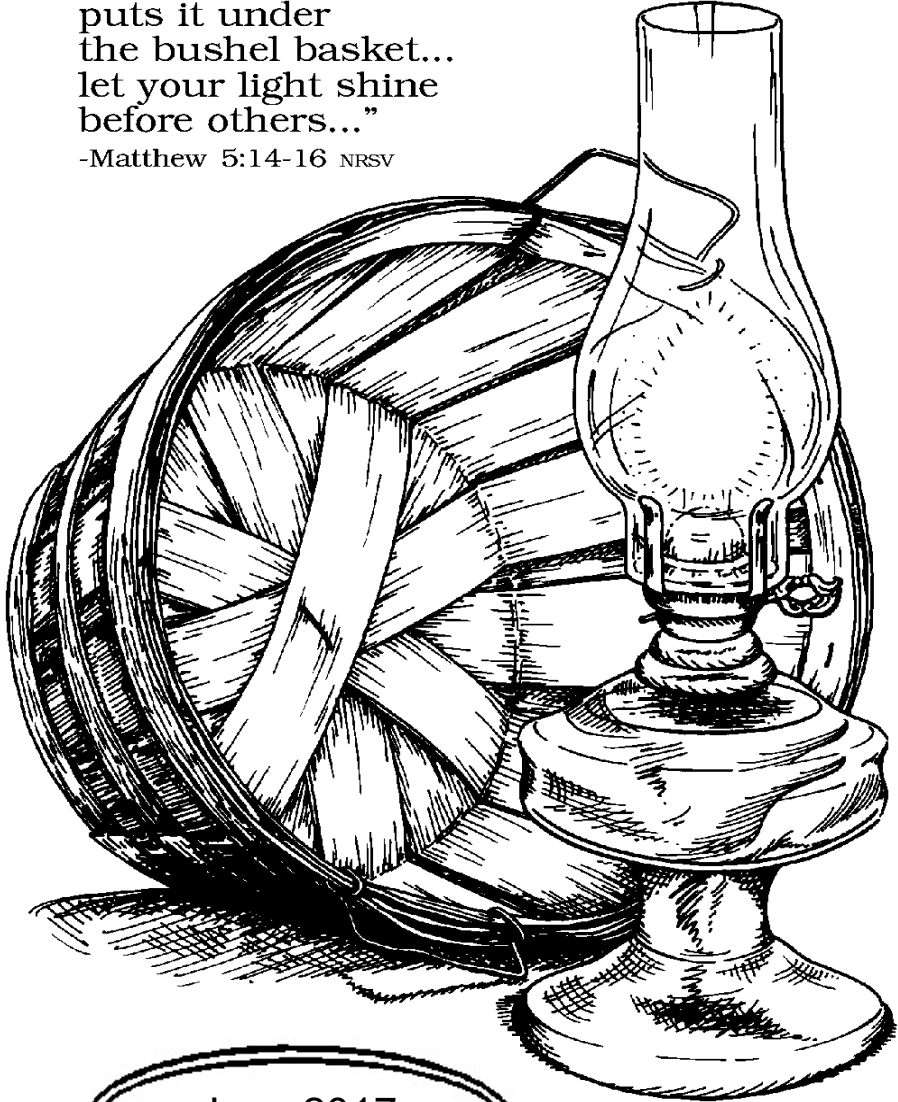


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let your light shine
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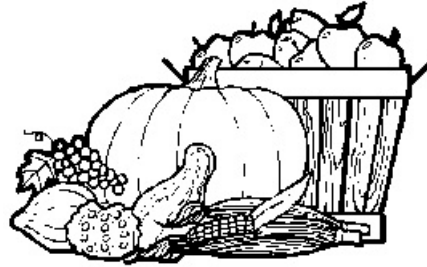
-Matthew 5:14-16 NRSV



June 2017

Share the Harvest

During the month of June we will be collecting a special offering for Share the Harvest. This offering will be given to Associated Charities to help buy food for the food pantry that services our community. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo slot write, "Share the Harvest." You are encouraged to give generously to this "tradition" in our church.



Father's Day is June 18!

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2017-2018 Nominating Committee: Elders: Fredda Ganer (chair), At-large: Billie DeBoard, Charla Gooden, and Leroy Quance.



PW met May 10, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall with ten members present. Nanci Kincheloe, moderator, opened the meeting with prayer. Jenny Whaylen gave the devotion.

The minutes of the April meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. It was reported the "Centsible Meals" collection was \$68.68 on May 7. A birthday offering was given by Marie Quance. A thank you card was received from the church for the memorial gift given in honor of Neta Horton who died on April 24, 2017. Three cards were sent.

The dinner for Neta Horton's family will be on May 27 immediately after the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. We will plan to serve 40-50 people. Election of officers for 2016-2017 will be held in June.

Fredda Ganer gave the lesson on the Biblical Prophet Isaiah from the Bible for Dummies.

Charla Gooden closed the meeting in prayer. Hostess was Mary Ann Stowell.

The next meeting will be June 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nanci Kincheloe will give the devotions. Garnet Stanley will give the lesson and Marie Quance will serve as hostess.

A reminder that ALL women of our congregation are members of PW. The worthwhile projects and lessons of PW are very rewarding. We hope that more ladies will attend each month. Signup for meeting responsibilities (devotions, Bible study leader, and hosting) and for the prayer chain are underway. Please contact Nanci, Arnetta, Charla or Marie if you would like to help at a meeting or to be added to the prayer chain. Yearbooks for 2017-2018 will be available in August.

June 4 is Pentecost Sunday, the date Elders coming on to the Session will be ordained and installed. In the Class of 2020 are Pat Hullet and Marion Tucker. The Nominating Committee for 2017-2018 begins its term: Elder: Fredda Ganer (chair), At-large: Billie DeBoard, Charla Gooden, and Leroy Quance.

SESSION REPORT

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Blackwell, met on Sunday, May 21, 2017 after worship in the fellowship hall with Rev. Karen Rogers presiding over the meeting. Billie DeBoard and Arnetta Hudson prepared the lunch.

Fredda Ganer read from God's Little Devotional Book. She talked about Abe Lincoln and how his outer appearance was not pretty, but what was inside is more important. She also commented about how discouragement seeds can't grow in the heart of grateful people. She led us in the opening prayer.

Elders attending were Charla Gooden, Fredda Ganer, Jenny Whaylen, Leroy Quance, Marie Quance, Jim Gooden, J. Wayne Hudson, Melissa Hudson, Clerk of Session and Elder Billie DeBoard, Treasurer Arnetta Hudson, and Moderator Rev. Karen Rogers. Rorrie and Richard Dixon were excused. A quorum was declared.

The presented agenda was approved by consensus. The minutes from the April 9, 2017 Stated Session Meeting were approved.

Clerk's Report:

Communion report: All elders present at Maundy Thursday helped with communion. Serving today on May 21, 2017 were Rorrie and Richard Dixon and Jim and Charla Gooden. Scheduled to serve on June 18, 2017 (Father's Day) are Marie Quance, Leroy Quance, Marion Tucker, and Mike Jeffers.

Centsible Meals collection on May 7, 2017 was \$68.68.

Member Neta Horton died April 27, 2017. A memorial will be held in our church on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with a family dinner to follow.

Pentecost Sunday is June 4 when Pat Hullet and Marion Tucker will be ordained and installed. The first session meeting for new elders is June 11, 2017. Today is the last formal meeting for Elders Jenny Whaylen, Leroy Quance, Melissa Hudson, and Charla Gooden until they are elected again.

Information on the Tri-Presbytery to be held in Enid on June 2 & 3: Rev. Rogers and Fredda Ganer will attend.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education committee: J. Wayne Hudson, chairperson
Nothing to report.

Deacons Committee: Richard Dixon, chairperson
Next event is Father's Day.

Evangelism and Membership Committee: Melissa Hudson, chairperson
A Pot Luck dinner is scheduled for July 2, 2017.

Information about an ad for the Chamber Directory was presented and it was decided not to put an ad in this directory as we are a member and have a listing in it already.

Mission & Finance Committee: Marie Quance, chairperson

The Financial Report was approved.

The Capital Improvement funds have not changed.

Share the Harvest will be held June and July.

Trustees Committee: Jim Gooden, chairperson

Jim reported that no leaks have been found after the last rains.

Hunter Moore will continue to do our lawn.

Worship Committee: Charla Gooden, chairperson

No business.

Marie Quance will be responsible for the opening on June 11, 2017. Jenny Whaylen and Melissa Hudson will prepare the meal. With no further business to come before the session, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Rev. Rogers led the group in the closing prayer.

Billie DeBoard, Clerk of Session

Flea Market and Bake Sale Set

Saturday, July 15 is the date for the Annual Garage Sale and Bake Sale in the fellowship hall for the animated Christmas display. The sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will need contributions of baked goods, garden vegetables, even crafts if you can and any items other than clothing for the garage sale.

We have received a lot of new items from people downsizing, moving away, cleaning out closets, etc. You never know what treasure you might find. And there are always those items you just can't live without.

The money raised goes to fund the Christmas Display expenses. Since no funds for the display come from the church, we need this fund raiser to help pay for anything needed to put the display together and welcome our guests.

Needed also will be people to work the day of the sale even if you can help only an hour or two. See Dorothy for details. Thank you for your help.

You are richer today if you have laughed, given, or forgiven.

*News from Miz D
From Oklahoma City*

I can't believe it's the first day of May. April went by like a flash and lots of rain for my area with damaging winds, 'treetop' tornados of 65 to 90 mile per hour winds. My daughter Susan lives between McArthur and Rockwell off Hefner at Basswood Canyon. Her big Bradford pear in the backyard got a hair trimming job and she lost a section of privacy fence to the east. A big branch of the tree landed on the corner of the house. Grant and his friends saved the roof and trim, got the fence repaired, and the yard back together. Praise God for his powerful arm and watchful care he extends to me and my family in the time of dire needs and compassionate love.

I haven't cried in a long time but the tears just wouldn't stop when I learned of Neta Horton's passing. She was a wonderful lady, a true example of Christian love and following God's commandments to love one another. I really got to know Neta as she traveled with me in the thirteen years that I was clerk of session. I have a picture of Neta and myself at a presbytery meeting in Guymon as we're seated at a table facing forward. I treasure it now more intensely. After Al died, Neta would drive by in the evening and we would cover the country roads. She sketched a windmill and slipped it in her glove box. I would love to have it.

We stayed with Eileen Walcher when we went to Woodward. She had a broken wrist from a fall. As she was taking Neta and me through to the sewing room, Ernie was with us. Eileen said clearly, "Ernie, quit whispering to Marian about my falling. I'll tell her how it happened because I know she wouldn't stay with me if she knew ahead of time." She made her own decision to go to the nursing center at Vici about eight miles east of Woodward.

Neta was proud of her neighborhood. She policed the roadside of Vinnedge and Southwest Boulevard, cleaning up litter and trash as did Dan McClung.

Neta attended the Monday morning Bible study that met in the kitchen of the fellowship hall. I got to be the 'donut hole' lady. God bless you, Neta, for all the love you shared with our church family.

Sing along with me in closing, "God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me."

Sincerely, in God's trusting and watchful care,
'Miz D,' Marian Darwin

SHARE THE HARVEST - 2017

Here's a bit of background for those who may be new to our congregation...and to refresh the memories of "old-timers." Share the Harvest is a project that was started in the late 80's by the Board of Deacons. The person who spearheaded the effort with great zeal and devotion was *Gerald Albers*. The church records do not show the exact date when it began, but the earliest financial report found was in 1988.

The focus and scope of the drive has expanded significantly over the years. In the beginning, wheat was purchased and donated, and then hauled up to the Oxford, Kansas mill to be made into flour. The flour was then given to the Associated Charities and/or sold to support fund raising efforts. Over the years, as the policies of the Oxford mill changed, and the needs of the Associated Charities expanded, the nature of the Share the Harvest evolved as well.

Presently, the drive takes place during the month of June and July, and all proceeds are given directly to Associated Charities. They use the funds throughout the year to purchase the "food staples" that are most needed during different seasons of the year.

Just as the items purchased has expanded from bags of flour to all kinds of food items, so has the giving of our congregation. In 1988, our gifts to Share the Harvest totaled \$297. By 1995, the total had reached \$530. In 1999 giving topped \$1,087 but has fallen off in recent years. You are encouraged to give generously to this "tradition" in our church which began with the desire to help others and which continues to assist those who are struggling in our very own community. Please continue to support all of our projects to help the Associated Charities in their efforts to bring relief to needy people in Blackwell. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo slot write, "Share the Harvest."

Thank You

I, Phillip Marc Alan Hudson, wish to thank you for all of the wonderful support during my two years at NOC. I appreciate all of your thoughtfulness. My church has always helped me stay focused on the future and what I need to achieve. The lamp I have to light for myself. Thank you again,
Phillip Hudson.

Fellowship Dinner on July 2

Because it's the holiday, because we haven't had a dinner for several weeks, because we like to eat and never miss a chance, and because we really don't need a reason, there will be a dinner on July 2 immediately after service. Don't miss this special time of fellowship. Bring a meat dish and a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Drinks and rolls will be provided. Let's celebrate the 4th of July, the summer, and our church family!

Take Time

(Author Unknown)

Take time to **PRAY** - it helps to bring God near, and washes the dust of earth from our eyes.

Take time for **FRIENDS** - they are the source of happiness.

Take time for **WORK** - it is the price of success.

Take time to **THINK** - it is the source of power.

Take time to **READ** - it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time to **LAUGH** - it is the singing that helps with life's loads.

Take time to **LOVE** - it is the one sacrament of life.

Take time to **DREAM** - it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time to **PLAY** - it is the secret of youth.

Take time to **WORSHIP** - it is the highway to reverence.

(From 11/01 Lamplighter, Margaret Denton's article)

from our email file...

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't have to," The boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating, at our house."

"That's our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

SERVICE FOR June
USHER CAPTAIN
J. Wayne Hudson

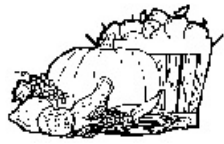
Happy Father's Day!

GREETER
Phillip Hudson

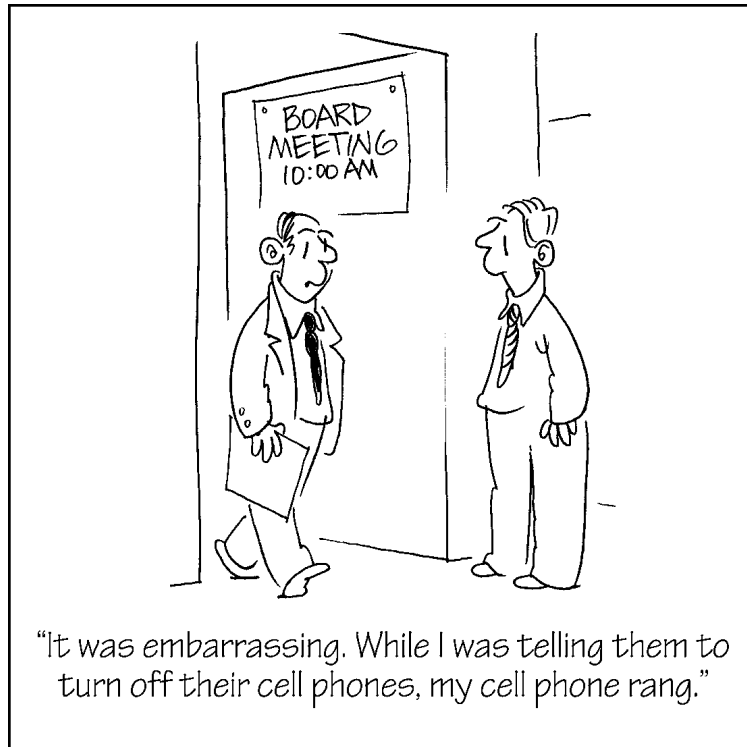
LAYLEADERS
June 4: Rorrie Dixon
June 11: David Gill
June 18: Melissa Hudson
June 25: Marion Tucker



SERVERS FOR COMMUNION
Date: June 18, 2017
Marie Quance Leroy Quance
Marion Tucker Mike Jeffers



SHARE THE
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| 18 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Communion  | 19 10:00 am Bible Study LAMPLIGHTER ARTICLES DUE! | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:45 am Breakfast 10:45 am Worship | 26 10:00 am Bible Study | 27 | 28 Glen Stanley | 29 | 30 | |