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Sunday Services:

9:30 A.M.

Contemporary

Worship

10:30 A.M. Fellowship

11:00 A.M.

Traditional Worship

Wednesday Night:

5:30 P.M.

Wednesday Night

Suppers

6:30 P.M. Church
School

6:30 P.M. Bible Study

7:30 P.M. Chancel
Choir

The Grapevine

-a publication of the people of Fain Presbyterian Church

“ I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.” John 15:5 NIV

REV. RHODES STIPP,
INTERIM PASTOR

MAY 2009

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

I think Richard Avery and Donald Marsh really get it right with the theology in their Easter song: “*Every Morning is Easter Morning.*”

Every morning is Easter morning from now on!

Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!

Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance!

Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!

I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!

This Easter at Fain was a beautiful, Spirit-filled worship experience! Many folks have told me that they were moved by God's presence among us. Certainly it was a high-point that sets us on a new path as a faithful people united in our quest to follow where God is leading us. I believe that it is when we seek with all of our heart, mind and strength to follow where God is leading that we are most blessed! Again, this is expressed in the Avery and Marsh song:

Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but today look and see!

I belong to the Easter People! Life's exciting to me!

The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Palo Duro has agreed with the Fain Session that we are now unified and strong enough to elect a Pulpit Nominating Committee and begin a search for new pastoral leadership. Your Session has notified the Nominating Committee to bring to the congregation names for such a committee.

As we move in this new direction, I urge each and every one of us to support our efforts with prayer, encouragement and great joy! Let us leave behind our boredom, our divisions, anything that would hinder us from the exciting and joyful task at hand. With God leading us we will be blessed beyond anything we could ever deserve! Your Session is committed to keeping the congregation fully informed of our tasks and progress. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Peace and love,

Rhodes



"Happy May Birthday"

- 1 - David Martin
- 4 - Phyllis Minyard
- 6 - Rhodes Stipp, Brittney Martin
- 7 - John Wiedemann
- 9 - Pam Harvey
- 10 - Karon Rudnicki
- 11 - Carter Rainey
- 13 - Craig Draper
- 16 - Elizabeth Makia
- 18 - Linda Finley, Janet Tholen
- 23 - Wanda Gonzales
- 24 - Betsy Cook
- 27 - Bryant Bradley
- 28 - Leslie Adkins, George Parry
Lou Wagner
- 29 - Diana White
- 30 - Susan Stipp
- 31 - Steve Scharlach

MAY MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

May 6 - POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share



Wednesday
Night
Supper

May 13 - Leova's Enchiladas, Rice & Beans, Salad

May 20 - Catered meal, with speaker from
Texas Presbyterian Foundation

May 27 - Lasagna

Salad, Breadsticks

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BIRTHDAY OFFERING 2009

On May 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. the Presbyterian Women will be celebrating the Birthday Offering 2009 in the fellowship hall.

All women are invited and encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2009

- April 5 - 9:30 a.m. service - 14
- 11:00 a.m. service - 76
- April 12 - 7:30 a.m. service - 32
- Easter 11:00 a.m. service - 142
- April 19 - 9:30 a.m. service - 17
- 11:00 a.m. service - 64
- April 26 - 9:30 a.m. service - 18
- 11:00 a.m. service - 53

Deadline for the June newsletter
is Tuesday, May 26!

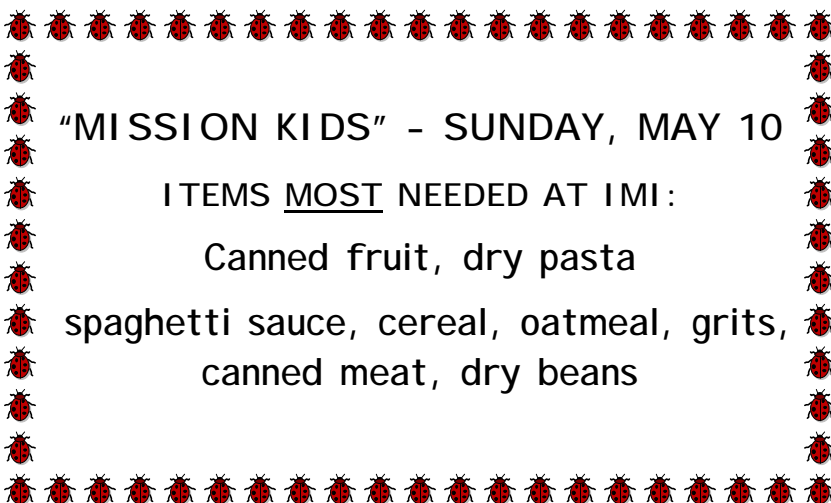


"MISSION KIDS" - SUNDAY, MAY 10

ITEMS MOST NEEDED AT IMI :

Canned fruit, dry pasta

spaghetti sauce, cereal, oatmeal, grits,
canned meat, dry beans





MISSION TRIP MEETING

On May 6th following the Wednesday Night Supper at 6:30 p.m., there will be a short meeting to discuss the mission trip to Louisiana. Anyone interested in participating and those already signed up, please make plans to attend.

Charles Peluse

Easter Joy delivered in Baskets

Students at Ben Franklin Elementary received Easter Baskets from Fain Presbyterian Church again. This year 47 baskets were put together with school supplies, hygiene items and Easter candy as well as a personal toy. A huge thank you to each and every one of you for donating supplies and money toward this worthwhile project!! Also thanks to everyone who helped "stuff" them after Wednesday Night Supper. It is so rewarding to see the children's faces light up when they see the baskets! We received a special surprise when a family whose two girls received Easter baskets showed up at the Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks again to everyone who helped make this project a success!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Fain Presbyterian Church members did a *great* job of sharing! One Great Hour of Sharing will receive a total of \$866.55 from our congregation! Thank you to everyone who filled up the fish banks and envelopes. Your donations help those in our community as well as around the world suffering from the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship.



Cookbooks for Mother's Day

There are just a handful of cookbooks left in the office! Did you forget anyone at Christmas that would enjoy having one? How about giving one as a Mother's Day gift? See Georgia in the office if you'd like to purchase one while we still have some left. They are \$10.

Faith Mission

This is just a reminder that our congregation serves the homeless at Faith Mission on the first Sunday and the second Tuesday of each month. Volunteers, cakes and donations are always welcome! (if you're leaving a cake in the freezer, be sure to mark it Faith Mission). Remember that the first Sunday is funded entirely on donations. If you'd like to make a donation, give it to Georgia in the office.

PARADE OF HOMES

The Parade of Homes is coming up Saturday, June 6 through Sunday, June 14. Fain Presbyterian will be selling and checking tickets at one of the homes, so we'll need lots of volunteers! This is a fun and easy volunteer opportunity! Sign up to work a weeknight shift (6-8 p.m.) or one of two weekend shifts (2-4, 4-6). Sign up sheet will be on the big bulletin board.

Zinnia Seeds

By now you should have gotten your bundle of zinnia seeds. This is an Outreach project that will get the name of Fain Presbyterian out in the community! Your seeds can be given to an exceptional waitress (in addition to the tip!), a friend or business colleague, your child's athletic coach, etc. Have fun with this! Make someone's day and give them some beautiful flower seeds to grow! If you missed church when the seeds were handed out, please see Georgia in the office for your "bundle".



NOTES FROM SESSION

The Fain Session met at 7:00 p.m. on April 27, 2009. Rev. Stipp opened the meeting with prayer and conducted a worship service. He introduced Chuck Massey, an elder from Bowie who serves on the Palo Duro Presbytery Committee on Ministry. Mr. Massey came to Fain to tell us the Presbytery is giving us permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee to begin searching for a permanent minister. Mr. Massey introduced Steve Sullwold, from First Presbyterian, Wichita Falls, who also serves on the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, who will be our contact throughout the search process.

Congregational Survey: Kevin Echols gave a report on the congregational survey. He said the results have been compiled and will be presented to the Session at the Session retreat scheduled for May 30, 2009. He reported approximately 161 surveys were mailed and 85 were returned.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte Echols reported paid pledges are behind. If contributions remain as of now, we will be \$28,000.00 short by the end of the year.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Stipp reported visitations, phone calls, meeting with committees and moderating the Session in Vernon. He also conducted the funeral service for member Beverly Ogier and conducted all Holy Week activities.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Kevin Echols said Melinda Hunt from Texas Presbyterian Foundation in Austin will be here on May 20th to present information on the importance of wills. She will speak following a catered dinner open to all members. Church school classes will be cancelled for the evening so everyone can attend the presentation.

Membership: Ronni Davis reported the church manuals are complete except for one small section on employment policies. The committee continues to contact by mail or phone members who have not attended regularly.

Outreach: Leslie Adkins reported only 4 have agreed to go on the Mission Trip scheduled for June. The committee agreed for Fain to be host for a Parade of Homes house during the Parade of Homes scheduled for early June. Packets of Zinnia seeds were distributed during the worship services on April 26th. One hundred dollars was contributed to the Back to School program in Wichita Falls and \$250 will be donated to the Salvation Army or Red Cross for fire victims. A sum of \$866.55 will be sent to One Great Hour of Sharing from Fain.

Worship: Rick Arme thanked all who helped with the Holy Week activities. He also announced that Diane Pelsue is considering the position of bell choir director.

Congregational Care: Joe Gonzales said all arrangements are in place for the Cream on the Top gathering to be held on April 28th.

Christian Education: The committee continues with plans for VBS with Trinity Presbyterian Church June 7-11 for children 3 years through 6th grade. The theme will be EDGE Experience: Discover God Everywhere. Mike Penn will conduct the adult class during VBS.

Building and Grounds: MC Porter he and David Morris put more clamps on the boards holding the sound cloth behind the cross to close the gap caused by the boards warping.

Nominating Committee: Rick Arme will replace Joe Gonzales on the committee.

Fellowship: LaRae Collins has agreed to be chairman of the Fellowship committee. She will be seeking committee members. Please volunteer to help her.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the current nominating committee form the Pastor Nominating Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have 7 people on the committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have 2 Session members on the committee.

The Session retreat will be held at Fain on May 30, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served. The regular May Session meeting will also be held at the retreat on May 30th.

Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 9:30 p.m.

Nancy Estes, Clerk



Hello again from the cake lady,

We had a very good month in April. I delivered 12 cakes to the State Hospital and when I arrived at Fain to pick them up Rhodes informed me Susan was busy baking 2 more. She and several others are so faithful in ALWAYS keeping our freezer full. How about thanking Susan, Dotsy, Betty Johnson, June, and Pauline for their contributions. It is a dangerous thing to single out individuals in a situation like this, but I do know their DNA and if I forgot to mention someone please let me know. You too can go into my DNA bank for cakes. Try it.....cakes are easier than some projects in life.

Just label your contribution with WFSH and place them in the freezer. You will make many patients quite happy on their birthday.

God speaks sometimes through our circumstances and guides us, closing doors as well as opening them. He will let you know what you must do, and what you must be. He is waiting for you to touch Him. The hand of faith is enough.

Peter Marshall

Until June (so soon?)

Georgia



"DEAD HEAT"

is a new book on the rack in the hallway.

"The stage is set for war" with oil prices rising, dictator threats, nuclear threats. Yet some people are prepared for the rapture.

The author Joel Rosenberg hopes some of this story will never happen.

Please sign card and return in 2 weeks.



***TAKE A MOMENT AND REMEMBER
OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES
THAT GAVE THEIR LIVES
SO WE CAN LIVE FREE!***

In Memory of Sammie
Kouri

By: Jim & Melissa Hogan
Mike & Karen Smith
Earl & Beverly Singleton



I wish to express my gratitude for all the prayers and thoughts for me during the past several months as I have been recovering from back surgery and post surgery complications. Fain members are the most gracious and caring of God's children in my book, and I praise God for all of you.



Allyn Arnold

In Memory of Beverly Ogier

By: Mike & Karen Smith
Deanne Smallwood, E.J. & Dotsy Hill
Bob & Doris Madera, James & Carolyn Story
Mike & Karen Smith,

Linda, Alecia Finley and Michael Ogier wish to say thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, food, phone calls given to us during mother's illness. God bless you all for your concern and love.

In Memory of Sam Lee

(Sandy Glawe's father)

By: Mike & Karen Smith
Bob & Doris Madera
James & Carolyn Story

Thank you to our friends at Fain for the many prayers, phone calls, cards, food and comforting words for my dad and family.

God bless you,

Sandy Glawe & Family

In Memory of Jerry Gamble

By: Joe & Nan Johnson

In Memory of Lucy Hoch

By: Joe & Nan Johnson

In Memory of Lee Johnston

Given to Presbyterian Women

By: Joe & Nan Johnson

In Memory of Lee Johnston

By: Earl & Beverly Singleton

HOSTS FOR THE MAY POTLUCK

Pauline Kouri

Carolyn Kouri

Catherine Porter

SIGN-UP SHEETS for servers for Wednesday night suppers are on the bulletin board across from the stairs. When you serve you get to personally greet everyone present!

Sunday, May 10, 2009

Mother's Day

Do something unexpected for your mother or someone that is close to you, maybe a shut-in!

Share God's love with a special lady



Your Legacy at Fain

Everyone leaves footprints. They are made by the positive impressions our lives leave on others. The apostle Paul knew that the people he influenced for Christ would be his “glory and joy” in eternity (1 Thessalonians 1:19-20). Thoughtful estate planning and making a will are two ways to make prints in the sand to help others recall our Christian beliefs and values.

What kind of footprints will the state leave as your legacy to family and friends? Will it be a reflection of the walk you had in life with your Savior, Jesus Christ?

This may be the time to update your present will or make a new one. If Fain has impacted your spiritual life or someone you love, why not make that known through a bequest in your will? A bequest may take on many forms, including a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets.

A catered, no-cost, dinner will be held Wednesday, May 20th at 5:30 pm. Melinda Hunt with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation will be speaking to us about wills and bequests. Topics include the importance of wills, present day options that benefit you right now, as well as those who wish to leave bequests after their death.

This is not a program only for the financially savvy. This is a plain English discussion on what your options are and how to get started on preparing your Legacy at Fain. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and education as we prayerfully consider how to leave those footprints, and bring a friend.

May you walk through this life knowing that your legacy at Fain will generate eternal results.



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The people of Fain Presbyterian Church seek to glorify God by leading people to Jesus Christ and membership in His family, by moving them towards Christ-like maturity and by equipping them for service in the church and in the world.

“Jack and the Beanstalk”

**May 14, 15, & 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Fain Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
2201 Speedway**

A modern day twist on a classic fairy tale.

Performed by a cast of local actors ages 7-47

Tickets: \$3.00 for ages 11 & under

\$5.00 for ages 12 & up

Cash or check only — tickets only available at the door

**ALL proceeds from this play will go to help with the medical expenses of
Andres Rios (a first grader) & Talon Mann (a third-grader).**

Both are students at Sam Houston Elementary School.

For more information, call 733-8553