

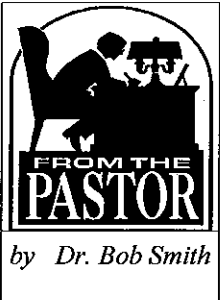


First Press

The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

January 2006

Rev. Dr. Bob Smith - Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. John R. Harland - Parish Associate



by Dr. Bob Smith

Past, Present, Future

Now to God who by His power within us is able to do infinitely more than we ever dare to ask or imagine – to God be glory in the church and in

Christ Jesus forever and ever; amen! Ephesians 3:20-21

It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve a congregation who attests to the reality of those words in your past, your present, and your future.

- Your past: you stand, as a congregation, on a firm foundation laid by that small band of people with a vision who organized First Presbyterian Church 148 years ago. The strong tradition of mission you have inherited continues to shape your identity today.
- Your present: When I visited on a recent Sunday morning, I sensed the warmth and

welcoming atmosphere that makes any church attractive to a newcomer. Strong worship and Biblical study inform your life together. Service and generosity give substance to your faith.

- Your future: Convinced that God intends by God's power within us to do infinitely more than we even dare to ask or imagine, we enter this next stage of our future with great anticipation. First Presbyterian is strategically placed in our community and you are a people with creative vision. As Interim Pastor, I'm grateful to be along on this next part of your adventure as a church.

May the words of the Apostle Paul come alive in this New Year 2006 as we worship, learn, and serve together. "To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever, amen!"

All in the Same Boat

The portion of the church building where the congregation sits is called the nave or boat. It reflects the understanding that the church is the ark of salvation, offering life in Jesus Christ to all who will receive it. Often in stained-glass windows one can find a picture of a boat, sometimes with a cross as the mast to symbolize the church.

As you sit in worship on Sunday look around you. We're all in the same boat!



Please submit articles for the newsletter as early as possible, but no later than the 20th of each month.

Session Notes

The December meeting was moderated by Dr. John Harland.

- Jack Meeks presented the Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Report. The 2005 year to date report was reviewed and the proposed 2006 budget was presented. After discussion the 2006 budget presented by the Finance Committee was adopted.
- It was reported that we had a very successful membership participation at our farewell reception and roast for the Sharps Family and our Children's Christmas Pageant.
- A Meet and Greet with the Elders, Deacons and Dr. Bob Smith has been scheduled for January 6th.
- Donations for the "For the Love of Jesus" were very generous and it was a successful new mission for the church.
- The Property Committee reported that the Sanctuary stabilization and Anchor roof replacement projects are almost completed. A folder machine and computer will be purchased. The pastor's photos are being upgraded and a plan will be developed for their proper display.
- Since Christmas Day and New Year's Day are both on Sunday it was decided to have only a 11 a.m. service on these days to allow our members more time with their families. There will be Sunday School classes on New Year's Day, but not on Christmas Day.

Summer Trip Reservation Deadlines

There's still room for those interested in the three big youth trips planned for the summer. The reservation deadline is January 6th.

January Communion

Communion will be served on January 15th at both services.



Presbyterian Women's News

The Mission Outreach for circles in January is the collection of cancelled stamps for Duvall home, Campbell products labels for schools and General Mills box tops for education.

The date and location of the January circle meetings are as follows:

- Elizabeth Circle meets on January 12th at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Esther Circle meets on January 12th at 1 p.m. at the home of Lyn Davis at 1934 Lakeside Drive South.
- Ruth Circle meets on January 12th at 10 a.m. at the home of Karen McFadyen at 316 Lighthouse Lane.
- Hannah Circle meets on January 12th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Lydia Circle meets on January 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Joy Drewry at 5483 Florence Point Drive.
- Martha Circle meets on January 11th at 10 a.m. in the home of Jan Turner at 10 a.m. at 503 Starboard Landing.

All women in our church are invited to visit any or all of the circles as we pray together, have Bible study, and social time. These small groups are an excellent way to meet other women in our church family. If you have any questions, call Diane Pasieka at 321-0601.



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January 18th - January 25th

Flower Calendar

- January 1st - Donalea and Tom Bush in honor of their children and grandchildren
- January 8th - Marilyn and Nelson Showalter
- January 15th - Ray Black in memory of his wife Lorraine
- January 22th - In Memory of Alma Conner by her children
- January 29th - Sally and Bill Bailey in memory of his mother, Miriam



Keep Logos Going!

Due to the health of my husband, I have to resign my position as Director of Community Life. In order for Logos to continue as it is, help is needed!

- The program needs someone to get the snacks and drinks out and meet and check in the kids from 2:45 till 3:30 p.m. each Wednesday.
 - After many years of setting the tables for Logos, Polly Hord needs a respite. We need someone to help put the dishes on the table anytime before 4 p.m.
- If you can help in any of these positions, please call the church office and leave a message for Terri. Thank you.

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Sunday Worship Hours: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.
Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 8:00 a.m.