

First Presbyterian
Church

Devotion for November

We Gather Together

*We gather together to ask
the Lord's blessing;*

*He chastens and hastens
his will to make known;*

*The wicked oppressing
now cease from
distressing,*

*Sing praises to his name:
He forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our
God with us joining,*

*Ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;*

*So from the beginning the
fight we were
winning;*

*Thou, Lord, wast at our
side, All glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou
leader triumphant,*

*And pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.*

*Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;*

*Thy name be ever
praised! O Lord,*

make us free!

Amen

-- Traditional

Thanksgiving Hymn

(A translation by

Theodore Baker:

1851-1934)

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A message from our pastor Bill Proctor

Join us as we celebrate our 125-year legacy of spreading God's word

As November arrives we are making final preparations for our 125th anniversary celebration. The invitations have been sent, the RSVP's are coming in each day, and the Anniversary Committee is in high gear.

Facts to know:

❖ 1st Presbyterian was organized on February 1, 1885. What this means is we are now closer to our 127th anniversary that we are our 125th, but our plans to celebrate last year had to be postponed due to the reconstruction of the Sanctuary. Even so, better late than never, as the saying goes!

❖ Worship will begin at our regular 10:30 a.m. time on Sunday, November 20, but will go until 12 noon – so don't start looking at your watches when 11:30 a.m. rolls around..... The longer service is planned because of the marvelous music that is being prepared, as well as the presence of some special guests who we will want to recognize and honor.

❖ What is our annual "Sunday before Thanksgiving" luncheon is being expanded this year in honor of our 125th anniversary. A catered meal will be served, which is why we need your RSVP. We are expecting 400 will stay for lunch – and since the lunch is free – we hope you will make plans to stay and enjoy a big serving of turkey and dressing!

❖ Along with a great Thanksgiving meal an amazing cake has been planned (bring your cameras), and some very special commemorative items have been prepared as gifts for everyone who attends the luncheon.

❖ A special exhibit will feature old photographs, a time line, wedding dresses and baptismal outfits and gowns worn by those whose weddings and baptisms took place at 1st Presbyterian.

❖ Speaking of photographs, Jim Bean, a local and well-known photographer, will be with us to take photos during lunch, so make sure to bring your best 125th anniversary smiles! We want to make sure to record this most special anniversary in the life of the church. A CD of all the photographs will be available following the anniversary celebration.

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Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.

~Edward Sandford Martin



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A mission component is also a part of our celebration. In honor of our 125 years of ministry and mission as a church, we have set as a goal the purchase of 125 water filters for the villagers who are a part of Promised Land Ministries in Guatemala. This is the same ministry 25 of us experienced a year and one half ago when our mission team collected 500 pairs of shoes, thousands of dollars of prescription medicines, and traveled to the primitive Lake Atitlan region of central Guatemala. As I have mentioned the past two Sundays in worship, while San Angelo typically receives on average about 17 inches of rain each year, the mountain villages in Guatemala receive about 17 feet! The problem is that even with so much rain the water that comes out of the tap is not safe to drink. Our doctors treated a number of patients who suffered from water-borne ailments – all of which could be eradicated with clean drinking water. The water filters we are purchasing are made in Guatemala and are effective in that cultural setting. The cost of each filter is \$60, an amount that does not seem very expensive to most Americans, but in a place where the annual income is approximately \$200 a \$60 water filter is out of reach of many who need it the most. You are welcome to purchase a water filter in honor of our 125th anniversary – or you may want to purchase one or more in honor of a loved one – or how about a Christmas present with a purpose? Simply make your checks out to 1st Presbyterian Church and mark the memo line “water filter.”

A 125th anniversary is a significant milestone in the life of any organization, and this is especially true when it comes to a particular congregation. There are not many organizations of any kind in this part of West Texas that can trace their beginnings back so far. For 125 years 1st Presbyterian has served as a witness to the power of God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Countless hearts have been touched and lives changed because 125 years ago seven faithful people felt called to organize a Presbyterian congregation.

I am looking forward to celebrating this great anniversary with all of you.



11/1 Ethan Collum, Chelsea Zipper
 11/2 Dave Stinnett
 11/3 Jasper McClellan
 11/4 Leslie Turner
 11/5 Cynthia McManus,

Carrie Henderson, Noma Perrine, Bill Vickery,
 Paul Little, Dorothy Schuch, Martha Williams

11/6 Donna Palmer
 11/8 Hubert Whittley
 11/9 Eloise Hodapp
 11/10 Mike McCammon, Gabriela Spraggins
 11/11 Davis Allison
 11/12 Cash Millican, Carolyn Cargile
 11/13 Patty Gardner, Larson Day, Blake Vincent,
 Ruth Hunt

11/14 David Vann
 11/15 Madison Bates, Bill Jones
 11/16 Lowell Gabbert
 11/17 Anne Dymond, Carlie Jane Smith
 11/18 Georgia Alice Edwards
 11/19 Philip Vann, Sharon Jernigan,
 Jackson McQueen
 11/20 Ginger Treadwell, Kristina Schulze,
 Katie Rigdon
 11/21 Liz Bates, Shay Neal
 11/22 Norman McCoulskey
 11/26 Sandy Puckitt, Gwen Parsons
 11/27 Susan Woods, Gardner Holland
 11/29 Ellen Brown, Kyle Grafa, Tim Edwards
 11/30 Addison Walling



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:00 WOW - 107	2 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 12:35 Youth Lunch 5:15 Praise Team 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Music Dinner 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr Hi B/S	3 10:30 WID - 107	4	5
	6 TIME CHANGE 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Serv. New member intro 11:30 Youth Choir 3:30 MS Youth 5:00 Youth Meal 5:30 Sr Hi Youth	7 9:00 AA	8 8:45 Staff 12:00 WOW - 107	9 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA Music & Youth - As above 5:15 Diaconate - 107	10	11 Peanut butter Pick-up
13 9:30 Sunday Sch. 10:30 Worship Serv. 11:30 Youth Choir	14 9:00 AA 12:00 C.E. Co - CR	15 STAFF REVIEW 12:00 WOW - 107 No Session	16 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA Music & Youth - As above	17 10:30 WID - 107	18	19 11:00 Choir Reh 1:30 Brass/bells Reh.
20 CHRIST THE KING & 125th CELEBRATION 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Serv LUNCHEON	21 9:00 AA	22 8:45 Staff	23 NO SCHOOL NO AA No Dinner & Reh. No Sr Hi B/S	24 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	25 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Serv. Youth as above	28 9:00 AA Soup Kitchen 4:30 Deacons - College boxes - 107	29 12:00 WOW - 107	30 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA Music & Youth As usual	*Note: Family Faith Sunday School Class meets most Sundays @ 5:15pm; Childcare is available at the Church beginning at 5:00 p.m.		

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High School
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Prude Ranch 2012
Middle School & High School
Youth! January 13-15, 2012
Fort Davis, TX!
More info as date
draws near!

Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

Ephesians 6:13-18
The Message

YOUTH NEWS



On Saturday, Nov. 12, we will have an all-night lock-in full of fun and fellowship for the high school youth! The lock-in will begin with a meal at 6:00 p.m. However, if your youth has Saturday activities at that time they may join us later as long as they arrive before 9:00 p.m. The youth will complete their service project Operation Christmas Child as part of the lock-in. The youth will be released at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday school.

Let the youth do what they are good at—spending your money! The youth will be taking donations for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). OCC brings joy & hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. With your donations, the youth will go shopping during their "Lock-in" for gifts to fill the shoeboxes. A table will be set up in the commons to take donations on Sunday, November 6 or donations may be brought by the church office through November 11.



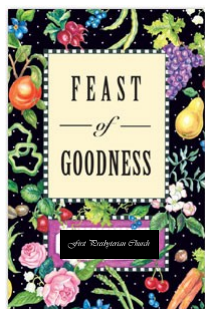
This year we will be taking the high school youth group skiing in Angel Fire, NM at Angel Fire Resort! We will leave early on December 26 and return late on December 30. The cost will be \$450 per person. The deadline to sign-up, with a \$100 deposit, is November 20.



We rejoice
with Ryan
& Hailey
Newlin
& big sister, Ellie, on
the recent birth of a
daughter,
Morgan Faye,
born
September 27, 2011.



A newborn!



**Don't have one yet?
Get yours for only
\$12**

There are lots of
wonderful recipes for
Fall! And, they make
great gifts for teachers
and other special people
who make your life
easier!



Food for the month of
November
Non-Perishable
Thanksgiving Trimmings of
ANY KIND!

Please place
your donations
in the basket in
the
Commons.

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11/6
Devin Bates, Shirley Sherrill,
Gabriela Spraggins, Carol Dotson

11/13
Neal & Evalie Grigg
Earl & Patt Warren

11/20
125th Anniversary!
Bub & Susan Williams
Sandy Whittley, Julie Quam,
Kathy & Ken Newman,
Bob Hamblen

11/27
Sutton Page, Penny Roberts,
Rod & Renee Winn



Flower Delivery

11/6
Bruce Gibson
Susan Little

11/13
Barbara Rogers
Julie Quam

11/20
125th Anniversary
No Flower Delivery

11/27
Georgia Edwards
Brad Holland