



## HEARTS AND HAMMERS

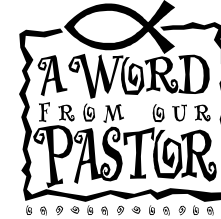
Wonderful things happen when we reach out to meet a need. Saturday, September 25, a team from our church did just that. Our team with Barbara Reeves as Captain, was a part of Hearts and Hammers. We put a sealer on the raw wood porch and ramp for Dianna Minick. And we painted the front porch for Jack and Pauline Sanders. An interesting tidbit – Jack Sanders, with Noel Doherty and Gary West, were the founders of Hearts and Hammers in 1997. It is heartwarming that now he benefits!!

Members of the team working with Barbara were Cathy Rabel, Nancy Gee, Sheri Smith, David Foster, and Carmen Rabel. The team appreciates that Max Martin furnished a Pizza lunch!!



## The Open Door

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This fall we have been looking at the Ten commandments in worship and in the Children's Sunday School time. In flipping through some old emails, I found one that listed the 11-20th commandments. As I have become increasingly frustrated and overwhelmed when listening to the anger and doomsday on the news, I found these helpful:

- 11 Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
- 12 Thou shalt not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
- 13 Thou shalt not cross bridges before you come to them, for no one has yet succeeded in accomplishing this.
- 14 Thou shalt handle only one problem at a time, and leave the others to the Lord until their turn comes up.
- 15 Thou shalt not take troubles to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.
- 16 Thou shalt not try to carry the problems of the world on thy shoulders, for nobody (except for One) had a back that is broad enough.
- 17 Thou shalt be a good listener, for God often speaks to us through the mouths of others.
- 18 Thou shalt not try to relive yesterday; for good or ill, it is forever gone. Live in the now and rejoice in it.
- 19 Thou shalt firmly dismiss feelings of frustration, for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity and will interfere with positive action.
- 20 Thou shalt count thy blessings, never overlooking the smallest, for our biggest blessings are composed of many small ones.

Grace and Peace,  
Helen





## Presbyterians in the NEWS—

- Grace Goodeagle received a wonderful honor. She was chosen as one of nine from this area to be an Indian Elder honored by AARP. Fifty were honored statewide. There was an effort to have representation from as many tribes as possible. Grace is Quapaw/Potawatomie. Grace was honored at a dinner at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. She was also presented with a beautiful medal.
- Tom Cordell, son of Tom and Melba Cordell, has been honored with election as President of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Council, an international organization founded to further the principles of knowledge, justice and fellowship in connection with professionals involved with the defense of civil litigation.
- Jera Rendel received a Second Place Ribbon at the Oklahoma State Fair for her loaf of whole wheat bread entered in the Wheatheart Contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission. Jera used the flour ground from wheat grown on the Rendel Farm!!



## Fellowship BBQ

October 31st, Lunch, 11:30 a.m.

Trunk or Treat for a Halloween “Pig Roast”



This year our fall BBQ will be HAMburgers supplied by Frank and Dolly Gray. So not to lose the “PIG” part of our annual autumn fellowship meal we will also have bratwurst. We will gather for this fun Halloween celebration after Sunday morning’s service.

Please bring a dish to share that will keep in the refrigerator or on the counter during church. If your last name begins with:

A-H Bring a salad

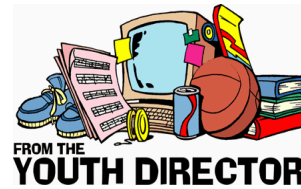
I-Z Bring a dessert

Drinks and Baked Beans will be provided.

Everyone bring Halloween treats to pass out to the “Trunk or Treaters” from your vehicles after the meal. Plan for about 30 kids, as we should expect the bus to be full that morning.

Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to church, so they will be ready to Trunk or Treat after the meal.

**MISSION —** The Mission Committee is trying to be more aware of local needs. We know there are many. Because there are more people seeking assistance with food from the Ministerial Alliance Emergency Food Program, we encourage you to bring more items to our food cart. C. B. Roberts takes the food to the service every few weeks. He observes that the shelves are pretty bare. Max Martin had a good idea. Perhaps we could think of what to bring this way: If your last name begins with A-F, bring canned fruit; if it begins with G – K, bring canned vegetables; if it begins M-P, bring cereal or crackers, if it begins Q-Z, bring canned meat. And if you forget which you are to bring, bring any non perishable item. The money raised by the Mission Market will go to the Food Pantry in October. And the Committee voted to spend \$200 to purchase some staples in bulk for the pantry. If you are aware of a need we might meet, please let us know.



FROM THE  
**YOUTH DIRECTOR**

We have a very busy time coming up. Before we know it, October will be over and the holidays will be upon us. Wednesday nights have started with the middle school youth group, and it is going strong. The high school youth meet on Sunday night, at 5:30 and they are both a really fun group to be with. The third Wednesday of September, the youth made a sack lunch for the free health clinic here in town. In October, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking the youth back to the Tulsa Day Center where they will be helping out in the clothes room in sorting them out, as well as filing out little portion cups with soap, lotion, etc. It will be a fun day! On November 6, at 6:00 pm, the youth will be having a dinner for their parents. They plan on serving them spaghetti, bread, and a salad while music plays in the background. It should be an enjoyable event as we let the parents know what will be going on the rest of the year! I really appreciate all the efforts and help the church plays in supporting our youth. It goes a long way in making things easier to plan and helps the kids to succeed. As you are in town and at the grocery store, if you could pick up simple snacks, such as crackers, graham crackers, chips, goldfish, etc. that would be much appreciated. When the kids come from school on Wednesday, they are ravenous and really appreciate the light snack!

## CHILD'S DAY OUT

Note from a Parent-

We have truly been blessed by your church's "Child's Morning Out." Our daughter has loved attending and we are so happy to have her cared for in a Christian environment. A HUGE thank you to everyone involved.

Marla, Matt Linton and Hannah

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### Notes from Stated Session Meeting September 21, 2010

**Fellowship:** Carol Carden reported that the Back to School dinner went really well. Our next dinner will be October 31<sup>st</sup> after church, we will have Burgers & Brats and the kids will be encouraged to wear their Costumes to service. November 21<sup>st</sup> will be our Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, and December 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Christmas Dinner.

**Property & Maintenance:** Bill Neill Reported on his progress with the roof. He is in contact with the General contractor, the roofing contractor, & Architect. They are having a meeting to discuss our roof and are hopeful that they will be able to use their insurance to cover the complete replacement of our roof. There was also a reminder that we will need new chairs at some point for the fellowship hall, either to replace the broken ones or to replace all of the chairs.

**Nominating:** Bill Giffhorn reported that the nominating committee is now gathering, any recommendations for people to serve as officers would be appreciated.

All Committees need to meet and propose a budget for their area for next year.

#### Top Three Session Goals:

-Pictorial Directory is done! Thank you Jera for all your hard work. They are in the office so families who have yet to get their copy please pick them up next time at the church.

-Songs in worship

-Mission activities: Child's day out, heart and hammers, dinner for the medical center serving those who have no access to medical care.

## MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILIES



### Pat Landers

Pat grew up in Duncan, Oklahoma. She had one older brother. She has been an avid reader ever since she learned to read. One of her happy childhood memories is of walking to the Library with her mother.

Her husband, Mel, had fond memories of his childhood in Cyril, Oklahoma. As a teenager, he joined the Air Force. After he finished his time in the service, he went to OU where he and Pat met. They were married in 1952 just before Mel started Law School. Pat worked in the office of Bell Telephone until Mel graduated in 1955. First he worked for Gulf Oil in Indiana then he went into the private practice of law in Durant, Oklahoma. Melissa was born in Indiana. Pam and Jenny were born in Durant and Brent was born after they moved to Miami.

In 1960 Mel went into private practice of law with the firm of Wallace and Owens here in Miami. He practiced in that firm until his death in 2003.

Golf was a great family interest, especially for Mel and the children. They would even play nine holes sometimes before Mel went to work!!! Pat spent more of her outdoor time gardening.

Melissa was a Law Librarian at the University of Washington. Pam lives in Portland. She loves to read just as her mother does. Jenny works in a bonding and insurance company in Seattle. Brent is in management in the Dupont Company in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Pat has two grandsons who live with their parents in West Virginia. Michael is twelve years old and Matthew is nine.

Pat still loves to read and spends time gardening. She also plays Bridge, does needlework, and belongs to a Study Club. She is chairman of the Library Book Sale, working throughout the year to sort the books and also organizing the actual sale.

Our church family is so much richer for having Pat as a member.



2nd—Don Trolinger and Kristal Sommer  
 3rd—Jeff Stevens  
 9th— Krystal Blevins  
 11th—Melissa Bekemeier  
 15th—Karissa Whalen  
 16th— Linda Elmburg  
 22nd—James Stevens  
 24th—Meredith MacQueeny and Frank Gray  
 26th—Warren Wilbur  
 27th—Cy Elmburg  
 28th—Pat Carden  
 29th— Bill Ankenman

**Usher Duties for October:**

**Usher:** Harold Price and Mark Hybiak

**Communion Preparation:** Kathy Prince and Janie Clay

**Coffee Host:** Harold Price



# October 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA group meets every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.					1	2
3 9:30-Sunday Class 9:30-Choir 10:30-Worship/Com. 5:30-Sr. High Group	4	5 10:00-Tuesday morning class	6 8:30 -Childs Day Out 3:45-Jr. High Group 6:00-Wednesday Worship 7:00-Choir practice	7 7:00-Gamblers Anonymous	8	9
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31 9:30-Class & Choir 10:30-Worship 11:30-BBQ /Treats 5:30-Sr. High Group			<b>August Financial Report—</b> August Income - - - - - \$11,286.23    August Expenses - - -    \$ 9,918.74 Year to date Income - - - \$89,332.93    Year to date Expenses - -    \$96,407.04			