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THE WINDMILL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS

The picture of her much too somber face haunts my thoughts. A person with a crushed spirit. A child of God who has not heard how special she is, that she possesses amazing abilities, or even the words "I love you." She has grown up not knowing the support and love of a family, caught up in a system that follows the rules, but not always offering the nurturing love she so desperately needs. As I reflect on her story I am overwhelmed with a sense of responsibility and gratitude. Gratitude not only for my family but for this church family that offers support and love to all of God's children, regardless of age or circumstance. Offering encouragement and guidance for the hard times, joining in celebrations for joys and accomplishments, and always faithfully telling the story of God's love. Thank you to all of you who take seriously Christ's words to show the world Who we belong to by the way we live. Thank you to the volunteers who help with Sunday School and Koinonias, The Well, VBS and special activities. Thank you to all who help us worship, and encourage us to step out of the our comfort zones. Thank you to all who help with extended care or nursery on Sunday mornings. Thank you to all who open their homes for special parties and to all who provide snacks; to all who sew costumes and tell stories; to all who



sort books and all who keep us organized. Thank you to all who take time to offer a word of greeting, of concern, a hug, a smile. Thank you to all who pray for all of us, and to all who dream and plan. I am grateful for all the ministries of this church, those that include the wider church and those in our own back yard. I am grateful for this congregation's continued support for Children's Corner Preschool where children and families are treated with dignity and where they hear of God's amazing love for them and learn that they can share this love. I am grateful for our support of the YES Center where students learn that they can succeed, that they are capable of doing new and different things and that they can help others. I am grateful for the staff and volunteers who teach, nurture and care for each child working hand in hand in these ministries with us. Amidst my gratefulness, the haunting picture and story that this young person shares also brings me face to face with our responsibilities as the Body of Christ. We are called to continuously proclaim, by words and deeds,

that all people belong to God, that all are precious to the One who creates and sustains us and that each life is valued. As we look ahead to the new year stretching out before us, let us take time to pray, reflect and listen, to learn what God is calling us to do. There are many opportunities to volunteer, to become involved, to share the unique gifts God has given each of us to make a difference in someone's life. Let us continue to work together bringing God's transforming love to a world in need.

Shalom,

Sam Baublitz

Let Us Worship God

The Scripture readings for
January 31, 2010 are:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

and

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The title of John Wurster's
sermon is

"Now and Then"

An audio recording of each week's sermon and the Sunday bulletin are available on our website (www.fpckerrville.org/sermons.htm). if you would like a CD copy or a written copy of a sermon, please contact the church office.



Happy Birthday Wishes !

Dewayne Bannister	26-Jan
Kristina Tuschak	26-Jan
John Wurster	26-Jan
Linda Delaney	27-Jan
Barbara Ratcliffe	27-Jan
Ray Humphrey	27-Jan
Ruth McNay-Gray	28-Jan
Leah Holekamp	28-Jan
Diana Hurst	30-Jan
Dylan Cannon	31-Jan
Kate Lohmeyer	31-Jan
John Osborn	31-Jan
Dorinda Brewer	31-Jan
Mary Jo Reno	1-Feb
Eleanor Baldwin	1-Feb
Henri Gearing	1-Feb
Kathy Heim	1-Feb
Harlan Crouse	2-Feb
Jayne Amann	2-Feb
Nell Swayze	3-Feb
Nancy Denham	3-Feb
Dot MacDonald	4-Feb
Bill Matthews	5-Feb
Ridge Floyd	5-Feb
Parker Huchton	5-Feb
James Mooring	6-Feb
Pat Stoner	6-Feb
Cornelia Shanklin	7-Feb
Stan Brunsman	7-Feb
Samantha Junkin	8-Feb
Clarice Amann	8-Feb
Alejandrina Shackelford	9-Feb
Martha Maxwell	9-Feb
Sue Dyke	9-Feb
Kathy Thompson	11-Feb



2010 CURRIE LECTURE SERIES

The Currie Enrichment Series Committee is VERY EXCITED to announce that the Rev. Dr. Thomas Currie III will be the 2010 speaker at the Series, so named in his honor after pastoring First Presbyterian Kerrville from 1989-2001. Please mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE of this outstanding event to be held April 16-18.

FYI: Rev. Currie is a third-generation Presbyterian minister and Texas native. After leading First Presbyterian-Kerrville for a dozen years, he and his wife Peggy left Kerrville when he accepted a position as Dean of Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he currently serves. Peggy was a Physical Therapist at Kerrville's Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital, and the three Currie children (Chris, Kate, and Anne) are Tivy graduates. Rev. Currie was a founder of the Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM), and an early supporter of the Christian Ministerial Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, and numerous other community efforts that have affected thousands of lives in this community. Both Tom and Peggy will join us for the weekend!

Tom is widely regarded as a Biblical scholar as well as an eloquent speaker. He has authored four books, the most recent being The Joy of Ministry (2008), and including Prayers for the Road: Psalm Meditations for College Students, and Searching for Truth: Confessing Christ in an Uncertain World which were written while he served as a pastor here. A grandfather now, Tom will bring a deep knowledge of family life, a Hill Country experience blended with his worldly education, his innate genetic gift of preaching, and his desire to return to this special place.

The theme of Rev. Currie's lectures will be "Prayer, Poetry, and the Gospel". Referencing The Brothers K, by David James Duncan, Rev. Currie will discuss suffering, love, and grace. The universal themes of failure and death and their relation to faithfulness to the gospel with its promise of redemption will be incorporated. W. H. Auden's poetry will also be referenced. This poetry is widely available, including online, as is purchase of The Brothers K, which is also available in the First Presbyterian Church office for \$13.25.

The 2010 Currie Enrichment Series events begin with a family potluck supper in the Family Life Center of First Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, April 16, to welcome the Curries back to Kerrville. On Saturday evening, light refreshments will be offered as Rev. Currie speaks again, and then the Series concludes on Sunday morning, April 18, at the worship services. Please join us for these exciting and special events! More details will follow.

Submitted by Lissa Peters, CES; Betty Byrd, Chair; Gaye Avery; Howard Hovde; Ann Huie; Don Steele; Graydon Vaught; John Wurster

Souper Bowl Sunday!

Are you ready for the Souper Bowl Sunday? The BOG Squad sure is! And no, we didn't misspell it. We're talking about the "Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday," the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving, where youth in churches across the country make a difference in the lives of those who are "without even a bowl of soup to eat." Before and after worship on Sunday morning, February 7, our B.O.G. Squad (4th and 5th graders) will be stationed in the narthex to collect cans of soup and/or monetary donation. The cans of soup will be donated to CAM and any money collected will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund to help relief efforts in Haiti. Thanks for your support of our group and their effort to serve others. To learn more about the "Souper Bowl of Caring," go to their website, www.souperbowl.org

Submitted by Shannon Tuschak

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN SEEKERS

SEEKERS 2010 --- Service, Education, Entertainment, and Koinonia --- may be for you! We are a group of First Presbyterian Church members who once a month throughout the year enjoy entertainment events, educational programs, service projects, and most of all, enjoy loving, caring fellowship amongst ourselves. We are beginning a brand-new year in February, and we invite you to join us. If you wish to sign up for a fun-filled year of activities (or have any questions), please contact Sam or June Begeman at 896-0541, or email at srbegeman@kfc.com with your name(s), address, and phone number by January 24th at the latest.

submitted by Sam Begeman

NEEDED! SCULPTORS, CARVERS,

WOOD TURNERS, POTTERS, ETC.

The church now has a beautiful display cabinet donated by Louis and Mary Kay Smith in the lobby in the education building which needs pieces to display therein.

If you sculpt in any medium, make pottery, wood bowls and platters, paint china, have small painted pictures, stained glass pieces, hand-crafted jewelry, dolls you have painted and dressed...indeed any object that can be shown in a cabinet, please consider exhibiting it.

The space between shelves is 19" so pieces must be no larger than 17" in height. Each item must be able to stand alone or be supported by a stand.

Please attach your name and name of piece to each exhibit.

If you have items you wish to exhibit please call Diana Hurst any day before 5 p.m. at 895-0724.

submitted by Diana Hurst

Save The Dates!...

As you are making plans for your summer? Please keep in mind the following dates:

June 14—18 Jane Bently, from Scotland will be with us teaching us drumming and more about Celtic worship. For all ages.

June 20—25 PAM Music and Worship Conference at Mo- Ranch. For all ages.

July 12– 16 VBS "Egypt: the Story of Joseph, from Prison to Palace." This will be in the evenings.

July 19 –23 "Earth Friends, Good Friends, God's Friends." Learning to care for the earth. For upper elementary.

Also remember that there are two wonderful camps close at hand for children to attend. John Knox Ranch and Mo-Ranch offer a wide variety of camping experiences. Check out their web-sites to learn more about what they offer. Our church pays 1/2 of the cost of one church camp per summer, per participant. If you have any questions please contact Sam Baublitt.

Check out Our New Calendar

In an effort to streamline and make our online tools more user friendly we are now using an interactive calendar on our website. Although the calendar is still being fully developed and implemented, we invite you to make use of this calendar to keep track of our church events and activities, by clicking: www.fpckerrville.org/calendar.htm. Your feedback to the church office is welcome.

Get Your Christmas CD Here!!

Thanks to those who purchased the CD of Christmas readings by Diana Hurst. To date \$648 has been received. At Diana's request, proceeds from the sale of the CDs have been designated for the Music Building Fund. There are still CDs available in the church office at a cost of \$7 each.

Submitted by Graydon Vaught

Presbyterian Women News!

The PW Leadership Committee will meet this Thursday, January 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library on the 2nd floor of the Education Bldg.

Submitted by Judy Vaught

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Calendar for January 31-February 7

Sunday, January 31

8:30/11:00 Worship
9:45 Congregational Mtg./FLC
9:45 Sunday School
(Children only)
4:00 The Well, Jr. High
6:30 The Well, Sr. High

Monday, February 1

5:00 Planning & Training
Rm 204
10:00 Alta Mae Yerger service
6:30 Stephen Ministry Train.
FLC 500

Tuesday, February 2

6:45 River Hill Bible Study
9:15 Staff
10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study
4:00 Bell choir

Wednesday, February 3

9:45 CC Chapel
12:00 Sewing
3:15 Koinonias
6:00 Diaconate; Rm 208
7:00 Choir

Thursday, February 4

9:30 PW Council; Rm 208
3:00 Stephen Ministers; MSS
5:15 Child. Ministries; library
7:30 Camerata Concert; Sanct.

Friday, February 5

10:30 Plaza on the River
5:30 Seekers Potluck; Ryan
7:30 San Antonio Brass Concert
Sanctuary

Saturday, February 6

11:00 HOPES Kitchen

Sunday, February 7

8:30/11:00 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
4:00 The Well, Jr. High
6:30 The Well, Sr. High



News Briefs and Gentle Reminders

- The **annual congregational meeting** will be Sunday, January 31, at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. (No adult Sunday school classes that day.) The meeting will include a report on 2009, the presentation of the final 2010 budget, and approval of the terms of call for the pastors. Following the meeting we will have a going away reception for Karen Morris in the FLC. For those interested, information packets for the meeting can be picked up, Friday, in the church office.
- Make a **New Years resolution** to join the hundreds of people who receive "The Windmill" electronically. You get the news faster and in color, while the church saves printing and postage costs.
- The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding to the **earthquake in Haiti** through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and its partners. For updates on the church's response, please visit www.pcusa.org/pda. Contributions in support of Presbyterian relief efforts can be made on-line or by check to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Haiti."