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Sunday Services:

9:30 A.M.

Sunday School for All
Ages

10:30 A.M.

Fellowship

Chancel Choir

Rehearsal

10:45 A.M.

Worship Service

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

5:30 P.M.

Wednesday Night

Suppers

Followed by

Activities for children
and adults

7:00 P.M. Chancel
Choir

The Grapevine

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“ 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

FEBRUARY 2010

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

During the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany we have again been presented with the gift of incarnation, enfleshment, God with us! It is absolutely amazing and often hard to grasp. We have seen the adult Jesus baptized and begin his ministry. In his hometown he was first admired and then violently rejected. On February 14 we will celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord, where we see Jesus in glory before he begins the fateful road to Calvary.

February 17 is Ash Wednesday and we will again mark this with a worship service which will include the imposition of ashes. This is the official opening of the season of Lent, where we will walk with Jesus to his eventual rejection and crucifixion and joyous resurrection.

The C.E. Committee has ordered Lenten devotional materials that will enrich our journey. Lent is a holy and serious season. I pray your hearts will be touched as we again experience this holy season.

LENT

Lent is a Siberia of the soul;
winter's senile contradiction
between exuberant Epiphany
and awesome Easter.

A time when little light is seen
and that most hid.

A time when hope is trampled underfoot like salt.

Yet Lent again has bid us
pause for contemplation;
to mend torn wineskins;
to search and find
lost coins of introspection.

Peace and love,

Rhodes

Lent hovers in dark midwinter
doldrums; transforms withered
fig-tree-lives
into sycamore climbers.
Timidly we follow from afar
and deny even more than thrice.

Urgently we strive to grasp
the hem of Christ's garment,
for Lent is Easter's testament
that waits on yonder shore
with bread and wine prepared
beside a welcome fire.

From: *A Kaleidoscope of Christmas and Easter* by Joan Wyrick Ellison



*"Happy
February
Birthday"*

- 5 - Missy Morris
- 6 - Allyn Arnold
- 12 - Eric Hennington
- 16 - Joe Gonzales
- 18 - Mary Duncan
James Schuppener
- 20 - Joe Seibold
- 24 - Marshall Morris
- 26 - John Adkins
- 28 - Elaine Seibold

In Memory of Blake Kouri

By: Ed & Shirle Draper



FEBRUARY MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

February 3 - POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share



Wednesday
Night
Supper

February 10 - Smoked Sausage, Corn, Beans, Salad

February 17 - Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salad

February 24 - Lasagna, Breadsticks, Salad

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH
OF JANUARY 2010**

January 3	-	10:45 a.m. service	-	74
January 10	-	10:45 a.m. service	-	80
January 17	-	10:45 a.m. service	-	84
January 24	-	10:45 a.m. service	-	75
January 31	-	10:45 a.m. service	-	n/a



Ash Wednesday is February 17th.

We will have our service at 6:15
p.m. following Wednesday Supper.

Come and join us for this meaning-
ful service.



**Deadline for the March
newsletter is
Tuesday, February 23!**

"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

ITEMS NEEDED AT IMI:

Cereal, canned meat, macaroni & cheese, rice, soup, Personal soap
deodorant, toothpaste, Bleach, dish soap, laundry detergent



Faith Mission Dinners

If you haven't cooked and served dinner at Faith Mission yet, you should really consider volunteering to do so! It is quite rewarding to your heart and soul! Fain Presbyterian Church provides dinners on the first Sunday and second Tuesday of each month. Donations are needed to keep the Sunday dinners going. See Charles Pelsue for more information.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is coming up quickly! Remember that this is the mission we participate in annually at Easter that benefits the impoverished around the world. Even the smallest donation can make a huge difference in their quality of life (mosquito nets to prevent malaria, tree seedlings). Ash Wednesday is February 17th and is the date we will pass out the "fish banks". Drop your change in these banks and return to the church on Palm Sunday (March 28th) and Easter Sunday (April 4).

Valentine's Day Dinner

Last year's Valentine's Dinner was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended...therefore, we are going to have it again! We will provide entertainment and a delicious meal in an elegant surrounding (yes, the Fellowship Hall...transformed!). The cost of the dinner is \$12.50 per person, reservations only. Deadline for making reservations is Monday, February 8, 2010. See Georgia Edwards in the office to make your reservations and pay.



**Valentines
Dinner**

Mark your calendar: Saturday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. See you there!!

"Dinner Menu"

Salad

Chicken a La Orange

Garlic Potatoes

Steamed Broccoli with Lemon Pepper

Red Velvet Cake



LENTEN BOOKLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Lenten booklets will be available Sunday, February 14th for Lent.

Please take one per family.

PNC NEWS

The Pastor Nominating Committee interviewed two candidates by telephone and will interview two additional candidates. Please keep praying for God's guidance and for God's candidate to be evident to the PNC as well as the pastor.

Thanking you in advance,

Kevin, Ronni, Nan, Georgia, Carolyn, Leslie and James (PNC members)



REMINDER:

The flower calendar is on the bulletin board across from the stairs. There are still many Sundays available. Please fill in your name if you want to give flowers in memory of or in honor of or just because of. The flowers can either be purchased or from your garden.

Carolyn Kouri

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE is a Session Committee. Rick Arme and Diane Pelsue are currently on the committee. Rick is serving as moderator. The committee meets usually monthly to plan upcoming services as well as plan for special services such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost to name a few. The committee is also responsible for preparing the elements and setting up for communion and clearing and cleaning the communion service after worship. We also find ushers, greeters and liturgists for worship. We are responsible for the Children's time. While music plays an important role in worship, there are other key elements involved in putting together the service. We are looking for assistance from the congregation by way of new members for the committee. If you can serve in any one of the above capacities, we would appreciate it. For further information regarding the committee, you may speak to one of its members: Rick Arme, Diane Pelsue, Carolyn Kouri, Nan Johnson or Nancy Estes.

THE ROLE OF FAITH

"Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable — and, most of all, fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life, while faith rejoices in its God."

Harry Emerson Fosdick

"Faith doesn't get us out of trouble; faith gets us through it."

Anonymous

NOTES FROM THE SESSION

The Session of Fain Presbyterian Church met on January 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fain church library. Members present: June Limato, LaRae Collins, Alan Rainey, M.C. Porter, Ronni Davis, Davis Morris, Diana White, Janel Ponder Smith, and moderator Rhodes Stipp. Excused absences were granted to Rick Arme, James Estes, Mike Penn, and Diane Pelsue. June Limato was excused from the balance of the meeting after her committee report.

Rhodes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the group in a worship service.

In the absence of the clerk, Ronni Davis was appointed to take minutes.

Charlotte Echols presented the treasurer's report and review of the previous year.

In the 2009 budget update: \$323,622.00 was budgeted

\$289,302.00 was spent

\$243,648.60 was the year's income

(These figures do not include the \$100 thousand gift from Ryan Dillard.)

At present, no budget for 2010 has been approved. All committees are encouraged to try and reduce spending to meet a projected deficit of \$67,176.00.

Charlotte reminded the Session of the need to fill out an NIS form (found in the church manual) prior to spending money. Charlotte will locate the parameters set forth for spending money from the Centennial restricted mission fund account and distribute them to the members of Session. There was discussion regarding the use of the Centennial mission fund for funding the Fain Festival, Interfaith Ministries, and Faith Mission, thereby freeing up money to compensate for the current deficit in the budget. No action was taken.

The minutes of the December 7 meeting were approved as written.

Charlotte Echols was elected as Fain's treasurer for 2010. Nancy Estes was elected as Clerk of Session for 2010. Diana White will moderate the Congregational Care committee, Alan Rainey will moderate the Christian Education committee, Janel Ponder Smith will serve on the Finance committee, and Mike Penn will serve on the Outreach committee. Other Session members will retain their current positions. Janel Ponder Smith will serve a three year term on the Personnel committee. Janel Ponder Smith and LaRae Collins expressed interest in serving as commissioners to Presbytery in February. David Morris will serve as moderator of the Nominating committee. Janel Ponder Smith agreed to serve on the Nominating committee.

The membership stands at 150 members as of today.

In addition to the Clerk's printed report Rhodes noted that:

1. There is a letter from Les and Cindy Morgan posted on the bulletin board.
2. There is a letter form the Van der Steenstratens posted on the bulletin board.
3. Rhodes read a letter of introduction to Reverend Diane Oswald from Paul Strange as a potential candidate for pulpit supply.

Rhodes reported that he continues to fulfill his responsibilities in the ongoing life of Fain. He asks that Session help him stay aware of needs and concerns.

June Limato noted that there will be a Valentine's Dinner on February 13. By consensus, the Session decided not to allow guests to bring wine to that dinner. The G.A. Mission Challenge was tabled.

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June showed the Session members the Fain Church ad which was placed on the new Ben Franklin student folders which will be given to each child at the beginning of the next two semesters.

Christian Education

The Session approved the following people as teachers for the current quarter:

Leslie Adkins, Susan Stipp, Bob Gohlke, Ronni Davis and other class volunteers.

Worship and Music Committee

The Session approved the following dates for serving communion:

March 7, March 28, April 2, April 4, May 2, May 23, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 4, November 7, November 21, December 5.

The other committee reports required no Session action.

New Business

Diana White and Rhodes Stipp will talk to the Arme family regarding a possible fundraiser on their behalf.

The Session approved giving Charles Pelsue \$3500 for this mission trip to the Ukraine and offering up to \$500 in matching funds for the Homeless Teens Ministry in Nikolayov. The Session would like a financial balance sheet from Charles upon his return from the mission trip, outlining all his expenses paid for by the church.

The Session approved the use of the church building by Kerry Hughes for practicing and teaching music lessons.

The Session approved the use of the church building by the Wichita County Child Welfare Board on April 15, 2010 for a luncheon from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. for about 75 people. A form requesting building use must be filled out and placed on file in the office.

It was also noted that a baby shower for Kelli Busby will take place on March 21, 2010.

After sharing prayer concerns, Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer at 10:35 p.m.

Next meeting: February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronni Davis, acting clerk

THANK YOU



I would like to thank the congregation for their generous Christmas bonus. It is my privilege to share my talents with you. You have always been supportive of me and I appreciate all the love and kindness shown to me this past year. Thank you again for your generosity. God's blessing on each of you for the new year. Carolyn Kouri

Since Medieval times, Saint Valentine has been the Patron Saint of Lovers. The red rose the flower of love. The pear the fruit of affection. Rosemary the herb of remembrance.

He is an easy to prepare yet savory treat to serve on this day just prior to the Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent.

Creamy Cheese Pie

Crust

1/2 tsp. butter, unsalted

4 tbsp. graham cracker crumbs

1/8 tsp. ground cinnamon

Filling/custard

1 3/4 cups cream style cottage cheese

4 tsp. cornstarch

1/3 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla extract

1 tsp. lemon juice, fresh squeezed

1/2 lemon rind grated

2 eggs separated

1/4 cup sour cream

Stir the cinnamon into the cracker crumbs. Spread better over bottom/sides of a 9 inch pie plate. Preheat 350 degree oven.

In a mixing bowl blend cottage cheese, cornstarch and sugar. Add extract, lemon juice and zest and fold until missed. Beat egg yolks and sour cream in a separate bowl and add to cheese mixture. Beat egg whites until stiff BUT NOT DRY and fold into base mixture.

Pour mixture into prepared pie plate, place in preheated oven and bake until set — 25 minutes is average. Cool but do not chill. Serve with glaze of cherries, pineapple or rich dark chocolate.

Chef Charles McCormick



Dear Fain Friends,

Thank you all so much for the Christmas bonus. Again, it was a surprise since I've never worked where that happened. I was delighted. Thanks for thinking of me. Blessings to you all, Diane Pelsue