

Newsletter First Presbyterian Church Terrell, Texas October 2014

Thoughts from Angus

This may be difficult to believe but next month will see the end of my two year contract as your designated part-time installed pastor. As I look back over the past couple of years I am reminded of so many ways we have grown as a congregation, not only numerically in worship and membership, but especially in the reach of our ministries to the local community through the kindergarten school and share center, and specifically as each of us lives out a life of faith among the people with whom we share our lives at home and out in the world at large. I trust that each of us has also grown in our own faith and understanding of our own selves as children of God and as individuals who have a role to play in God's mighty creation.

So you may be wondering what is next for us. Well, ultimately God alone knows the answer to that though I can tell you each of us has a vital part to play in the future here at FPC Terrell and that future is surely filled with hope and promise by the power of God. I am excited to see what God has in store for us all. A next step is to review my call as your pastor.

Let me share three options that are currently open to us. The first option is to allow my contract to expire on November 30th at which point I cease to be the designated installed pastor and will no longer have a direct role in the mission of this congregation. The second option is to extend my existing contract by up to two years. The third option is to remove the designated status of my call and become the part-time installed pastor without any contractual time limits.

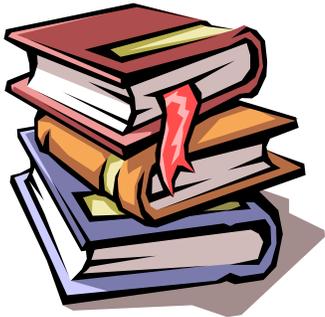
The determination as to which path we choose lies with each of us, though initially and primarily this responsibility falls upon the session.

The session will meet with members of the Committee on Ministry (COM) from Grace Presbytery on Tuesday, November 4th as part of the process to discern God's intention for the church here in Terrell and me, and to choose our path together.

It is important for you to remember and know who the session is. The session is the council or governing body of the congregation. It is your representative form of government elected from within the membership of the church by the membership of the church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Though elected by the congregation, each member of the session is called to make decisions for the church through prayerful discernment remembering that God is ultimately the Lord of the conscience. This role is often a blessing, yet at times it can be a difficult and daunting task.

For these reasons I invite and encourage you always to be in prayer for the members of your session and especially during this month of October as they and I discern a way forward for the church. Express openly to the members of session your opinions, hopes, concerns, desires, and dreams for our community of faith and do so with passion and faithfulness, remembering that God is in the midst of us, guiding us, and loving us to a future that God alone knows. I have the honor and blessing to be your brother, friend, and servant in Christ.





BookMark

BookMark is a regular feature of this newsletter. If you have read a good book or come across a review that our members might like to read, send it to the church email fpcterrell@gmail.com to be featured in this column.

The Boy on the Wooden Box

By Leon Leyson

Completed before his death in January 2013, Leyson's narrative opens with glowing but not falsely idyllic childhood memories of growing up surrounded by friends and relatives in the Polish village of Narewka and then the less intimate but still, to him, marvelous city of Kraków. The Nazi occupation brought waves of persecution and forced removals to first a ghetto and then a labor camp. Since his father, a machinist, worked at the enamelware factory that Schindler opportunistically bought, 14-year-old "Leib" (who was so short he had to stand on the a wooden box to work), his mother and two of his four older siblings were eventually brought into the fold. Along with harrowing but not lurid accounts of extreme privation and casual brutality, the author recalls encounters with the quietly kind and heroic Schindler on the way to the war's end, years spent at a displaced-persons facility in Germany and at last emigration to the United States. Leyson brings a unique perspective to the history of the Holocaust and a powerful message of courage and humanity. Believing that no one would be interested in his story, he rarely spoke about his experiences until the film *Schindler's List* received worldwide attention.

A graduate of Los Angeles City College; California State University, Los Angeles; and Pepperdine University, he taught at Huntington Park High School in Huntington Park, California, for thirty-nine years. In recognition of his many accomplishments as educator and witness to the Holocaust, Mr. Leyson was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Chapman University.

Mr. Leyson passed away in January 2013, leaving behind his wife, Lis; their two children; and six grandchildren.

Lay Leaders for October

Oct. 5 Adrienne Wynn
Oct. 12 Linda Austin
Oct. 19 Terry Turner
Oct. 26 Alice Harris



Please remember your Box Tops for Education. A list of these products is on the office door.

We are still collecting items for the Texas State Hospital residents. They need socks, gloves, sweatshirts and sweatpants, brushes, combs and most any personal item. **There is also a need for small suitcases.**

Pastor's Prayer Corner:

Our prayer this month from the Daily Word was sent by Nettie Freeman. She is long time member of our church, who for health reasons cannot always attend worship service. She is always with us in spirit.

Oh, God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; when I have work, help me to remember the jobless; when I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless; when I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. In remembering, help me to destroy complacency and bestir my compassion. Make me concerned enough o help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen



Don't forget your food donations for the Terrell Share Center. We collect non-perishables on the first Sunday of each month. These are delivered on the following Thursday to the Share Center



Prayer List

Martha and Ron Wilkins, Don Smith, Bettye Borchardt, Norma and Charles Jandrew, Vi Howrie,
Sharon Curry, David Denney, Sharon Overton, and Terry Turner

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
		Office hours		Office hours		
		10 a.m. to 4 pm		10 a.m. to 4 pm		
 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion		Office hours		Office hours		
Bring Share Center Food		10 a.m. to 4 pm		10 a.m. to 4 pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Office hours		Office hours		
		10 a.m. to 4 pm		10 a.m. to 4 pm		
		4 pm Session Meeting				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Office hours	Newsletter Submission	11 a.m.. Worship Committee		
		10 a.m. to 4 pm		Office hours		
				10 a.m. to 4 pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Office hours		Office hours		
		10 a.m. to 4 pm		10 a.m. to 4 pm		

October Birthdays

<i>Michael Lynch</i>	<i>October 7</i>
<i>Anna Darling</i>	<i>October 8</i>
<i>Gary McGowan</i>	<i>October 15</i>
<i>Bettie Ottman</i>	<i>October 23</i>
<i>Patricia Smith</i>	<i>October 25</i>
<i>Kenneth Smith</i>	<i>October 25</i>
<i>Martha Wilkins</i>	<i>October 28</i>
<i>Laura McGowan</i>	<i>October 29</i>

October Anniversaries

<i>Laura and Gary McGowan</i>	<i>October 10</i>
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Thank You

Did anyone see money fall down from heaven Sunday, September 21st? Well it did! I thanked the congregation for all the prayers, love & financial help. When I returned to my place after the passing of the Peace of Christ, I found a nicely folded \$50 bill left on the lectern. That is like a \$1,000 to me. After worship, I ask others if anyone had seen the precious giver. No one had witnessed it. I am writing this because I have to thank that person or persons. GOD bless you always and know that I love you with my whole heart.

In Christian Love,
Terry Turner

October Recipe

Chocolate Lasagna

Ingredients

1 package Oreos (36 cookies)	2 - 3.9 ounce packages Chocolate Instant Pudding
6 Tablespoons melted butter	3 1/4 cups cold milk
8 ounces softened cream cheese	1 and 1/2 cups mini chocolate chips
1/4 cup sugar	
2 Tablespoons milk	
12 ounces Cool Whip, divided	

Directions

In food processor, pulse Oreos to crumbs.

Stir in the melted butter

Press into a 9 x 13 inch Pyrex or baking dish. Chill a few minutes.

In mixer, beat cream cheese till fluffy.

Add the 2 T. milk & sugar.

Add 1 1/4 cups Cool Whip.

Spread this mixture over the chilled crust.

Prepare chocolate puddings with the 3 1/4 cups milk.

Spread this over the cream cheese layer. Chill 5 mins.

Spread the rest of the Cool Whip on the top and sprinkle with the mini chocolate chips.

Chill several hours or overnight before cutting!

Thought for the day

If only our tongues were made of glass,
How much more careful we would be when we speak.