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Church

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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

7:30 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

SEPTEMBER 2010

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

The end of August — first of September has always been a very meaningful time for me. In many ways it is more significant that a new year's beginning. We have all been children and know the excitement or trepidation of a new school year. This is also a time when summer vacations come to an end and we look forward to new routines and opportunities. This is true of church calendars also. If we have taken a break from Sunday School, then we begin again. At Fain we took a break from Wednesday night suppers and activities in August, so this Wednesday we begin again. The choir has been on a long break; they too begin again with rehearsal this Wednesday evening! Another break for Fain has been this interim period as we have worked toward the calling of a new installed pastor. I am sure you can think of other new beginnings in the world or maybe even in your life.

Isaiah 65:17-18 has always been a very important gift to me. Sometime this scripture is read at funerals, but it has meaning for us at many points in our lives. Read it again: God speaks through the prophet saying: *“For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; for the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.”*

I am not sure we ever grasp how powerful these words are. The book of Isaiah opens with God's lawsuit against Israel. How our fore-parents had strayed from God's dreams for them. Now God is beginning again. Not like the flood, but with a new beginning, a new opportunity to walk faithfully with God. I sense the excitement, the newness, and the assurance that nothing new should ever be frightening if we are walking with God.

I pray this fall's programs will be a blessing for all of us. I pray a new pastor and new ways of being the church will move this congregation in ever new and exciting paths of faithfulness and service. When changes come, I encourage you to remember that God will be walking with you and will be faithful in the future as God has been abundantly faithful to you in the past.

I close with the first verse of a new song entitled *“Sing a New Song to the Lord.”* “Sing a new song to the Lord, he to whom wonders belong! Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power. O sing to the Lord a new song!”

Peace and Love,

Rhodes



*"Happy
September
Birthday"*

- 2 - Eric Arme
- 3 - Jane Ponder
Margaret Scharlach
- 10 - Nan Johnson, Pauline Kouri
- 11 - Paul Redding
- 13 - Sheree Phifer
- 15 - Charles McCormick
- 16 - Mike Penn
Charlene Wilcox
- 20 - Christopher Collins
- 25 - Kaitlyn Kouri

**SEPTEMBER MENU FOR FAIN
CAFÉ**



Wednesday
Night
Supper

September 1 - "Potluck" Bring a dish
or dessert to share

September 8 - Pulled Pork, potato
salad, baked beans, salad

September 15 - Mediterranean Chicken, green
bean casserole, mashed potatoes, salad

September 22 - Skillet Burgers,
steamed vegetables, salad

September 29 - Shrimp Creole, salad, garlic
bread sticks

ATTENTION SINGERS AND RINGERS!!

SANCTUARY CHOIR WILL MEET SUNDAY MORN-
ING, SEPT. 5 AT 10:15 TO REHEARSE SUNDAY'S
ANTHEM

CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES SEPT. 8 AT 7:30 P.M.

BELL CHOIR RESUMES SEPT. 13 AT 5:00 P.M.

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

August 1 - 10:45 a.m. service - 71

August 8 - 10:45 a.m. service - 88

August 15 - 10:45 a.m. service - 68

August 22 - 10:45 a.m. service - 67

August 29 - 10:45 a.m. service - 84



**Deadline for the
October
newsletter is
Monday, September 27!**

"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

ITEMS NEEDED AT IMI:

Deodorant, canned beans (red, green, pork & beans), cereal,
canned meat, rice, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit,

Macaroni & cheese, toilet paper/paper towels



**CAN YOU HELP?
VOLUNTEER (S) NEEDED!!**

Summer is nearly over and you know what that means! School will be starting again soon! The Outreach Ministry Team will be participating in the PowerPaks for Kids program again, and we need one or two volunteers to take over Diane Felix's job. This person (s) will be a liaison between Ben Franklin school (counselor) and the Food Bank. Also, this person will need to keep the food supply stocked and deliver bags weekly to the school. This is not a hard job and two people can easily divide the work. It's an important job!! Are you our volunteer???



Power Paks for Kids

Fain Family,

The James Story family want to thank all of our loving friends at Fain. Thanks to the Bell Choir for the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary, for the women and the lunch in May for James family and friends, those who came to our home, and Ronni's help with the sale of James' car, which he enjoyed. There are so many other ways people were always there. The prayer shawl ministry and all the prayers that were there for James and his family.



Love to all,

The James Story Family

P.S. He loved Fain with his whole heart and his friends.

Dear Fain Church,

Thank you for the money you gave to help me go to Colorado for church camp. I went to Sonlight Christian Camp and had lots of fun. We went whitewater rafting, lots of messy games, hiking, Bible study, campfires, crafts, rock climbing, geocaching and more. I would love to show pictures and a video to you. Our theme was spies. Thank you for helping.

Love,

Carter Rainey

To our Fain Church family,

Thank you so much for the "prayer ministry" throw you gave to Rich and I on our last Sunday there. We will treasure it as much as we have treasured the friendships we have made over the last 10 years at Fain Presbyterian Church. We will certainly miss everyone and appreciate your kind thoughts as Rich and I start our next adventure in life! Don't worry, though, we will visit! And we hope that when any of you are in the area, you'll visit us as well.

June and Rich Limato

NOTES FROM SESSION

The Session met on August 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fain Church library.

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

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. The minutes of the June 28 Session meeting were approved with one correction.

The membership stands at 146 members as of today, with the Session approving Richard Saied's request to be moved to active status.

Rhodes gave a pastor's report highlighting his service on the Administrative Commission to the Presbytery which will handle the closing of the First Presbyterian Church of Iowa Park. Rhodes continues to work closely with Carolyn Kouri and Diane Pelsue in planning worshipful music and worship experiences. He noted that we had a special emphasis each Sunday in August. Rhodes leads worship at Midtown Manor every six weeks or so. He is planning on attending a meeting of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and a called Presbytery meeting on Thursday of this week. He continues to meet with prayer group on Tuesday morning and the men's coffee group on Monday mornings as well as comforting the aging and seriously ill members.

Christian Education - There is still some discussion regarding Wednesday evening and Sunday classes. Rhodes will lead an intergenerational gathering after the September 1 potluck dinner.

Worship and Music - By consensus, the Session approved a free-will offering for the Mad Medics and their benevolent causes on Sunday when they are at Fain Church to help lead worship. Communion will be on September 5.

Finance Committee - Committee and Ministry Team Moderators are asked to prayerfully consider their budget needs for the coming year. Building and Grounds and Finance will change their names back to "committees" while the others will continue on as "ministry teams".

Membership - We are still updating pictures in the membership directory. We have had many visitors during the summer. We have updated the manual to include the phrase "ministry teams" where appropriate. It was suggested that our web address be added to the front information page of the membership directories.

Building and Grounds - The committee is finishing up projects, two of which are restriping the parking lot and building a cage around the AC units.

Outreach - By consensus, the Session approved the Fall Festival to be held on October 9th with the possibility of having Open Mike Night that same evening. There was a suggestion that the Fain information which is placed in the Times Record News should also be placed in the Senator at Sheppard AFB as well as the Iowa Park newspaper.

Fellowship - The all-church ice cream social will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall this coming Sunday.

Congregational Care - The Session approved the use of Fain Church for the wedding of Kaitlyn Kouri on June 4, 2011.

Personnel Committee - Each committee/ministry team is advised that the staff personnel reviews are due. Nan Johnson and Peggy Arme were approved by the Session to serve as congregational members of the Personnel Committee for 2010 should they accept the call.

PNC - The committee has reviewed 88 PIF's.

Nominating - It was noted that it is time to secure nominations for Session members for the next class.

New Business - James Estes volunteered to go to the called meeting of the Palo Duro Presbytery this coming Thursday, August 26, with Rhodes Stipp. The Session approved a motion to review the procedures and protocols within each committee's/ministry team's section of the manual. Ronni Davis will place September Session prayer lists in each member's mail slot.

Adjournment - After sharing prayer concerns, Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer at 10:30 p.m. Next meeting: September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronni Davis, acting clerk

MEETING NOTICE

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Wichita Falls, in conjunction with the Common Life Ministry of the Palo Duro Presbytery, wishes to invite Area 3 congregations and other interested folks for a time of conversation and reflection on the 219th General Assembly, its actions, its implications for ministry, and required action from the presbyteries.

At 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 26, 2010, Commissioners and observers to the 219th General Assembly, will meet with members of Area III to begin these conversations.

Further information and details will be forthcoming. The Common Life Ministry wishes to provide similar opportunities in Areas 1, 2, and 4. Questions can be directed to Common Life Ministry Moderator, Rev. Ruth E. Clendenin (First, Wichita Falls, ruth@myfirstpres.org).

In Memory of Phyllis Minyard

By: Robin Gohlke Peterson

In Memory of James Story

By: Robin Gohlke Peterson

In Memory of Shirle Draper

By: Pauline Kouri



September



<p><u>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1</u> 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper Activities for children and Adults</p> <p><u>THURSDAY, SEPT. 2</u> 6:00 p.m. PNC</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY, SEPT. 12</u> MISSION KIDS 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Chancel Choir 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Kinship</p> <p><u>MONDAY, SEPT. 13</u> 10:00 a.m. Men's Coffee 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir Ministry Team and Committee Meetings 6:00 p.m. Worship/Music Outreach 6:30 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed.</p> <p><u>TUESDAY, SEPT. 14</u> 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group 6:00 p.m. Faith Mission</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15</u> 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper Activities for children and Adults 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p><u>THURSDAY, SEPT. 16</u> 6:00 p.m. PNC</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY, SEPT. 19</u> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Chancel Choir 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Kinship</p> <p><u>MONDAY, SEPT. 20</u> 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m. Men's Coffee 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir</p> <p><u>TUESDAY, SEPT. 21</u> 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22</u> 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper Activities for children and Adults 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p><u>THURSDAY, SEPT. 23</u> 6:00 p.m. PNC</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY, SEPT. 26</u> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Chancel Choir 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Kinship</p> <p><u>MONDAY, SEPT. 27</u> 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m. Men's Coffee 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Session</p> <p><u>TUESDAY, SEPT. 28</u> 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29</u> 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper Activities for children and Adults 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p><u>THURSDAY, SEPT. 30</u> 6:00 p.m. PNC</p>
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