– Gamblers Anonymous	19	20
21 9:30-classes & choir 10:30-Worship 11:30 Deacons mtg. 6:00- Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner	22 <i>Open Door</i> articles are due	23 10:00-Tuesday morning class	24  3:45-Jr. High Group	25  <b>Church Office closed for holiday!</b>  <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	26  2:00 <b>BABY SHOWER</b> <i>See page 7</i>	27
28 9:30 Classes & Choir 10:30-Worship 5:30-Sr. High Group	29	30 10:00-Tuesday morning class	<b>September Financial Report—</b> September Income - - - - - \$ 9,048.35    September Expenses - - - \$ 11,643.98 Year to date Income - - - \$98,381.28    Year to date Expenses - - \$108,051.02			

