

South Plains Reflector



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APRIL 2011

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PASTOR

Sunday Worship

1st Service
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

2nd Service
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Christian Education

Classes for all ages meet  
from  
9:45 AM to 10:30 AM  
each Sunday  
September through  
May

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Childcare for infants
through 2nd grade

APRIL 17
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY

APRIL 21, 7PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNION

APRIL 22, NOON-
3PM
GOOD FRIDAY
PRAYERS AND
READINGS

APRIL 24
SUNDAY EASTER
WORSHIP

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

New life through Christ's resurrection comes in many ways to believers. It may be as profound as sadness lifted after losing someone we loved or as mundane as a fresh start in your job. The long history of South Plains Presbyterian Church has seen several seasons of new life. We have the blessing of being on the cusp of wonderful changes. Holy Spirit energy and anticipation make such changes possible thanks to the triumph over death on that first Easter Sunday.

This year Easter, April 24, is almost as late in the year as it can be. Before the resurrection of Jesus, he experienced a period of maturing, preparing, building relationships, and finally suffering. The tardiness of Easter 2011 reminds me that God's time does not always correspond to my schedule for progress. Lent makes me wait. Nevertheless, delays, discouragements and lesser defeats will be wiped away because He is risen.

David

FROM OUR MISSION COMMITTEE -

In response to the human tragedy following the March 11th earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the Mission Committee unanimously approved a donation of \$500 to the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in Japan. The PCUSA has nine mission workers in Japan, all of whom are safe.

The PDA's initial response is focused on providing the basic needs of food and water to 250,000 individuals in 100 evacuation sites in the northeastern area of Japan (Miyagi, Fukushima, Iwate, Ibaragi, Tochigi prefectures). Their support includes: ready-to-eat food, sanitation kits, potable water, blankets, batteries, and gas and fuel supplies.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering we will take on Palm/Passion Sunday April 17th supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Prayer Matters

Friends and family of Dick Haas at his death	
Carol Brown	Hospice care
Kathy Dwyer	Upcoming surgery
Crosby Smith	Prayers fo good health for this premature baby
Natalie Dahlstrom	Martha Smith's mother hospitalized in Alabama
Annette Behnke	Continued prayers for good health
Sam Goldmann	Continued prayers for good health
Ray Calfo	Back surgery, recovering at home
Pat and Connie Shepherd	Health issues, Keplinger family
Karen Lohan	Lonne Clapp's daughter, hip replacement surgery
Mary Stadelman	Linda Harrison's aunt
Jenny Matthews	Friend of Kuhns with recurrence of cancer
Barbara Porter	Friend of Drakes with breathing problems
Marge Hampton	Recovering at her daughter's house
People of Christ Church, New Zealand and Japan	Zealand and Japan
Randy Michie	Friend of Jim Higginbotham
Danny Raible	Multiple myeloma, friend of Meg and Travis Taylor
Nancy Eason	Sherry Esch's aunt, car accident and long recovery
Jessica	14 year old with a brain tumor
Ethan Blevins	Friend of the Bucks in treatment for leukemia
Addison Grace	Newborn, friend of Julie and Frank Keplinger
Mary Harris	Neal Harris' mother, Our Lady of Peace
Theresa Naylor	Neal Harris' aunt, Our Lady of Peace
Becky Silver	Hyder's friend, bone marrow transplant
Ernie Moore	Margaret's father-in-law
Larry and Paula Comier	14 month Mission Trip to Liberia, friends of Lyman Drake
Brenda Bikos	Prayers for good health
Marianne Josephson	Leah Wayner's mother, chemotherapy treatment
Pat McCampbell	Prayers for good health
Janet Riddle	Healing prayers
Bill and Claire Smith	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Janney Borchert	Day's cousin, cancer
Stan Goodsill	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Gordon Smyth	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Glenn Wells	Lyn Johnson's brother
Cecil Shiflett	Recovering from surgery
Marge Riley	Healing prayers
The people of Chile and Haiti	
Elza Ramirez	Don's mother
Dreama Travis	Lucille Campbell's friend, cancer
Doris Richards	Marge Hampton's sister
Alf Dane	Lyn Johnson's uncle
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment



Military and Government Service

Toni Jaskoski	Gratitude for safe return home
Alex Ford	Afghanistan
Eric Neudorfer	USMC, Middle East, nephew of Ted and Linda Makranczy
Rob Young	Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowie, USAF, U.S.
Rick Young	Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowe, USAF, U.S.
Allen Smith	Fighting cancer
Travis McDaniel	National Guard
Ralph Pruitt	Deployed to Iraq
Charles Jones	USN, Pensacola, FL
Josh Sobotincic	Gil and Carole Milks' grandson in U.S.
James Webb	Georgia, automobile accident
Bradley Smith	Home
Marshall Baughman	Afghanistan
Michael Kolton	Joanne and Vito Addotta's grandson in U.S.
Mark Little	Recovering well with prosthesis
Doug Fenton	PCUSA chaplain-PTS
Rudy Mukendi	Iraq
Andrew Scogna	Rehabilitation

South Plains Financial	Year to	2011
February	Date	Budget
Income		
Offering	38,061.25	196,000.00
Interest/Dividends	1.33	10.00
Other		
Total Income	38,062.58	196,010.00
Expense		
Ministerial	12,956.76	83,070.00
Administrative	1,984.60	14,650.00
Utilities	1,616.57	7,600.00
Buildings and Grounds	1,232.96	18,240.00
Worship and Music	1,865.00	14,330.00
Christian Education		3,160.00
Congregational Care		1,000.00
Fellowship	57.31	2,000.00
Long Range Planning	65.89	50.00
Finance	26.21	1,510.00
Evangelism		1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	2,050.00	16,940.00
Trustees	70.00	5,345.00
Other		18,180.00
Total Expense	21,925.30	187,525.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	16,137.28	8,485.00

ATTENTION

PLEASE STAY WELL INFORMED WITH OUR SOUTH PLAINS WEB-PAGE.

SOUTHPLAINSPC.ORG

WE NEED NOT ONLY READERS, WE NEED CONRIBUTORS. SHARE WHAT WORK YOU ARE DOING IN YOUR COMMITTEE, AND SEND PICTURES TO THE OFFICE BY E-MAIL

**DEADLINE FOR
MAY
REFLECTOR

APRIL 30**

**PW MEETING

APRIL 11
9:15AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!**

MARCH SESSION RECAP

Your session met Sunday March 13 after worship in order to be able to attend the Planning Commission on March 15. Session approved:

David's vacation July 25 – Aug 7

Lyn Johnson as adult education coordinator

One Great Hour of Sharing offering for Palm/Passion Sun, 4/17

Audrey Lee for the Administration and Personnel committee.

Session heard reports:

on the Feb 19 Presbytery where the nFOG amendments were voted down and Carson Rhyne was elected stated clerk for another term

Lyman Drake outlined bidding for removal of the Manse, the oil tank, and securing the septic tank fellowship plans for a community open house; and also a dedication service with Union Grove.

David closed the meeting with prayer.

SOUTH PLAINS ENDOWMENT FUND

The quarterly report for the Endowment Fund as of year-end 2010 states that the goal of \$10,000 was reached with the addition of two large contributions just after New Year's Day. The total amount in the three funds (Operating, Mission, and Building & Grounds) came to \$10,086. The Operating fund is maintained in the Endowment Fund checking account, and all the monies in the Mission and the Building & Grounds funds are currently invested with the Presbyterian Church's New Covenant Funds.

The Endowment Committee welcomes its newest member Rick Bowie. The other members are Ed Lee, Vito Addotta, Bill Claus, Fritz Dietz, treasurer, and Pat Valentine, chairperson.

To contribute to the Endowment fund, add a note on the check specifying "South Plains Endowment Fund." You may also specify either the Mission Fund or the Building & Grounds Fund. Otherwise, the amount will be equally divided between the two funds.

2011 ADULT RETREAT

Thursday May 5, 9am-3pm, Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA.

"Songs of the Faithful Heart: The Psalms Speak to All God's People."

Registration form is the last page of this newsletter.

MISSION CRAFTERS

South Plains Mission Crafters will meet at noon on April 17. Among the projects of the day will be knit/crochet baby caps, Habitat samplers, baby blankets and quilts, baby hospital gowns, bears and more. You are invited to come join this casual gathering of hand-workers. No skills needed as there are many levels of work that need to be done. . . including cutting fabric and stuffing bears. Please join us!

We give thanksgiving for the busy hands of the Mission Crafters, who recently sent 470 baby caps—and a few teddy bears—to the hospital in St. George's , Grenada. Lera Gooding, of the St. Andrew's Kirk in Grenada, helped to identify this need, and we are thankful for their partnership.



*Worrying doesn't take
away tomorrow's
troubles, it takes away
today's peace*

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR APRIL

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Sunday, April 3
Preparation of the Elements for Communion : Linda Makranczy

Elders serving communion

(1st service) Doug Valentine and June Mueller
(2nd service) Kellee Eastwood, Linda Makranczy
Mary Howard, Marion Thompson

Greeters/Ushers

April 3 (1st service) Betsy and Bill Orr
(2nd service) Bea and Phil Keaton

April 10 (1st service) The Buck Family
(2nd service) Bill Claus

April 17 (1st service) Dana and Mike Lee
(2nd service) Julie Keplinger and Jean Wardell

April 24 (1st service) Shirley and Jay Chronister
(2nd service) Kellee and Bill Eastwood

Officer of the Week

April 3 Linda Makranczy April 17 Julie Keplinger
April 10 Carl Buck April 24 Kellee Eastwood



APRIL

1 Dana Lee
3 Martha Smith
4 Andrea Phillips
5 Vito Addotta
Linda Makranczy
6 Darien Hall
7 Cindy Eaton
10 Sophia Wayner
13 Sandra Day
Debby Garth
15 Lee Sipe
16 Addison Hall
19 Joanne Addotta
21 June Mueller
24 Stephen Taylor
27 Michaux Grant
28 Carole Milks
29 Julie Keplinger
Sallie Mason Wheeler
30 Andrew Hall
Mary Kay Cheek
Marjorie Riley



The adult Sunday School class on Handel's Messiah and the Bible will continue through Palm Sunday.

Join us as we explore the Biblical text of Handel's famous Oratorio.

UPDATES

KIRK HALL At press time, the official occupancy date for Kirk Hall was not available. However, we have permission to begin moving small furniture April 5th. This means that various groups and committees will need to be at work immediately, boxing up and organizing items to be moved. David Hordyke and Phil Keaton, along with other members of the Furnishings Committee will be directing placement of the furniture. Carl Buck, our Buildings and Grounds elder, will arrange for large items to be moved. Once we're settled, we can set dates for a formal dedication and also an open house for the neighborhood.

THE MANSE The Albemarle Board of Supervisors will consider our request on April 20 to remove the Manse . Our presence that evening and our calls ahead of that date are important. Once we have County approval and the Manse is empty of things for Kirk Hall, a salvage company will take some items. Next, we can take any mementos. Finally, a demolition company will carefully take down the building, salvaging structural pieces where possible, and grading the site. Our architect is documenting the building with floor plans and photographs for the County. At the suggestion of several members, we will have an informal goodbye to the Manse, giving thanks to God for the wonderful service it has rendered to South Plains over the years.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on April 17th, Palm/Passion Sunday.

This offering had its beginnings more than sixty years ago, as a response to the devastation of World War II. One Saturday evening, a nationwide radio broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A wide variety of national leaders and celebrities backed the offering, and more than 75,000 churches responded.

Over the years, the offering has continued to grow in size and participation, and last year the PC(USA) portion of the offering was nearly \$8 million.

This year, like last, the offering gifts will be divided roughly into thirds and distributed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People.

In the upcoming weeks, look for inserts in the Sunday bulletin that will describe how last year's offerings were used.

For example, in 2010, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program combined—through a shared grant project—to provide seeds and tools for thousands of Haitian farmers to grow enough food for hundreds of thousands of displaced Haitians. This project allows Haitians to participate in their own recovery and makes use of indigenous seeds and grain. In the United States, Self-Development of People has partnered with community leaders in Detroit, Michigan, to use vacant lots to cooperatively grow and produce foods, providing a base for long-term sustainable income and community redevelopment.

Please plan to give generously on April 17th.

**BREAKFAST AT APPLEBEES
ROUTE 29 & BRANCLANDS BLVD
FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE ALLIANCE FOR INTERFAITH MINISTRIES (AIM)
7:30 TO 9:30AM
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, JUICE, COFFEE, TEA
SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00**

AIM - Alliance for Interfaith Ministries - is one of many ministries supported by South Plains Presbyterian Church. AIM is an ecumenical partnership that provides emergency assistance to families facing economic crisis. In 2010, 888 families received assistance with utilities, housing, transportation, Energy Share, and crisis funding.

Volunteers are needed to work two mornings or afternoons a month in the AIM office. Duties will include greeting clients, listening to their stories, filling out assistance forms for them, and answering the phone. Volunteers do not handle any money on behalf of AIM.

Rewards for volunteers include receiving a thank-you from happy people, knowing you've made a difference in someone's life, and helping AIM reach out to people in an emergency.

Members and friends of South Plains are invited to serve as volunteers. Please consider answering this call to service; call Drene DeGood, director, for more information: 972-1704.

**COMMUNITY WORSHIP
CAMP HANOVER**

A monthly evening worship will be held at Camp Hanover on Sunday, April 17th. If God has ever met you in the outdoors—with an amazing sunset, at the quiet by a lake, in the sounds of frogs and birds, in the cool of evening—this worship is for you!

All are welcome, so do invite a friend. A simple meal will follow worship. Bring \$1-\$5/person (according to means) to contribute to the meal. For more information, call Katherine at 877-OUR-CAMP or assistantdir@camphanover.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thank you for filling the calendar with donations and beautifying our sanctuary. For many of us, live plants and flowers tap our spiritual core and enrich our worship experience. For others, they're just beautiful and therefore enrich services. Sign-up for flowers in the sanctuary foyer.

A donation beautifies the sanctuary with altar flowers. It sanctifies the space with your memorial in honor of a loved one, an anniversary, a birth, or for no occasion at all.

If you intend to take your flowers after the late service, please put an asterisk beside your name, otherwise they will be taken to someone or to a hospital.





APRIL

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MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT

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3	4	5	6 Choir, 7pm	7	8	9
10	11 P.W. mtg. 9:15am	12	13 Finance mtg. 1:30pm Choir, 7pm	14	15 Endowment meeting 1:30pm	16
17 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Mission Crafters noon	18	19 Session, 7pm	20 Choir, 7pm	21	22 Good Friday	23
24 	25	26	27 Choir, 7pm	28	29	30
	<i>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.</i>	<i>He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;</i>	<i>and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.</i>	John 11:25-26		

2011 Adult Retreat Registration Form

May 5, 2011 9:00am-3:00pm

It is with great joy that we announce the formation of a day retreat sponsored jointly by the James and Shenandoah Presbyteries. This will be a time to gather for fellowship, spiritual growth, enjoyable activities, singing, worship and community building over a shared meal.

- Cost is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to Massanetta Springs and enclose with this form. Write "Adult Retreat" on the memo line.
- The deadline for registering is April 28th, 2011
- Please complete one form per person.
- A church may register a group and mail forms jointly to Massanetta Springs
- Dress is casual and comfortable.
- Wear walking shoes for enjoying the grounds and the beauty of spring at Massanetta.
- Please bring your Bible
- Please bring an open heart, a willing spirit, and joy to share. We welcome people of all religious faiths to participate.

The Schedule:

- 9:00-9:45 Gather in Stewart Hall for Registration and morning Coffee and Conversation.
9:45-12:30 Theme time with The Rev. Jane Govan "*Songs of the Faithful Heart: The Psalms Speak to All God's People*".
12:30-1:30 Lunch in the Historic Hotel Dining Room.
1:30-2:30 Afternoon Activities including: Journal and Bookmarker making, Campus walk, *Singing the Psalms* Choir, Tour of the Historic Hotel, and Time for the 3 R's- Rocking, Resting, Renew.
2:30-3:00 Closing and Sending

----- **RETURN this portion and payment to Massanetta Springs** -----

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Church Name & City _____

I have mobility concerns (please share) _____

I have dietary concerns (please share) _____

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