



First Presbyterian Church of Hemet

FIRST WORD

June 1, 2009

Sundays, come join us for...

- 9:00 am
The Heritage Service in the Chapel — Old time hymns and verse by verse Bible Study
- 10:00—10:30 am
Fellowship on the Patio
- 10:30 am
The Sanctuary Service

Pastor's Column

Dear Friends,

Last summer I was looking forward to spending a month in cool Scotland. That was a fun trip but so is a summer in Hemet. Things are different here in the summer, less hectic. Sunday worship is casual, relaxed and sometimes more unusual than even I plan or expect. I've scheduled some pool parties on Tuesday evenings with the high school students, the same on Thursday evenings with the middle school students, a couple of beach trips in the bus,



Pastor Larry Thorson

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Sack Lunch Program

The Lord provides in abundance every day in every way. Thank you to all the wonderful people who volunteer to give out lunches five days a week, and all those who donate groceries and money to keep the program going.

In January and February about 250 lunches a month were given out, but in March and April it grew to 350 each month.

The Old Mission Thrift Shop has provided vouchers so those in need can go there and get clothing. Another source makes sure that Bibles are always available for everyone.

The food products needed are: individual cans of Vienna Sausage or pork and beans, individual packets of juice, apple sauce or other fruit cups, crackers

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and cheese and nutrition bars. We also provide a couple of mints, a spoon and a napkin.

A constant need for food makes your generous giving necessary and very much appreciated.

Thanks again and God bless.

Shirley Jouglard
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Library News

Vacation Time — June, July and August.

One year when traveling in the Teton area we visited the Chapel of the Transfiguration in Moose, Wyoming. It is just a small wooden chapel built in 1925 and has a beautiful view of the Teton Mountains. The following prayer was in the chapel:

A PRAYER FOR VACATION

Loving Father, who didst make this earth so fair; open our eyes to see its wonders and our hearts to feel its beauty. In our days of refreshment and recreation draw us nearer to Thee through the things which Thou hast made. May the joy of Thy sunshine, the quiet of Thy forests, the murmur of thy streams, and the steadfast strength of Thine everlasting hills teach us the deep secret of Thy peace. Calm our fretful spirits; deepen the current of our shallow lives. Renew in us faith and courage, physical strength, and spiritual vision that we may know ourselves to be safely held in Thy strong hands and may joyfully conform our lives to Thy great purposes. From this life, so near to nature's heart, may we drink in new strength to help us reach the restless hearts of men. Give us Thy secret and the power to share it with our fellows that we may go back to the world and its duties stronger, simpler, and sweeter: and may become more worthy messengers of him who saw His Father's goodness in the sparrows flight, and His Father's love in the beauty which clothes the lilies of the field. We ask it for His dear sake. Amen.

By Hugh L. Burlesson

The Book Cart will be on the patio in the shade unless it is too hot. The Library is always open (it has air conditioning) for comfortable browsing. Let me know about the good books you read over the summer.

Have a wonderful summer.

Bernice Cole



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a seven week summer camp in the Family Center finishing up with a great week long Vacation Bible School starting August 10. We'll even have some small groups running throughout the summer. In mid August Martha and I are planning to go up to San Jose for a week when she gets a break from her masters program at Chapman.

If you're going to be around this summer there'll be something for everyone at FPC. If you're going to be traveling don't forget to tell me where you're going and bring a bulletin back from the worship service you attend when you get back. May you have a safe and Christ filled summer. Remember Christ will be with us regardless of the temperatures or locations and wants to hang out with us wherever we go. I'm looking forward to a fun summer.

Pastor Larry

Small Groups

Don't miss out on the Summer small groups series that is scheduled to begin Wednesday, June 17th and continue through Wednesday July 22nd. The Small Group studies are based on Pastor Larry's current sermon series from Robert Munger's My Heart, Christ's Home. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, grow in your faith and experience God's glory. Sign-up now by calling the church office and indicating your choice of a time. The three sessions are the Wednesday morning session beginning at 10:30 am led by James Nuoffer, the Wednesday afternoon session led by Sequoyah Dawes at 1:00 pm and the Wednesday evening session led by Jim Karcher beginning at 6:30 pm. All of the sessions will be held in the Fireside Room.

Bible Study

It's time for a quiz to test your knowledge of the Bible. The answers are at the bottom of this article.

1. John the Baptist was an uncle of Jesus. (T or F)
2. Jesus was born in Bethlehem (T or F)
3. The prophet that confronted King David with his adultery was Elijah (T or F)
4. The angel who appeared to Mary, the mother of Jesus, was Gabriel (T or F)
5. The OT character who said "I know that my redeemer lives." was Job (T or F)



You can look me up on the Internet where I host a blog called Bible Study for the Rest of Us, at www.thewordlives.com.

James



The Class of May 2009

It's time to welcome the newest members of First Presbyterian Church of Hemet. The Session interviewed them on Sunday, May 24th and voted to install them as members in an upcoming worship service.



Shannon Adams, Michael (951) 658-0867

Shannon was raised in Orange County but has been a part of this Valley for 15 years. She helps tutor in the Home Away From Home program where her five year-old son Michael is enrolled. She is interested in joining the choir.



Isabelle Edgar-Beerms (951) 929-1424

Isabelle was born in Seattle but raised in Los Angeles. She moved to our Valley 29 years ago from Lomita, California. Isabel has recently started a business that makes DVD memories of family photographs and old videos. She is a



Jennie Evans (951) 929-4711

Jennie was born and raised in Athol, Massachusetts, but has lived in our Valley since 1984 when she moved from Chula Vista. She had been a cook and has owned a restaurant. She lost her second husband in 2008 but looks forward to making new friends in our church.



Gladys Littlejohn

Gladys was born in Hutchinson, Kansas, but raised in Wichita. She is the mother of Pat Johnson, grandmother of Andrea Jacomet and Karen Johnson and great-grandmother of Gracie, Mary and Georgia Jacomet and Emma Johnson.



Julie Lundy (951) 654-5568

Julie was born in San Francisco and raised in Laguna Beach. She has been in our Valley for two years having moved here from Palm Desert to be near her sister Jan Bertling, a FPCH member. Her husband's name is Keith and she has one son Jeremy—16.



Barbara McKimney (909) 795-5741
 Barbara is the granddaughter of Gladys Littlejohn. She commutes from Yucaipa to worship with us. She recently lost her husband of many years but is glad to be here.



Robin Monroe (951) 226-0165
 Robin was born in Bellflower but was raised in the Antelope Valley (Palmdale). Her husband is Richard Quiles and they have two children: Marcel Munroe, age 5, and Laytoni Quiles, age 2. She came to our church by invitation of FPCH member Catherine Howard.

Happy Father's Day

Father Is A Source of Strength



A father is a source of strength,
 A teacher and a guide,
 The one his family looks up to
 With loving trust and pride...
 A father is a helper
 With a willing hand to lend,
 A partner, an adviser,
 And the finest kind of friend

BIRTHDAYS

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| June 3 | Joe Cetinske |
| June 4 | Maxine Stanley |
| June 7 | Phyllis Evans |
| June 8 | Alice Bennier |
| June 11 | Beverly Vandruff |
| June 12 | Gloria Gilleland |
| June 13 | Evalyn Demeaux |
| June 17 | John Stone |
| June 18 | Kay Hilty |
| June 20 | Patricia Summers |
| June 22 | Lucy Besse |
| | Shirley Deen |
| | Nadine Jefferson |
| June 24 | Harry Dougherty |
| June 26 | Glenn Crowl |
| June 27 | Bob Jefferson |



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Presbyterian Women News

Our May, 2009, luncheon gathering was installation of officers and a program by Jerri Rothwald. Jerri spoke on the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns and distributed several handouts. Jerri came highly recommended by Jackie Lyman. We appreciated Jerri taking time from her busy schedule for us.

Installed as officers for 2009 — 2010 were:

Co-Moderators: Patty Werley and Joyce Emery
 Vice Moderator: Kam Mundhenk
 Secretary: Phyllis Evans
 Treasurer: Emma Lou Honeycutt

The wonderful lunch was hosted by Lydia Circle, which included smothered chicken breast, potatoes, green beans, green salad, rolls, and ice cream and cookies. This was our last luncheon until October. Special recognition was given to Wilma Boyer, our retiring Secretary and Jerilee Crossman, retiring three-year member of our Search Committee and Donna Johannes for music.

Pat Zanders, our Cares and Concerns chairperson, is moving to Nebraska soon, so she also was recognized to show our appreciation for her work sending cards to those who were ill or for condolences on loss of family members. The Lydia circle will miss Pat's monthly Bible Study leadership as well. Pat generously donated some quilt tops and a finished quilt to us in memory of her mother, Bonnie E. LeRue. Bernice Cole and her helpers will be finishing the quilts and they will be used to further help support our PW missions.

Our next fundraiser is going to be a fun, custom keepsake "First Presbyterian Church Hemet Cookbook" — Celebrating Our 100 Years. We hope that there will be a lot of interest in contributing favorite family recipes and purchasing several copies to give as gifts, etc. Please send your recipes to me at:

Patty Werley
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Presbyterian Women are very proud to help sponsor Jacquie Lyman in her trip to the Holy Land. We were able to give her the amount needed in order to apply for the trip. We feel honored to be a part of her devotion to the Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee and the Advocacy Committee for Racial Concerns. She will be traveling with the Presbyterian Peacemaking Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This will fulfill a dream of Jacquie's and also her husband, Dr. Gerald Lyman, for her. She still needs \$1,900 plus airfare to the East Coast in order to go on this worthy mission.

We are also proud to be a part of the mission that Shirley Jouglard began in feeding lunches to the homeless. There are now over 350 lunches given out each month. Others have donated Bibles and clothing as well. Shirley does so much for our church, Presbyterian Women, the community and this new program. She is such a blessing.

It is time for us to take a "breather" now after a very busy year. I am so appreciative to all the officers and Coordinating Team and all others who pitched in when needed. There are so many I would like to acknowledge but I probably couldn't think of everyone because there were so many, including a lot of men. But you know who you are, and please know that I couldn't have accomplished such a busy year without you. We should all be proud of your accomplishments in renovating the kitchen, the 100th Anniversary celebration and so much more! You are a blessing to me, this church and to the Most Holy.

Shirley Jouglard and I are off to Louisville in July for the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!

Patty Werley, Moderator



Patty Joyce Kam Phyllis Emma
 Lou

Music Notes

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Chancel Choir will just begin to relax and enjoy their summer sabbatical. We will miss them greatly, but will have opportunities for special music throughout the summer. I am so appreciative of the men, women and young adults who faithfully serve in the Chancel Choir. They are a blessing to the church and to me personally.

In the absence of the choir in the loft, who also serve as worship leaders for the congregational singing, the congregation will need to sing out with more vigor than before. The following is an excerpt from John Wesley's Select Hymns, 1761:

WESLEY'S DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING

1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or amending them at all; and if you learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or wariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
4. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
5. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
6. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
7. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

I guess there have been opinions about how music should be sung throughout the ages. Let's just make glorious music to the Lord and let us glorify him in whatever music we do. May it be a sweet, sweet sound to the Lord.

Mary Ellen VanOstenbridge



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