



CLERK'S CORNER

Wow! I can't believe it's going to be March already. We had a Called Congregational meeting that was held February 7, 2010 after the 10:30am service to elect three members from the congregation to help serve on the elder nominating committee with elder's Judy Mayes and Mike Manuel. The elected members were Marlene Hughes, Gloria Dietrich and Sandy Becker. Thanks ladies! The session met Monday, February 22, 2010 with eleven session members present and Pastor Dave. Pastor Dave gave us a devotional on worship. We had two membership requests from Arthur Ted Allen and Joann P. Allen by letter of transfer. The session voted them in and we welcome you to our church family. Helen Burmeister passed away on Friday, January 29, 2010 and long time member Warren Suter passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2010 and a memorial service, officiated by pastor Dave Diercksen, was held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 11:00am in the sanctuary of our church. A memorial service was held on Sunday, February 21, 2010 for Bernice Williams from Aladdin Village West. Our hearts and prayers go out to each one of these families. Communion was served on Sunday, February 7, 2010 to 522 people. The total attendance for February 2010 was 2,455 people with an average attendance of 491 people. Our session has voted to participate with Mission Presbytery in a program

for church development and evangelism. This program is called Acts 16:5 and so far sixteen congregations have committed to the program. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 by video conference. We have a committee of session members that have agreed to attend and they are Mike Hudsonpillar, Mike Manuel, Barbara Gray and John Cain. They will group us with other valley churches who are Treasure Hills in Harlingen and FPC Mercedes. Each group will have a convener and ours will be Rev. David Diercksen. We are very blessed to have these session volunteers and to have a dedicated pastor like Dave to look ahead to the future of our church. Clerk of Session, Barb Gray



ANNUAL MEETING

On March 21st we will have the Annual Congregational Meeting at 9:30 a.m., between services. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new elders presented by the nominating committee.

EASTER IS TIME FOR GIVING AT FPC

In the bulletins on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday you will see Easter Offering envelopes. These contributions are used for the local benevolent organizations that FPC helps to support. They include, Agape Christian School, Puentes de Cristo, Su Casa de Esperanza, Mission Food Pantry, and Comfort House. Thank you for giving generously!

FINANCIAL REPORT JAN. 2010	
Total Jan. Operating Income.....	\$27,659.41
Total Jan. Operating Expense.....	\$25,556.72

OUTREACH

Are you looking for a worthwhile project?? Are you looking for something fun and rewarding to do some morning?



How about grabbing a few canned goods from your cupboard and heading over to the MISSION FOOD PANTRY, located at 414 W. 12th Street (585-3004). This is at the corner of Kika De La Garza Loop West and 12th Street, just a few blocks South of the High School and 2 blocks north of Tom Landry. Hours are 8:30 – 12:30 weekdays. Nadine & her husband, Joe, along with their little granddaughter work very hard and would appreciate you stopping in to see the food, clothing, furniture, and house wares. When I visited, Nadine showed me their very neat and organized food storage room. She told me a couple Winter Texan parks donate blankets and hand made quilts which are greatly appreciated, especially this winter. They accept donated items, supply food/clothing free to the poor while selling everything else. All sales go right back to purchasing more food. One visit to this facility made me decide this is where I will donate food, clothing & household items in the future. My grandson, Nathan, and his Student Council volunteered one morning at the Food Pantry. The boys unloaded food from trucks and checked expiration dates on cans. The girls sorted clothing. If you have time on your hands, Joe & Nadine would appreciate your help! What a great way for us to help our neighbors!! Hope to see you there! submitted by Jan Herbst

MEMBER NEWS

A visitation followed by a graveside service was held at Roselawn Cemetery in McAllen on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 1:00 p.m. for long-time member Helen Burmeister. Flores Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Helen's sons Harold from Colorado and Richard from Indiana graciously greeted local church members and friends from Bentsen Palm R.V. Park where Helen had lived for many years. Helen was especially loved and endeared by members of our FPC Care committee who have provided various random acts of care and kindness for the past five years. Submitted by Carol Gibson

FPC WOMEN



The circles will meet this month. The schedule is:

Esther Circle: Th. Mar. 11, 9:30 a.m.
Hostess, Helen Dick
406 Rio Grande Dr.

Deborah Circle: Th. Mar. 11, 1:30 p.m.
Hostess, Rosemary Hom at FPC Mtg. Rm

Breakfast Bible Study
The monthly Breakfast Bible Study is open to everyone, and is led by Dave Diercksen. The next meeting will be on Mar. 17th. Meetings are held at Danny's Restaurant, 122 W. Tom Landry in Mission, at 7:00 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
BEGINS
MARCH 14TH



MARCH 28TH IS PALM SUNDAY

**APRIL 1ST - MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE**

APRIL 2ND - GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 4TH IS EASTER SUNDAY



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Our Pennies From Heaven Ingathering took in \$2,033 for the Kenya Children Project. An additional \$1,000 was donated by the Rotary Club and this will be credited to FPC also. Thank you for your generous gifts!

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Secretary	Eileen Johnson
Custodian	Sue Leerhoff
Schedule	Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.