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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

MAY 2010

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

I pray that you are enjoying this beautiful season of Easter. I love the opportunity of celebrating Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord, in the springtime. As the trees come to life again and flowers bloom, I am mindful that Easter celebrates our God as a God of life and light. Death still exists but it is no longer the final word for any of us!

The Book of Acts tells the story of the very earliest church. In chapter five we find the odd story of Ananias and Sapphira. In following the suggestion of Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, I think back to where we heard this story in the Hebrew Scriptures. In Acts, Peter asks Ananias: “why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...?” I believe this is God’s basic question to Eve in the Garden — a story of the creation of the world. At the end of the story in Acts, chapter 5 verse 11 we read: “And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard these things.” We often don’t realize that this is the first time the word church appears in the Biblical story! This church is something new. I would suggest that it is indeed new! It is God’s new creation on earth that was given to the world on Easter.

Sister Melannie Svoboda reminds us: “Wherever fragile life is cared for, where tears are wiped away, where the lonely are visited, where forgiveness is extended, where a hungry child is being fed, where honesty and integrity abide, where genuine peace is established, where an unjust situation is being made just — all these are seeds of the Resurrection, seeds of new life. The Resurrection is not only a past or future event. It is already in process here and now.”

We have the opportunity, actually, the charge, to make the Resurrection known to those around us, and to all the world! As we share the “seeds” of the Resurrection the creation of the church continues.

This is Easter’s promise! This is Easter’s joy! What else can we say but Alleluia!!

Peace and love,

*"Happy
May
Birthday"*



- 1 - David Martin
- 4 - Phyllis Minyard
- 6 - Rhodes Stipp
Brittany Martin
- 7 - John Wiedemann
- 9 - Pam Harvey
- 10 - Karon Rudnicki
- 16 - Elizabeth Makia
- 18 - Linda Finley, Janet Tholen
- 23 - Wanda Gonzales
- 28 - Leslie Adkins, George Parry
Lou Wagner
- 29 - Diana White
- 30 - Susan Stipp

MAY MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

May 5 - POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share

May 12 - Sloppy Joes, Chips, Salsa, Salad

May 19 - Roast Beef, Mixed Vegetables, Salad

May 26 - Ham, Sweet Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole



Wednesday
Night
Supper

GODSPEED TO CHARLES PELSUE

Charles Pelsue will be on his mission trip to the Ukraine from May 6-26. Please include him in your prayers for safe travels and blessings!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010

April 4	- 10:45 a.m. service - 121
Easter Sunday	
April 11	- 10:45 a.m. service - 62
April 18	- 10:45 a.m. service - 71
April 25	- 10:45 a.m. service - 72



**Deadline for the June
newsletter is
Monday, May 24!**

"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY

MAY 9, 2010

ITEMS NEEDED AT IMI:

Soup, crackers, macaroni & cheese, cereal, hot dogs

Canned meat, toilet paper, paper towels

Household cleaning supplies



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful program... \$953.66 was raised! Your generosity will help those needy in a variety of ways around the world as well as here in the United States. Thank you!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S PARADE OF HOME

With June right around the corner, you can count on another great Parade of Homes tour! We'll need plenty of volunteers (it's sooo easy!) to "man" one of the homes. The job consists of greeting people and checking/selling tickets. When you're asked to volunteer, we hope you'll say "yes". Someone on the Outreach Committee will have a sign up sheet, so be ready! More details to come!

EASTER BASKETS

Thanks to all who donated money and items to fill 38 Easter baskets for needy Ben Franklin Elementary students! This project takes a lot of planning and coordination, but is worth all of the work when I see the surprised, smiling faces of the children who come with their parents to pick up the baskets! Thanks for your generosity and helping to make the life of a child happier, even if it's just on one day, Easter Sunday. Our hope is that this will show these youngsters, many who have a tough life, that God cares about and loves them.

FAITH MISSION DINNERS

Fain Presbyterian Church continues to feed the hungry at Faith Mission twice a month. (first Sunday and second Tuesday) We have been feeding a range of 80-100 people, depending upon the weather (colder weather brings out more people). The homeless eat well when we cook for them...sample menu items include Charles' famous goulash, fiesta chicken and rice, fish fry and beef stroganoff. Charles Pelsue heads up this important outreach program and has a good support of church members (regulars). He can always use another volunteer or two, so if you've been wanting to help out, give him a call or just show up! You'll have fun and feel blessed to help others!

GA MISSION CHALLENGE

Session has approved the Outreach Committee's suggestion of donating \$5,000 per year for three years to the General Assembly's Mission Challenge. The money will come from our Centennial Mission Fund and will support the increase of global mission workers from 175 in 2008 to 210 by the end of 2010. This will help with additional funding needed in excess of \$10,000,000 to cover their support for a three-year term. We are blessed to have the Centennial Mission Fund and are duty bound to share this blessing to further God's message.



POWERPACKS FOR KIDS

With the school year quickly coming to a close, the Outreach committee would like to give a great big THANK YOU to Diane Felix, who has been coordinator of the Powerpack for Kids for the past two years. Diane has coordinated between the Food Bank and the Franklin school counselor and has tirelessly delivered 25-41 bags of food weekly! (not to mention organizing the items for packing after Wednesday night supper occasionally). She will not be able to continue this job next year, if you feel so inclined, let someone on the Outreach committee know of your interest. In the meantime, please let Diane know you appreciate all her hard work! She's done a terrific job!



There are a few new books in the library. Check them out!

1. Sign the card in the book and place in the box.
2. When you return the book, please return the card from the box and put in the book.

A THANK YOU FROM LOUISIANA FOR EASTER BASKETS!

The Dalton family from New Orleans, La. would like to thank everyone for being so kind and for loving with our family. My grandkids; Odairy, Aric and A'Keiriyon are blessed to have you enter into their life. So from the grandma Lois Otis, may God Almighty continue to bless you because you are a blessing to others.



Love always,

The Daltons, the Otis family



Dear Fain Friends!

Wow! Ya'll are super duper helpers with the Ben Franklin Power Pack lunches. I could never do it without you and I appreciate your help so much! Thank you!

Rick and I want to say "thank you" in the most sincere way. We probably would not be able to be here in Chicago without the help of our church family. We thank you for all the prayers and encouragement we receive everyday! E-mails, face book, cards—they all put a smile on our face. This facility is spiritually focused which has provided us with a "New Hope". We are still praying for total healing. We are receiving a strong feeling of faith healing among all the patients here. With trust in the knowledge of the doctor's combined with the spiritual inspiration, we feel like we've found a winning combination.



See you soon, Peggy and Rick

THANK YOU, DEAR FRIENDS

Dear Fain Friends,

I want to sincerely thank you all for your prayers and concern during my mother's recent cancer surgery and treatment. She said to let you know how much she appreciated knowing you were thinking of her all the way up here, and let you know your prayers worked! She was also thrilled each week to receive the cards from the Men's Prayer Group, what a great ministry you guys have. She is regaining her strength more each day, and we feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family who demonstrates their faith and love as all of you do. May God continue to bless you all.

Love to all, Lana

NOTES FROM THE SESSION

The meeting was opened with a prayer and a worship service led by Rev. Stipp.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte Echols gave the following report:

Year to date budgeted income	\$111,187.36
Year to date actual income	\$137,532.12
Year to date budgeted expenses	\$100,693.28
Year to date actual expenses	\$98,451.45

Clerk's Report:

1. A representative from the Christian Women's Job Corps spoke following the 5th Wednesday night dinner on March 31st.
2. 2 Holy Week activities included the following:
 - a. April 1st Maundy Thursday worship service and communion at 7:00 p.m.
 - b. April 2nd, Good Friday worship service at 1:00 p.m.
 - c. April 4th, Easter Sunday worship services and communion at 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
 - d. Brunch was served on Easter Sunday following the 7:30 a.m. worship service.
3. A thank you note was received from Pat Wolverton thanking Fain for the use of the building for an awards luncheon of the Child Welfare Board on April 17th.
4. A letter was received from James Estes with two suggestions to be discussed at the April Session meeting.

Statistical Report: 148

Pastor's Report: Rev. Stipp continues to make hospital and shut in visits as well as many emails and phone calls. He took home communion to James and Carolyn Story, Lou and Betty Wagner, Phyllis Minyard and Una Royal. LaRae Collins and Karen Smith assisted him. He attended the Brush Arbor Gospel Songfest and Pot-Luck at First Presbyterian, Wichita Falls on April 25, 2010. He attended two meetings of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in Lubbock, Tx. Matthew Thompson, former member of Fain, was ordained at the February meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery and will serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Lamesa.

Standing Committee reports:

Worship and Music: Diane Pelsue reported the bells and praise music were part of the worship service on April 18, 2010. On April 25, a rose was placed on the pulpit in honor of the birth of Noah Miller Busby on April 22nd. His proud parents are Wade and Kelli Busby. A discussion on the flow of the worship service was discussed. We are reminded to sit down following the Prayer of Dedication. A Service of commissioning for Charles Pelsue as he prepares for his mission trip to the Ukraine will be held during the worship service on May 2nd. Friederike Wiedemann will be preaching on May 9th.

Congregational Care: The committee continued preparation for the Cream on Top Spring Tea on April 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Membership: Ronni Davis reported that cookies are given to visitors who attend the Sunday morning worship service. The Session discussed ways to bring in new people to the church and how to include them in the activities of the church.

Outreach: Over \$700.00 was raised in the One Great Hour of Sharing. Fain provided 38 Easter baskets for students at Ben Franklin Elementary. Zinnia seeds should arrive soon for church members to distribute. The committee decided Fain would again participate in hosting a home in the Parade of Homes in June. The committee donated \$100.00 to the Project Back to School fund.

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Christian Education: Four graduates will be honored during the May 23rd worship service. A reception will be held in Celebration Hall following the worship service. Another planning session was held with Trinity Presbyterian concerning VBS. The committee wishes to have a spaghetti lunch following worship on May 16th to raise money for children's camps. The Session voted favorably for this project. "Sermons for Kids" will be used for Sunday School material during the summer.

Building and Grounds: The asbestos removal has been completed. The unit has been installed for the kitchen and the fellowship hall will be finished soon. Ferguson-Veresh has asked for a \$50,000.00 payment in May. The \$50,000.00 gift will be used to cover that payment. The committee is also looking at the grounds around the church for possible improvements.

Fellowship: The church picnic will be June 13, 2010, at the church beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Finance: A financial review committee for reviewing the 2009 financial records is being formed. A sum of \$14,889.81 will be available for the Outreach committee projects. The funds are from the Centennial Mission Fund.

Pastor's Nominating Committee: It was noted that two individuals have been visited by the committee.

Old Business: James Estes distributed a letter suggesting that the Nominations committee be given the task of identifying possible individuals for the honor of Elder Emeriti. He moved "to instruct the nominations committee to search for 2-5 persons to be named as Elder Emeriti." The motion was seconded. Following a discussion, the vote was favorable.

New Business:

1. James Estes read a statement concerning the use of the church building for political purposes. The following motion was made and seconded: "to amend the Church manual to prohibit the use of Fain Presbyterian Church property and facilities for commercial and partisan political activities to ensure that Fain is in compliance with federal IRS regulations." Following a discussion, the vote was favorable.
2. It was proposed changing the word "committee" as in Worship committee to "ministry teams". The new title would be Worship and Music ministry team. The Session agreed by consensus.
3. Rev. Stipp requested vacation days of May 6, 9, and 10. The Session granted his request.

Following caring and sharing, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:55 p.m.

Nancy Estes, Clerk



FUNDRAISER FOR



SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, May 16th following our 10:45 a.m. worship service, we are having a spaghetti lunch with salad, breadsticks and dessert! All donations will be accepted. Camp dates posted on children's and main bulletin boards.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Fain Presbyterian Church will be recognizing our senior high graduates: Caroline Gray, Rickey Limato and Peter Loftus on Sunday, May 23rd at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. There will be a reception with cake and punch following the service. Please join us to congratulate our seniors on a job well done!



VBS JUNE 6-10

This year we are headed to Trinity Presbyterian Church at the corner of Phillips and Hughes for Vacation Bible School!!

Ages 3 - adult — "Baobab Blast" is an open invitation to be a part of God's Great Get-Together. Set under the impressive baobab tree, this program gives kids and adults the opportunity to hear the word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations, and be part of a supportive community.

At 5:15 p.m. there will be a light supper with the program to follow. We will be dismissed at 8:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the children! Please contact committee persons for information and to sign up to volunteer. There will also be a sign up sheet on the main



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2010 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Monday, May 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. the Presbyterian Women will be celebrating the 2010 Birthday Offering, with the theme of "Train Children in the Right Way". This is a great opportunity for us to gather and fellowship with one another beginning with refreshments. All women are invited to attend.



ATTENTION FAIN MEMBERS

We had quite a few visitors at worship on Easter Sunday. One of them took the time and effort to send us the following e-mail. It is a pleasure to share it with you!

Dear Fain Presbyterian Church Family -

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your gracious welcome at the Easter Sunday service. Your open-hearted kindness made my friend and I feel as though we were part of the community with just one visit. Even though I will not be able to join you in worship again I will not forget the open doors with which I was received. I wish everyone at Fain Presbyterian the best, and please remember that your warmth does not go unnoticed.

Respectfully yours,

Stephanie Boyer

As followers of Jesus the Christ, we are all called to show hospitality. Know that your efforts are very important, and gratefully appreciated. Thanks for a job well-done!

MSU ORATORIO & COMBINED CHOIRS

Dr. James Schuppener, Dr. Susan Harvey and Betty Wagner, our beloved choir member invite you to a concert by Midwestern State University combined choirs on Sunday, May 9, 2010, (Mother's Day) at First Christian Church on Taft at 2:00 p.m.

The Midwestern State University Oratorio Chorus and MSU Combined Choirs will present:

"MAGNIFICAT" (My Soul Doth Magnify God)

By Giovanni Battista Pergolesi and

"GLORIA"

By Antonio Vivaldi

This will be Betty Wagner's 50th concert singing with the original Community Civic Chorus which was later phased into the present Oratorio Chorus. In July, our Betty Wagner will have sung in Fain's Sanctuary Choir for 58 years. Wow!! Thanks Be to God for Her Life of Service to our church and community!!! The orchestra at Sunday's concert will include members of Dr. Schuppener's family. This concert would be a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day! See you there.





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