



First Pres(s)

***“Come, worship and serve the Risen
Christ with Us”***

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Dear Friends,

I want to introduce you to a very special young woman who is coming to work among us. Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers is a Candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament under the care of Grace Presbytery. She is a recent graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and will be doing her pastoral internship here at First Presbyterian in Belton. She is currently a member of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas; however, she still claims roots in Midland, Texas, where she was born, raised and graduated from high school.

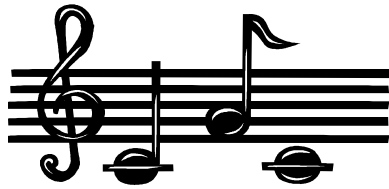
Mary Elizabeth will complete the requirements for the ordination process by working with and for us in the fall. She hopes to preach, teach, and gain a diverse perspective of church life by being open to what the church has to teach her. Mary Elizabeth is a cradle Presbyterian and even has Presbyterian minister genes in her DNA (her great-great and great grandfathers were Presbyterian ministers).

Mary Elizabeth served the PC(USA) as a Young Adult Volunteer in Belfast, Northern Ireland before choosing to go to seminary. She hopes to continue her love of peace and reconciliation in parish ministry while discerning where God is calling her next.

Mary Elizabeth enjoys doing anything outdoors, traveling, reading and writing. Being a newly-wed, she looks forward to living in Waco with her husband, David Prentice-Hyers who is the Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church there.

We look forward to welcoming Mary Elizabeth in worship on Sunday, September 12.

Shalom,
Judy



A  from Jane:

Happy Fall! How quickly the summer passed. (I hope the 100 + temperatures have passed with it! - I'm sure the church utilities budget hopes that also!) The choir is adding the music for the Birthday Celebration to its already busy preparation time for Advent/Christmas. Schola had its first rehearsal of the new school year on the 24th of August. It looks like we will have over 45 members this semester!

All in all, this is a very busy time for your musicians. Thank you for your ever-strong support for the things that the music ministry of FPC undertakes.

Love, Jane



Presbyterian Women News:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-Circles will meet: Monday, Sept. 27th - 6:30 evening
Tuesday, Sept. 28th - 11:30 day

A reminder to pick up your study book on the table in the Fellowship Hall. A basket for your donation will be provided. The study promises to be a very interesting one. Judy L. and Cathy S. VOUCH FOR IT! They will teach the study. (Unless you would like to choose one of the lessons!!!) It would be appreciated. Cathy has put a study guide in each book. THANK YOU, Cathy.

We will have our first Board meeting after the Day Circle on Tuesday, Sept. 28th. If you have anything you would like to present to the Board, please, let me know and I will get it on the Agenda.

Valorie S., PW Moderator
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Think Young

Think Young is back from summer vacation! We will be meeting on September 14th at 11:30 a.m., and Jane promises an interesting program. Please bring a covered dish for our luncheon and also bring a friend or two! We look forward to seeing you!



Treasurer's Report

15 August 2010

Income

- 1) Total Income to date is \$81,649 (80.6% annual budget) August 15 is 63% of the year so we are ahead of plan.
- 2) Total Pledges to-date: \$68,468. This is 70.7 % of the annual pledge budget.
- 3) Contributions to the Anniversary committee are \$3075.
- 4) Memorial Contributions are \$2600.

Expenses

- 1) Total Expenses year to date are \$57,307 (excluding August payroll and Utilities). This is 68.8% of the annual budget which is on plan.
- 2) Direct Energy billing for August included the July period and the bill was \$641
- 3) Computer expenses are \$1037 that include the full year payment to VVM for connection services and special payroll software.
- 4) Anniversary expenses are \$1464 so far.
- 5) Building and maintenance expenses are \$9794 that includes the new air conditioner in Fellowship Hall, the upgrade of the Church organ and a new Sound system in the Sanctuary.

Submitted: Robert E. Livingston, Treasurer



Mission Update



Our Church supports the Helping Hands Ministry of Belton (Food Pantry) by a monthly donation of \$100. In addition, church members contribute food items (non-perishable) by placing items in the food box in Fellowship hall. Small personal care items such as small travel size shampoo, toothpaste, etc. are collected and are given to the pantry for families in need. Free will donations are accepted, and those funds are given to the Food Pantry if they are designated for that purpose. Some members work at the Food Pantry each week. The facility is located on Holland Road in south Belton.

The Church also supports the Meals on Wheels Program that operates from the Belton Senior Center with a donation of \$100 per month. We also volunteer our time the first 2 weeks of June each year to deliver meals to the needy people who qualify for the program. Free will donations are accepted and funds are given to Meals on Wheels Program if they are designated for that purpose.

Another mission of the church is to support Christian Farms Treehouse. Their facility on Riverside Drive in Temple can house about 30-40 people for a 3 month period. Their program houses abused women (and their children) for a short time to get them protected and nurtured into a Biblical background, which enables them to work and provide for themselves through job placement. The church contributes \$600 per year to this program.