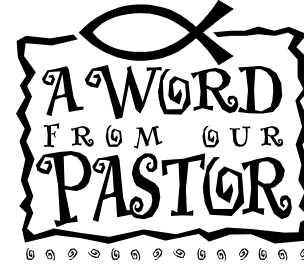


# The Open Door

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# SEPTEMBER 2009



As the fall season has begun (ok the weather and the calendar still say we are in summer, but with school and church programs ready to start up it feels fallish) we have some changes going on at the church. At the session meeting on August 18th the session received the resignation of Kim Wenzel as Youth Director. Kim has been with us for a year and a half and wrote that being Youth Director, as well as keeping his window washing business going and his ministry to burnt out pastors, has been too much. The session is grateful to Kim and his family for their ministry among us and hopes they will continue to participate in our church community. We will give thanks for his work and pray for his next steps on Sunday September 6th.

We then began to make plans for our next steps. The session has hired Jamie Gray as our next Youth Director. Jamie will be part time and will begin by focusing on the Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon youth activities. She loves the kids and youth and has been such an active member in many different areas. Jamie will be shadowing Kim and will be ready to take over the first Wednesday that we begin back up the Kum Ba Yah program on September 9th.

For those of you who have not been for awhile (or who have not had a chance to come to the Kum Ba Yah activities). We meet at 6:00 for a potluck dinner (the kids have already had their youth time and join us for the meal) and then we all go to worship at 6:30. To start off Kum Ba Yah this fall we are going to change worship a bit. At least for the beginning, I will be heading up the worship time seeking to provide a type of emerging church service. What is the emerging church, you ask? Emerging church is a movement that has developed in Christian communities over the last 20 years. Some of

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you have already experienced this type of worship— you just did not know it at the time: remember the Sunday morning service when I gave you stones and asked you to go and mark a holy moment like Joshua and the Israelites crossing the Jordan river and taking stones to remind them of God’s saving acts; or when I burned newspaper stories on terrible world happenings that seemed beyond God’s reach or redemption and then used the ash from the newspapers to mark foreheads during the Ash Wednesday service to remind us that nothing is beyond God’s reach or redemption; or when we lined up Wednesday night and took steps forward for blessings received (food, someone told you that they loved you, feeling valued, getting rest, having a vacation ...) and then I spoke of us searching to make a mark and to get ahead and Christ walking past us, away from kinship, away from power, eternity and influence, to come as a child. As I asked everyone to turn around all I needed to say was “The first will be last and the last will be first.” I would bet no one who was there would forget that worship. You get the idea. The emerging service is much more interactive, visual and tactile. I hope you will come to see what it is about.

Grace and Peace, Helen



## Our Heritage Case MISSION

The Myers Endowment has enabled us to do mission in a meaningful way. In the case this month we have pictures and a few artifacts from our mission efforts. Locally we support the Boys and Girls Club, The Harbor, the Community Health Center, Washington School, Hearts and Hammers and the Red Cross. Our members bring food for the Nutrition Coalition. Beyond our community we meet needs at Dwight Camp, and Goodland Academy in our Presbytery, and globally we support the Presbyterian mission in Malawi. Neeli Gondwe, whom we support in getting her nursing credentials, is a huge commitment to mission. Our Youth have recently taken mission trips to Tulsa, San Antonio, and Chicago. Let us strive to be known as the church who constantly meets the needs we see!!!!

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## BIBLE STUDY

The first Tuesday of each month at 2 pm, women from our church go to Allgood Estates, an assisted living center. We lead a Bible Study. These residents can not live in their homes alone but mentally they are sharp. The study this year is on the book of Joshua. It is very interesting. We would love to have more Presbyterians going. If you could join the group, please tell Nancy Gee or Betty Dean. We usually meet at the church parking lot and car pool.

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## CAPISCE

If you did not attend the Dinner Theater in our Fellowship Hall August 13 or 14, you missed a delightful evening. The detective spoof was written by Kimberly Mendoza and directed by our own Kathy Wenzel. The cast was eleven young people, many of whom have been in Miami Little Theater. Kim Wenzel cooked wonderful Pasta. Our youth who were not in the production served. The actors did a great job and the audience was appreciative.



## Presbyterians in the NEWS—

- John Lomax was pictured with others from NEO breaking ground for the new science building on the campus.

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## It's Our Presbyterian Connection!



Saturday, September 19th from 2:00 to whenever at Cheryl Hartman's. Plan on having a good time. Bring a finger food and a lawn chair. Drinks will be provided. There will be a pool table, small wading pool for the children, a badminton set and a crochet set. Need a ride? We will have a signup sheet for the Presbyterian Bus to pick you up! Let's get CONNECTED!

## Childs Day Out ~~~~

Wow! The first week of the program went very well. All parents and grandparents were very appreciative and all said they will continue bringing their little ones. The mom with the infant twins celebrated passing her nursing exams by having a morning off and taking a snooze! There is one more opening for a toddler and two openings for infants. We would like to thank all of our first week volunteers: Carol Carden, C.B. Roberts, Tom Pinson and Grace Goodeagle. Helen and

Pam couldn't resist helping and came out of their offices to lend a hand also. We couldn't have done the program without all of them.

We still need volunteers on a weekly basis, and remember this is only for Wednesday mornings. If you would like to deliver a small snack at 10:00 to the children (finger foods and drink –juice, cheese, crackers, fresh fruit etc.) or just read a book or two, watch over little ones or clean up. Just give the church office a call or tell Doris or Barbara that you would like to help out on a specific Wednesday.

## ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Join us for our Annual Pig Roast

(Does anyone know how long this has been a tradition?)

**Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**

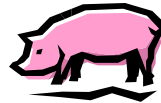
**Dick and Arlene Seybolt will again provide the delicious meat and the church will provide the bread and drinks. The congregation will round out our feast. If your last name begins with:**

**A-H bring salads**

**I-P bring veggies**

**Q-Z bring desserts**

**\*Remember\***



**Everyone bring your own table service (plates, silverware, glasses).**

**We are going GREEN ☺ and it's a picnic!**

**Let's celebrate this wonderful tradition of great fellowship and food.**

**See you there!**



## MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

### Pris Fullerton

For several generations Fullertons have been important members of our church. Pris is our Fullerton now!!! She was raised in Walters, Oklahoma, by her aunt, uncle, and grandmother. She began studying piano when she was five years old and by the time she was ten years old, she was accompanying older students and playing for the church. Her first two years of college were at Stevens College then she transferred to the University of Oklahoma where she met Sam (the third Sam Fullerton) who was in Law School. They were married as soon as Sam graduated from Law School.

As newly weds they moved to Miami. Sam began his practice of law. Their three children, Sam IV, Ann, and Bill were born and grew up in Miami. Pris was home with them when they were young, but later she began teaching music in the schools. She taught all of the grades from first to Seniors. As she accompanied youth in their singing, she gave them confidence in themselves. She taught for 24 years.

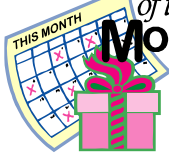
Sam served as Judge for 24 years. All through this time the Fullerton Ranch was active, featuring Angus cattle. Sam was President of the American Angus Cattle Association. He and Pris traveled extensively over the world. Pris said her favorite place was Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Pris is active in Pastor Helen's Tuesday morning class. She is on the Board of the Miami Public Library and the Board of the Miami Downtown Redevelopment Authority. She is an avid reader and likes to work Crossword Puzzles.

Her children all have busy lives and yet they come to spend time with Pris often. Sammy is an attorney in Tulsa. He has one daughter. Ann is the stay-at-home mother of five children. She lives in Dallas. Bill lives in Oklahoma City and sells Handicap Equipment.

Pris has lived in the Fullerton house on Elm for more than 40 years. She is important to our church and to the community.

## Birthdays of the Month



2nd— Nancy Niehaus  
 3rd— Sherry Hiebert  
 4th—Dolly Gray  
 5th— Patrick Russell  
 9th— Alexia Leggett  
 15th— Bill Giffhorn  
 17th— Grante Nolte  
 18th— Chris Clay  
 21st— Jessica Hobbs  
 22nd— Carla Grissom  
 26th— Billie Beck

### USHER DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER

**Ushers:** C.B. Roberts and Janie Clay

**Coffee Host:** Victoria Vazquez

### Communion Preparers:

Kathy Prince and Jeraldine Wilcox



# September 2009

**Every Wednesday**  
**Kum ba Yah** 3:45 Afternoon youth program  
 6:00 Congregational dinner  
 6:30 Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
We will have a neutral pulpit on Sunday September 20th.		1 10:00-Tuesday a.m. class	2 8:15-Childs Day Out	3 7:00-Men's Breakfast	4	5
6 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-Choir 10:30 Worship/Com	7 <b>Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed	8 10:00-Tuesday a.m. class	9 8:15-Childs Day Out 6:00-Kum ba yah 7:00 Choir	10	11	12
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20 <i>Loose Offering to Deacons</i> 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-Choir 10:30 Worship	21	22 10:00-Tuesday a.m. class	23 8:15-Childs Day Out 6:00-Kum ba yah 7:00 Choir	24	25	26  <b>8:00 a.m. Hearts &amp; Hammers</b>
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