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Pastor John's Jottings

“Any church worth its salt should be able to get a good letter of recommendation from the poor of its town.” I don't remember where this quote comes from, but it strikes me as being true, wise, and spiritually profound.

I was reading a story in the June 2020 issue of Dynamic Preaching about a professed atheist. For many years Patrick Green of Henderson County, Texas was an adamant atheist. He wanted nothing to do with Christianity or the church.

One day all that changed and Greene was won over to Christ by the local Sand Springs Baptist Church. Greene was not won over by clever theological arguments. He was not won over by a careful tour through the Bible of select verses. He was not won over by being told that he was going to go to hell if he did not change his ways.

Greene was won over by a concrete act of love. It happened like this. Greene had to give up his job driving a cab because of eye problems. For the first time in his life, Greene was in desperate need of help. He had no way to feed his family.

When Jessica Crye, a member of the Sand Springs Church, heard of Greene's problem, she got her church involved in helping. They first collected \$400.00 to help with groceries. But it didn't stop at that. Several members of the church continued to stop by the Greens' house with food and groceries and a listening ear.

That continued show of love and caring was what convinced Greene to rethink his stand on God and God's people. He now knows that God's love is real, because he has experienced that love in the people of Sands Springs Baptist Church.

“Any church worth its salt should be able to get a good letter of recommendation from the poor of its town.” Our church has been reaching out to the poor and hurting of our community in various ways.

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Now, there is interest in starting some kind of feeding program. Amy Strange has volunteered to head up a task force to prayerfully consider what that might look like. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please talk to Amy.

In the meantime, we plan to hold a yard sale on July 31st. Most of the proceeds from that yard sale will go toward this new ministry. Some of the proceeds will go to help the Clarksburg Humane Society. The Humane Society Thrift Shop is closing because of covid-19 and they are providing items for our yard sale. If you have donations for the yard sale, you may bring them by the church. You can contact Amy or Jeff for help with larger items. Also if you can help volunteer at the yard sale, please let Amy know. You can contact Amy by email at Astrange@familymatters.com or text her cell phone 304-629-1392.

Hope and Confidence and Peace,
John



First Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 5:30 p.m.

- Treasurer's report was received showing that to date we are \$15,729.97 on the plus side of our budget. The session thanks all of you for your generous and faithful support of God's work here at First Presbyterian Church!
- Feedback on our first two Sundays of gathering for worship was positive. The continued availability of the live stream and radio broadcast is much appreciated.
- The worship, music, and C.E. committee is still working on how and when to do V.B.S.
- We will be forming a task force to work on a feeding outreach program. Amy Strange has volunteered to lead this ministry. Thank you, Amy!
- Our secretary, Cathy, has requested that we reduce her days in the office from five to three days a week. The session has approved regular office hours for her as 9 to 2 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Since we pay Cathy by the hour this should be a win/win solution. Cathy has permission to do some work from home, as well as come in to the office additional days if necessary. She will not be exceeding the 25 hours per week that we are currently paying her.
- Session approved holding a Yard Sale on Friday, July 31st, the proceeds to be divided between the church feeding program and the Clarksburg Humane Society. The exact division of funds has yet to be decided, but the church program will receive at least 50% of the proceeds. If you can help with the yard sale, please let Amy Strange know.
- We will allow the A.A. group to begin meeting again in our building. Their meetings will be on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m.

-We are forming a committee to review the church rolls. Our Book of Order requires that we do that once a year. Also, our secretary has a new program for tracking membership, baptisms, transfers, etc. So getting that program up and running seems like a good opportunity to update our church rolls.

-Beth Allen will be our commissioner to the Presbytery meeting on August 15th in Fayetteville

Pastor's Report:

hospital visits: 1 Other significant Pastoral visits: 15 almost all by phone

No Funerals, Baptisms, or Weddings to report

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on June 7.

Home communion was not served in June because of the pandemic.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2020 -

Month	requests	completed	Amount pledged	Amount disbursed
January	20	20	1654.65	1654.65
February	16	16	1356.78	1356.78
March	11	11	1150.00	1150.00
April	4	4	427.23	427.23

There were no requests for assistance in May.

Sunday Worship
Church School 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45

Live on WPDX Radio, 109.4 FM or 750 AM
Live stream at facebook.com/fpcclarksburg



July Scriptures and Sermons

July 5, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-9
*Acts 9:1-19

Sermon: "Ananias the Forgotten Hero"

Theme: Without Ananias there might not have ever been an Apostle Paul. Ananias was an obscure Christian living in Damascus. God came to him in a vision and sent him to heal a blind man named Saul (Paul) who had been blinded in his experience of Jesus on the road to Damascus. Ananias was afraid because he knew that Saul had been sent by the chief priests to Damascus to arrest Christians. Still Ananias healed Saul as God had asked.

July 12, 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Communion)

Scriptures: Genesis 25:19-34
*Acts 15:22-41

Sermon: "Barnabas - The Day the Music Died"

Theme: Paul and Barnabas were a dynamite team. They strengthened and encouraged each other and as they traveled together they spread God's word far and wide. But then they had a disagreement. The disagreement was so sharp that they broke up the band and went their separate ways. This seems like a very bad thing to us. Yet, God used this disagreement to double the pace at which the gospel was spreading.

July 19, 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John on vacation
Guest Preacher: Rev. James A. Harris

July 26, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John on vacation
Guest Preacher: Dick Ogden



FROM THE
Pulpit

Prayer group every Monday at 10:00 AM



Madison Stout	July 1
Kris Burgess	July 2
Jamie Atkinson	July 4
Anthony Paletta	July 6
Anthony Corsini	July 7
Hunter Merriott	July 7
Michael Sabatino	July 9
Larry Woods	July 10
Kathy Lawrence	July 11
Beth Allen	July 15
Brittany Atkinson	July 15
George Clark	July 15
Dick Ogden	July 16
Morgan Caridi	July 17
Anne Davis	July 17
Rebecca Simmerman	July 19
Landen Lafferty	July 21
Elsa Davis	July 22
Joseph Emerson	July 22
Bradley Tustin	July 24
Carole Wilburn	July 26
Amanda Garrett	July 27
Bill Williams	July 27
Larry Kennedy	July 31

Children's Moments

July 5- Pastor John & Charla
 July 12-
 July 19- Terra Burnett
 July 26- Terra Burnett

Worship Leaders

July 5 - Hank Lawrence
 July 12- Jenna Bennett
 July 19- Terra Burnett
 July 26- Bryon Delawder

Deacon Greeters

July 5- Kierra Harris
 July 12- Lori Cavallo
 July 19- Dottie Rinehart
 July 26

Acolytes

July 5- Amelia and Kierra Harris
 July 12-
 July 19- Hanna Burnett and Gia Corsini
 July 26- Ashley and Bradley Burnett

We have openings for flowers in the reredos for the entire month of July. Call the office: 304-622-6831.



Reredos



Flowers



Charles Adkins
Sara Arnold
Eddie Cox
Jeremy F. Cox
Debbie Cunningham
Angie Fowler
Carol Lee Griffin
Yvonne Gump
Derek Hardman
Bob & Janice Hardman
Robbie Hood
Doug Linton
Jerry Lynch
Nora McClean
John Michome
Jillian Mick
Mary Moore (aunt of Sandi Nuzum)
Nickolas Nardone
Kenneth Oldaker
Wilma Oldaker
Susan Orr (Carole's sister)
Jo Plybon
Amy Pack
Donna Pitzer
Joey Rogers
Susie Saunders
Everett Shiffra
Melanie Simmons
Bonnie Smith
Chuck Smith
Donna Smith
Karen Tyson
John Wamsley
JenniferWetzel



Happy Birthday USA

