



First Presbyterian Church of Hemet

FIRST WORD

November 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,

On Sunday, November 22nd we're having a "Fall Stew" right after the 10:30 worship service in our Fellowship Hall. This will be a fun event for everyone in the church and thanks to an anonymous donor, the food will be free! The purpose of the "Fall Stew" is to give us a chance to have fellowship together and to hear from our elders regarding the direction our church will be heading in 2010.



Pastor Larry Thorson

Our church is doing well in so many areas. We are truly blessed of God. Our giving was solid throughout the traditionally low summer months as you kept up your pledges. We're having our biggest year for new members in many years. Our youth ministry is booming. Our missions outreach to this community with a free lunch program and after school tutoring is thriving. Our bus is full on Sunday mornings. Our music ministry is growing with new voices and better use of technology. Our facility, especially the sanctuary, looks outstanding, and our elders have been working together better as a team than any time since I arrived here. These are just some of the recent highlights. I hope you will plan on being at the "Fall Stew" November 22nd and celebrate God's blessings in this church.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Larry Thorson

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Bible Studies

The Wednesday morning Bible class, led by James Nuoffer, has resumed meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room. This group is studying the Book of Romans. The only things you need to bring are you and your Bible—we'll supply the rest. Join us in looking at St. Paul's masterpiece of Christian thought, Romans. We will meet on the first, third and fifth "Wednesdays of the month.

Everyone is welcome!

Library News

"Having a "Little Faith'" by Mitch Albom

We are already familiar with his work with best-sellers : "Tuesdays with Morrie", "The Five People You Meet in Heaven", "For One More Day" and others. This new non-fiction book shows Albom's humanitarian side through his "I Am My Brother's Keeper" ministry in his adopted hometown of Detroit. I look forward to reading it myself.

For those of you who have enjoyed "Dinner with a Perfect Stranger" by David Gregory, I have ordered two more of his books: "A Day with a Perfect Stranger" and "The Next Level: A Parable of Finding Your Place". You'll find them on the bookcart.

Gifted to the library are books by Eric Sloane, 1905-1985. He was a researcher, writer and artist who captured his love of early American life in his pictures and writing. We have:

"An Age of Barns"; "A Museum of Early American Tools" A Reverence for Wood"; "Diary of an Early American Boy"; "Wood Carving".

This being November, I think this Blessing by Helen Latham is appropriate:

Lord be with us on this day of thanksgiving.
 Help us make the most of this life we are living.
 As we are about to partake of this bountiful meal
 Let us not forget the needy and the hunger they feel.
 Help us to show compassion in all that we do,
 And for all our many blessings, we say "thank you."

Bernice Cole
 Church Librarian



COMMUNITY PANTRY

Our church will be collecting bags of groceries for the Community Pantry on Sunday November 15th and 22nd. Food needed includes canned goods, along with other non-perishable items. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to assist people who are in need! Please plan to participate in this important mission.

Birthdays

November 1	Barbara Colbert Arthur Cook
November 2	Nancy Cook Floyd "Bob" Ross
November 4	Carl Berenschot
November 8	Ione Lautenbach Doris Silva
November 10	Lawrence Miller
November 11	John Irwin Joan Patterson
November 12	Jewel Cook
November 13	Barbara McKimmey
November 15	William Brandow
November 17	Eileen "Lucy" Ferguson Keith Walley
November 18	Donna Johannes Georgine Mec



Anniversaries

November 22	Mary & John Adams	58
November 25	Elaine & Frank Greco	59

Presbyterian Women

Not only is it Turkey Time, but it is also time for us to start planning an important event in 2010. We will be hosting the PWP (Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery) Gathering on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at our church. What a grand way to begin the New Year! It will be a day that you won't want to miss. There will be an interesting program, lunch and fellowship with other Presbyterian Women from other churches in the Riverside Presbytery. So mark your calendar and plan on being part of this fun day. More information will be forthcoming as it gets closer to the date.

Our Fall Sale will be taking place on Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7, from 8:00 am - 1:30 pm. Along with lots of items for sale at very low prices, there will be lunch and a bake sale. A beautiful quilt is being raffled at the Craft Table. Baked goods are needed on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. So come on down for a day of fun, food and fellowship. Oh yes, and bring your friends with you, too! Everyone is welcome.

We are hopeful that our all-church cookbook will have arrived from the publishers in time to have them available for purchase at the Fall Sale. They are \$12.00 (or \$14.00 if you need to have them mailed to you). It is really a nice, professionally done keepsake and celebrates our first 100 years as a church. Please contact Joyce Emery at 951-658-2549.

Please join us on Friday, November 13th at 11:30 am for our luncheon gathering. The Martha and Sarah circles are planning a delicious home-made pork chop meal for only \$7.00 per person. Please call the church office at 658-7153 to make your reservations. Yes, you men can come, too! It is a day for us to express our thanks to the men for their help at the Fall Sale. We couldn't do it without you men. We truly appreciate you.

Many Blessings to you for a beautiful Thanksgiving Day.
Patty Werley & Joyce Emery, Co-Moderators



Prayer List

Please be in prayer for Barbara Arr, Del Brunson, Charles Burritt, Monta Davis, Homer Erickson, Ruby Johnson, Joann Marshall, Jan Mason, Darlene Penhalurick, and Carl Rousell, who are recovering from illness or surgery. Also pray for the caregivers who work so tirelessly to nurture those who are ill.

FALL FESTIVAL SALE

The Fall Festival Rummage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7, from 8:00 am - 1:30 pm. There will be lots of good bargains on household items, along with crafts, baked goods, and a delicious lunch. Helpers are needed to set up the tables and man the various stations. For more information, or to find out how you can help, please call Bob & Darlene Clark at 325-7173.

Be sure to drop by and shop - and bring your friends and neighbors with you!

COMING UP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 6—7 - Fall Festival Sale

November 13 - PW Luncheon

November 15 - Concert by California Baptist University's
New Song Ladies Chorale

November 15 & 22 - Community Pantry Sunday

December 6 - Chancel Choir Christmas Concert

Music Notes

From Mary Ellen



As a Director of Music, I am fortunate to be married to a man who is musically gifted and creates wonderful music to enhance our worship. He has orchestrated two exciting anthems, one of which you will hear on Reformation Sunday (10-25) and the other you will hear at the Chancel Choir Christmas Program (12-6). The only "reward" he seeks is cookies!!! That keeps my grandkids busy baking with grandma.

Many of you have asked how he puts together the orchestrations so what follows is a thumbnail sketch that Ron has prepared:

"How Orchestral Music is Computer Generated:

The pages of the score are individually scanned into a computer. Once stored they must be electronically "cleaned up" so the copies are free of errors. These files are then converted to a playable music score using conversion software. All notations must be reviewed and, if necessary, corrected on a page-by-page basis. At this point the music is playable but has nothing to play.

The score is then imported into software, which also governs meter, tempo, key, etc., used to call up the orchestra "players". Once the basic parameters are in place the orchestral software is then "plugged in" to the control software.

At this point the process of orchestration begins. Each instrument sounds different on various notes within its musical scale and must be voiced for every note in accord with the composer's dynamic markings on the score. For realism of the music, care must also be taken for realistic breathing for wind instruments and the direction of bowing for stringed instruments.

MUSICAL DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

November 15th, 3:00 p.m. – New Song Ladies Chorale from California Baptist University

Sunday, December 6th, 4:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Christmas concert, followed by an all church cookie fellowship. Church members – start baking those cookies!!!

Mary Ellen



CHARITABLE GIFTS

Most members are familiar with tithing and the weekly offering that is collected during Sunday's church services. In general, these monies are used to pay for salaries, operational costs and various programs. Over the years, First Presbyterian has been a good steward of its resources, and we are fortunate in not having any debt.

If someone wants to make a personal gift to the church in the name of a loved one, it is possible to accommodate these gifts. For example, did you know that we have received gifts that benefit our sanctuary, the library, and the music program? On the left wall of the sanctuary are Biblical quotes, given in honor of a loved one. We also have been blessed with an endowment called the "Growth Through Music Program" that offers college scholarships for deserving high school seniors. Recently, one member who entered the Kingdom of Heaven left the church the remainder of a charitable gift annuity, and another made the church a beneficiary of a portion of the member's will.

There are other options available for planned gifts. A short summary of the most frequently used types of charitable gifts is as follows:

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY: Enter into an agreement with the church in which you receive fixed income for life and a tax deduction based on the value of your gift.

CHARITABLE TRUST Arrange for First Presbyterian Church to receive income from your trust for a period of time before you or your heirs receive the remainder; receive gift or estate tax savings for the value of the payments made to the church.

LIFE INSURANCE GIFT: Name First Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary and owner of an existing or new life insurance policy and receive an immediate tax deduction for the gift's value.

REAL ESTATE GIFT: Donate personal property to First Presbyterian Church. Do so either in full or with a retained life estate, which allows you to gift your home to First Presbyterian.

BEQUEST IN WILL: Name the Presbyterian Church in your will by designating a percentage of your estate or a set dollar amount to the church.

For more information, please call Senior Pastor Larry Thorson or Elder Bob Browning.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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