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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

MARCH 2010

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

The Worship & Music Committee is constantly looking for ways to do the very best job possible in planning, preparing for and leading our worship life as a congregation. I am very pleased to have two of our music staff, Carolyn Kouri and Diane Pelsue working with me on a weekly basis in the planning of worship. The Committee also is responsible for filling leadership roles in worship — that is securing people to serve as liturgist and ushers. We are constantly striving to make our worship time a meaningful, Spirit-filled experience.

Lately we have been looking at the part of worship we know as “The Offering.” Dean W. Chapman, in his book entitled *How to Worship as a Presbyterian* talks about the importance of offering. He suggests there are three duties of the offering.

1. The first duty of the Offering is preparation. This begins with a careful and prayerful consideration of our financial condition. We begin our preparation as we decide how much we will give back to God; and this also includes the way we prepare to bring our offering weekly.
2. The second duty of the Offering is presentation. The actual putting our offering in the plate is almost a sacrament. It represents us submitting and offering ourselves as living sacrifices to God. There are two important moments in offering. The first is individual, when we place our offerings in the plate. The second is the bringing of the offering of the community. As ushers bring the offering back to the front of the sanctuary, they bring the gifts and lives of the entire community!
3. The third duty of the Offering is promise. When we put our money into the offering plate, when we lay it before the throne of God, we are turning over a part of our future to God. However our gifts are used, we have laid part of our own future at God's throne.

During March we will make some slight changes in how we receive the offering. We will call for the offering, the ushers will receive our offerings, and they will then bring that offering to the front of the sanctuary with the singing of the Doxology, and finally the offering will be dedicated in prayer. We believe this will enhance the meaning of what our offering is about and bring a new sense of how we are trusting God to use all of our lives in loving and reaching out to our community and world! I pray God will richly bless us as we seek to be faithful in all aspects of our lives as Christians.

Peace and love,

Rhodes

*"Happy
March
Birthday"*



- 3 - Nancy Estes
- 6 - E.J. Hill, Diane Pelsue
Justin Morris
- 9 - Frances Jackson
Nicole Jones
- 14 - Dorothy Hughes
- 18 - Kayla Meany
- 22 - Carol Parry
- 23 - Neal Phifer
- 30 - Lana Gates
- 31 - Jeff Dillard

FEBRUARY MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

March 3 - POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share

March 10 - Corn Chowder, Sandwiches, Dessert

March 17 - Corned Beef, Cabbage,
Steamed Vegetables

March 24 - Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad

March 31 - Mission Wednesday
Beef Stew, Cornbread, Salad



Wednesday
Night
Supper

In Memory of Blake Kouri

By: Jack & Dorothy Robertson

In Memory of Ruby McCormick


By: Bob & Doris Madera



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

- February 7 - 10:45 a.m. service - 96
- February 14 - 10:45 a.m. service - 90
- February 21 - 10:45 a.m. service - 65
- February 28 - 10:45 a.m. service - n/a



 **Deadline for the April
newsletter is
Monday, March 29!**

"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY

MARCH 14, 2010

ITEMS NEEDED AT IMI:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Canned Corn

Canned Green Beans, Cereal, Oatmeal, Saltine Crackers

Personal Items: toothpaste, soap, deodorant



BLANKET SUNDAY

Once again, the Outreach Committee members are amazed at the generosity of the members of Fain Presbyterian Church! To date, \$1,381.00 was raised for the Blanket Sunday mission! That topped what was raised last year! Thanks to Betty Wagner for presenting to our congregation the value of our dollar with this mission. The earthquake victims in Haiti were surely helped with our money donated last year and it is heart-warming to know we helped. Who knows how our money donated this year will help people next year? Thanks to all who donated so generously to Blanket Sunday! You've made a difference!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Once Lent arrives, it's time to think about our annual One Great Hour of Sharing mission. Fish banks were handed out after the Ash Wednesday service. These banks are handy to keep around the house, so you can drop your change into them and turn them in either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Envelopes will be available to make a donation that way if you prefer. One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering to help people in over 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. The funds help make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more. Please consider a donation to this worthwhile mission.



EASTER BASKETS FOR FRANKLIN STUDENTS

Easter Sunday is April 4th, so it's time to get ready for the Easter Basket project for needy Franklin students! June Limato has the teachers working on their lists, so the project has started! This year, we have a good amount of school supplies, so we'll need to supplement with candy (Peeps, jelly beans, chocolate bunny), plastic eggs, "grass", and wrapping materials (lg. basket cellophane bags), combs and brushes, shampoo and soaps. You can always sponsor a child for \$25.00 donation or just make a donation in the amount of choice and we will shop for you! The students' faces light up when they see these beautiful baskets!! They are appreciated! Thanks for your support!

5TH WEDNESDAY FOR MISSIONS

Mark your calendar — Wednesday, March 31st is the 5th Wednesday for Missions! After the Wednesday Night Supper, we'll have a special guest with us to talk about a mission that we support as a congregation. These talks are an important way to get to know in detail about the missions. Look on the Outreach committee bulletin board for the announcement of March's speaker!

FAITH MISSION

We are still needing financial support to continue our Faith Mission dinners on the first Sunday of the month. The cost of this meal is approximately \$160.00 each month. If 16 people donated only \$10 per month, that would cover the cost! Money will be collected after Wednesday night supper. See Charles Pelsue or Leslie Adkins if you have any questions or want to donate. You may also make out a check and turn it in to Georgia Edwards in the office if you prefer. Thank you!

PNC NEWS

Those of us on the PNC are honored to represent Fain Presbyterian Church in the search for a pastor. We receive resumes from candidates through a variety of venues. The central office of the PCUSA sends out resumes which appear to match the pastor qualifications which we have outlined in our own church profile. Candidates themselves can self-refer. And you, the congregation, can submit names of candidates whom you would like us to interview. We carefully and prayerfully read through each of these lengthy resumes, ranking the candidates, ordering the candidates according to their rankings, arranging phone calls which average 30+ minutes, evaluating the candidates after the phone calls, making follow-up calls to determine the candidate's continued interest in Fain, all the while receiving additional resumes to add to the mix.

The good news is that we have a pool of nearly 50 candidates to study. Alternately, not all are good matches with our church. Occasionally a candidate who appears to be a great match will withdraw their resume for a variety of reasons...from accepting a call to another congregation to not hearing the call to come to Fain. So as a PNC, we have moments of excitement which can be followed by periods of frustration. What we await is that day when excitement turns into fulfillment...but all in God's perfect timing. So we ask the congregation to be supportive in words and prayers, knowing that this is not a task of speed. The right candidate could easily present next week...or might not present for some time to come.

Again, thank you for this honor of serving. And thank you for all your kind words of encouragement and prayers on our behalf.

We will be blessed!

Ronni, James, Georgia, Carolyn, Nan, Leslie and Kevin



CAKE LADY II

Thank you Georgia Pogue, the Cake Lady! We, your church family, appreciate the contributions you have made for many years to the welfare of patients in the state hospital. You were always faithful in delivering cakes for birthday celebrations. I realize you also had great support from members who regularly baked cakes. Fain Presbyterian Church is blessed to have so many people who care in so many ways for the less fortunate in our community. I ask that everyone continue to bake cakes and place them in the church freezer marked for the state hospital. I will be the new cake delivery person, but I will never be able to replace or fill the shoes of our dear Georgia.

Wanda Gonzales

PERKINS LECTURES

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This year the Perkins Lectures at First United Methodist Church will be March 7-8. This year's lecturer is Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. She will focus on the parables of Jesus.

The lectures will occur only on Sunday and Monday. On Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and on Monday at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

The lectures are a gift to our community and are open to the public at no charge.

NOTES FROM THE SESSION

The Session of Fain Presbyterian Church met on February 22, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. in the library.

Members present: June Limato, Alan Rainey, M.C. Porter, Ronni Davis, Davis Morris, Diana White, Janel Ponder Smith, Diane Pelsue, Rick Arme, Mike Penn, and moderator Rhodes Stipp. Excused absences: LaRae Collins and James Estes.

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

We learned today that Charlotte Echols was out of the country. There was no financial report.

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

The minutes of the January 25th Session meeting were approved with the following corrections: The approved Communion dates should read April 1 instead of April 2 and October 3 instead of October 4.

The membership stands at 148 members as of today, with the recent letter informing us that David and Betsy Cook had joined Wesley United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

Rhodes noted that:

1. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on February 14.
2. The Session received a letter from Charles Pelsue thanking us for our financial and prayer support for his upcoming mission trip to the Ukraine.

Rhodes gave a brief report of his activities in the past month. He noted that since our commissioners to Presbytery were not able to attend the recent meeting he did not go.

Alan Rainey reported that Sandy Glawe will begin the *Landscapes of Faith* series on March 10 rather than March 3.

The March newsletter will have an article addressing the order of worship for collecting the offering which will include the ushers presenting the offering at the front of the sanctuary for blessing.

Janel Ponder Smith advised that the budget is prepared and will be presented to the Session next month for approval.

The committee will meet with Mike Veresh this week to determine the best course to replace or update the air conditioning of the facility.

The G.A. Mission Challenge was tabled. The Session voted to approve the use of the Fellowship Hall by Poole Productions for their auditions and play presentation on April 30—May 2.

All personnel reviews have been conducted and will be filed.

NEW BUSINESS

Per a request from Betty Wagner, the Session approved granting Betty the authority to inventory the contents of the cabinet in the office under the auspices of the Finance committee, to destroy unnecessary materials, to report to the Session regarding all pertinent retained materials, to determine what is missing, and to access Session minutes for clarity.

After sharing prayer concerns, Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer at 9:05 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Ronni Davis, acting clerk



Thank you to the Chancel Choir and the congregation for your extremely generous Christmas gifts! Fain is a loving and warm church. I enjoy my time with all of you.

James Schuppener

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Thanks to all who came out on a Saturday night to attend the Outreach Committee's second annual Valentine's Dinner! It was a fabulous night indeed: Charles Pelsue cooked a scrumptious dinner, La-Rae Collins sang her heart out, Dorothy Hughes tickled the ivories, Pastor Rhodes Stipp emceed and performed a wedding vows renewal, and Charlotte and Kevin Echols set up a photography studio extraordinaire! Thanks to the volunteers who prepped, served and cleaned up the dinner as well as those who transformed the Fellowship Hall into a romantic setting! Congratulations to the winners of the gift cards and donated items! We hope all who attended had a wonderful time. Funds over and above cost will be tagged for a future mission trip.

THANKS TO FAIN FAMILY

Thank you to all of our Fain family for your faithfulness in helping expand the Kingdom of God. Your efforts in volunteering for the Faith Mission dinners and chapel services, the Valentine's dinner, and our recycling project is producing wonderful rewards.

The Faith Mission project is a moving experience and is a great help for those unfortunate people. A great thank you to all who have volunteered to help at the Mission.

Thank you to all who are bringing in their items to be recycled.

Charles Pelsue

MISSION TRIP TO UKRAINE

My tickets to Ukraine have been purchased. The dates for this mission trip are, May 6 through May 26.

There is a matching fund for \$500. If I collect \$500 it will be matched with another \$500. This extra \$1000 will be used for the teen ministry in Nikolaev, Ukraine. This ministry is devoted to homeless teens and for those whose parents are alcoholics and or drug addicts. To date, I have collected \$280 toward this matching funds challenge.

Thank you for all you are doing to help make this mission trip the best one I have been on.

Charles Pelsue has requested prayers for his coming mission trip to Ukraine, May 7 through May 26, 2010. He lists the following requests:

1. The Lord's favor in all travel going and coming.
2. The gift of wisdom, healing, preaching the Gospel, encouragement and any other gifts from the Holy Spirit.
3. Renewing relationships.
4. The possibility of preaching in the local Presbyterian church.
5. Strength to do all the Lord calls me to do on this mission trip.
6. Good health on this trip; good council to all who come to me for whatever reason.
7. Any other prayers the Lord puts on your hearts.

Many thanks for this help.

By the time this recipe reaches you, the Season of Lent will be well under way being the forty (40) weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve midnight. For those who observe the tradition of no meat(s) and fats, here is an easy to prepare dish fitting for any meal.

Egg and Cheese Pie

- 4 - whole eggs
- 1 - cup Swiss cheese, grated
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/2 - pint whipping cream
- 1 - cup parsley, chopped
- 1 - 9-inch pie shell, unbaked

In a mixing bowl combine eggs, nutmeg and cream and blend all using a fork. While doing this bake pie shell for 5 minutes at 400 degrees. Pour egg mixture into pie shell. Sprinkle in cheese and parsley and bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until done (brown on top). Serve hot or cold.

Also, this is March and let us recall the "Ides of March". We all recall this warning thanks to Wm. Shakespeare. March 15th, to the average Roman, was considered somewhat of holiday — food and drink. However, not so much for Julius Caesar who was assassinated March 15, 44 B.C.

At this time I want to thank everyone at Fain for the words of comfort during my mother's extended illness and her recent death. With faith and friends no one even walks a lonely road.

Charles I. McCormick

SALLY'S CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

- 2-3 lbs. fryer
- 6 tbs. butter
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 red, 1/2 green bell peppers, chopped
- Fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 lb. spaghetti
- 1 lb. Velveeta cheese
- 3 tbs. flour
- 1 qt. milk
- Nutmeg, salt & pepper to taste

Boil chicken until tender then remove the skin and bones. Chop chicken into small pieces. Cook spaghetti in the broth of the chicken. Saute onion and bell peppers in butter until clear. Add flour and milk and cook a minute or so. Add cubed cheese and let it melt in sauce. Combine with chicken and spaghetti and add nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. Bake slowly at least 45 minutes at 300 degrees. This can be prepared the night before it is baked.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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.

Baby Shower

For Kelli Busby

When: Sunday,
March 28

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Where: Fain

Fellowship Hall

Registered:

Target & Toys R Us



Christian Education will be offering two (2) Bible study classes on Wednesday nights for adults.

1. Scripture reading Bible study in the parlor will continue.
2. New Bible study in the library is a 10-part series "Landscapes of Faith" by Mary Ann McKibben Dana, Presbyterian pastor will begin March 10 at 6:30 p.m.



Did you ever wonder why God chose these locales? Geography plays a fascinating role in the Bible. Human history begins in the Garden of Eden and travels through to Mount Sinai, the Red Sea, the desert and wilderness, city of Jerusalem and towns of the Decapolis. Come and explore the travels with us.