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**The Presbyterian Proclaimer**  
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I have loved this last year and have enjoyed getting to know you. I have wonderful memories of your warmth and welcome to me and my family. The sad part of interim ministry is that you can never stay anywhere long, but the good part is that you get to meet so many loving and compassionate people.

We have accomplished much this year. I do want you to note the word “we.” If anyone thinks that the pastor can bring changes to a congregation by him or herself, I would urge them to think again. Session meetings cannot become more harmonious just because the pastor orders it. Church participation does not increase just because the pastor works harder. The congregation must make changes and members have to change their methods for these accomplishments to occur.

This church cannot rest now. The journey continues to the Promised Land. I have led you to the mountaintop overlooking that Promised Land and we have had the chance to glimpse it. Now the congregation must enter that Promised Land under the direction of a new installed pastor.

I am writing this way because I believe that the new pastor will be called shortly. As soon as the new pastor is called, the newsletter will need to contain his article and not mine and I want the chance to say goodbye. I also want to state that I feel that it has been a privilege to work at this congregation and that I have never enjoyed a year more than this one.

I do intend to keep in touch, but will not perform any pastoral functions so that the new pastor can get firmly established. I will keep you in my prayers and I hope that you will continue to witness to Christ as you have.

Yours in Christ,  
Michael

### **Committee Chairpersons for 2010**

Building & Grounds ~ Kay Slater

Christian Education ~ Karin Hill

Congregational Care ~ Marie Hestand

Finance ~ Bill Irvine

Nominating ~

Outreach & Mission ~ Mary Ann Roe

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Music Director ~ John Hodges  
Accompanist ~ Donna Baskin  
Youth Director ~ Cindy Hodges  
Nursery ~ Dolores Holzapfel  
Ministers ~ Members of FPC

## Quilts for Kids

I was asked to tell the congregation what we did in Quilts for Kids. The ladies who sew: myself, Flo Dreher, Bobbie Dykes, and Mary Taylor make small quilts (about a yard wide and a yard or yard and a half long). They are sewed and turned, then they are tied with yarn. Ruth Morgan, Evelyn Brown, and Teresa West do the yarning. I can also yarn. We make the quilts to give to the needy children of Matagorda County. We give them to the Police Department, Sheriff's Department, D.P.S., Schools, and other nonprofit organizations. We also give to the Christmas Family. We give a quilt to Babies born to members of the church and / or family of members. We give them out before Christmas so they can be given for gifts. In the past year (2009) we gave away 287 quilts and also we gave lap robes to the people in the nursing homes. All of the quilts have a tag which says: Made with Love by the Women of First Presbyterian Church of Bay City.

Thank You,  
Marie Hestand  
Quilts For Kids

Quilts for Kids will meet on March 10, 2010  
in Robbins Hall at 9:00am. We welcome anyone  
who may want to come and join us.

Bandage Rolling will meet on March 16, 2010  
in Robbins Hall, at 2:00pm.



*We are so grateful to the folks who bake cookies, buy goodies and give money for postage for the Cookie Mission. God Bless you everyone! Please give in some way and give a happy face to someone that is in the armed forces.*

Our community theatre group will present "Alibis", a murder mystery who-dun-it comedy at the Bay City Service Center, March 19 & 20 at 7:30 pm with a Sunday March 21 matinee at 2:30 pm. The group is grateful to our church for sponsoring some of the rehearsal locations. Come out and support the Bay City community theatre!



St. Patrick, was probably born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. Patrick was about sixteen years old when he was abducted and enslaved. During his captivity, he became closer to God. According to his writing, a voice - which he believed to be God's - spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

Patrick also reported that he experienced a second revelation - an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary.

### St. Patty's Day Toasts and Poems

- \* "May your glass be ever full. May the roof over your head be always strong. And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead."
- \* "May your blessings outnumber, the shamrocks that grow, And may trouble avoid you wherever you go."
- \* "May you always have... Walls for the winds, A roof for the rain, Tea beside the fire, Laughter to cheer you, Those you love near you, And all your heart might desire."
- \* "He preached with such wonderful force, the innocent natives his teaching. With wine washed down each discourse, Says he: "I detest all dry preaching!"
- \* "The Scots have their whisky, the Welsh have their tongue, but the Irish have Paddy, who's second to none!"

On February 7th it was the Souper Bowl of Caring and the Super Bowl Sunday Night Live/Youth Group. Youth did a Souper Bowl of Caring skit in the morning service and collected \$429.00 in donations, which will go to the First Methodist Food Pantry Mission! Thank you for your faithful giving!

February 14th, the Youth Group hosted the Second Sunday Luncheon for Valentine's Day Sunday. A great traditional spaghetti meal was served with a yummy John 3:16 cake for dessert. Each person received a handmade fridge magnet as a "Love Gift" from the youth! It was a great meal and fellowship!

February 22nd was Monday Night Movie time. We enjoyed "Nacho Libre" on the big screen and enjoyed some yummy concession favorites!

"International Sword Swallower's Day" was February 28th, and like swords, our pride is difficult to swallow. We had a lesson on *Humbleness*, what it is and what the Bible has to say about it! We came up with skits that reflect humbleness in action! Elizabeth Rivenbark shared information with us about participating in MDA's Stride and Ride Event on March 27th! The Youth receive World Vision 30 Hour Famine Packets!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

3/7 - Daughter' & Sons' Day	3/14 - Potato Chip Day
3/17 - St. Patrick's Day	3/22 - Monday Night Movie
3/27 - MDA Stride & Ride	3/28 - Palm Sunday

**SPRING BREAK**  
March 15th - 19th



*Saintly Scripture:* He will guard the feet of his saints, but the wicked will be silenced in darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails; 1 Samuel 2:9

*As always, give the Lord praise and glory in all that you do.*  Cindy

### Wednesday Night Supper

*March 24, 2010 will be Wednesday Night Supper on the Church grounds. We will have hamburgers, and hot dogs. The hamburger patties and hot dogs and hamburger and hot dog buns will have been donated.*

*Please bring your favorite fixings and side dishes, chips and soft drinks, along with chairs to set in outside weather permitting. Come and enjoy the evening with friends and family at First Presbyterian Church.*

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The “*Quilts for Kids*” ladies are in desperate need of material. New or used material of any kind will be appreciated. Monetary donations can be given to Sharen marked “*Quilts for Kids*”. We need your help to continue what we do, which is to make quilts for needy kids in the Bay City area. Help us do the Lord’s work.

-Marie Hestand, Quilts for Kids

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### Maundy Thursday Gathering

On the Thursday evening before Jesus was arrested he gathered with his disciples in an upper room and shared the Passover meal with them. For Jesus and the disciples this meal was the most significant meal of the year as they remembered how God had delivered their people from captivity in Egypt. On this occasion Jesus probably drew heavily from the symbolism of the Seder meal also to explain his death to the disciples. On Thursday, April 1, at 6:30 pm during Holy Week in Robbins Hall we will share in a Seder meal. During our time together we will lift out the meaning of the meal for those of us who follow Jesus Christ as our Messiah. The meal will involve a lot of preparation so we will need to know in advance if you are coming. Seating will be limited to 100. Please call the church office by Wednesday, March 24 and let us know that you would like to be involved in this wonderful time of fellowship and growth. Following the Seder Meal, the choir will offer music in recognition of the crucified Savior.

Please save can caps, Campbell soup labels, and the box tops for Education. Just bring them to the church office and I will pick them up. Thanks!

-Ann Bond

### Thank You

*I would like to Thank everyone for their calls, visits, cards and prayers while I was in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.*

*God Bless You All,  
Ottmar Schimek*

### Cantata Sunday

*March 21 the choir will perform their spring cantata, “The Rose of Calvary” at the morning worship service. This work is masterfully orchestrated by Joseph Martin, and will include some guest choir members. Please make plans to attend this special service.*

The Christian Education Committee has scholarship applications available in the church office. All applications must be turned in to the office by APRIL 1, 2010. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

### Thank You

**To My Presbyterian Church Friends— I am so grateful to you for giving me a beautiful party. I appreciated the pretty table with delicious food and flowers, the pretty cards and your presence there. I love all of you.**

**Sincerely,  
Lenore Simons**



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCH ON THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH. WE MEET AT 11:30 AM AT KING BUFFET. WE CELEBRATE THOSE WITH A BIRTHDAY IN THE CURRENT MONTH.**

# Prayer List

**The Legacy campus:** Becky Griffith, Blanche Miller.  
**Our Missionaries:** The Dunns and The Hueys  
**Others:** A.N. Sandusky, Bonnie Craft, Ramona Davis, Dorothy Karwatske (Sandy Boyer's Mother), Debbie King, Darla Matthes, Grace Keener, Margaret Kelly, Alee Mata, Catherine Uher, our President and troops, the staff, the PNC & session of FPC.

Our servicemen and their families:



Air Force ---- Ryan Tobin & Angela  
 Gage Slater  
 Michael & Jodie (Richardson) Waits  
 Kathy Trim  
 Chico Hinojosa (Son-in-law of Charlie Boeker)  
 John Contreras (Elizabeth Rivenbark's Cousin)  
 Army Blayne & Kari (Hestand) Spraks



## Happy Birthdays!

Virginia Rhymes	03/01
Gideon Gilzow	03/02
Denise Frazier	03/04
Ardeth Keathley	03/04
Hayle Mullen	03/04
Sherman Mullen	03/04
Leonard Braden	03/05
Jim Matthes	03/07
Alycia Adams	03/09
Sarah Hilton	03/09
Zachary Haring	03/10
Melissa Peterson	03/14
Jerry West	03/15
Mary Taylor	03/19
Hubert Boeker	03/20
Dustin Greenway	03/21
Lynette Dunlap	03/26
Linda Gavender	03/28
Cheryl Stewart	03/30

## Happy Anniversary

Jeff & Sandra Davis	03/05
Jug & Virginia Rhymes	03/29



### Sunday Worship Tapes

The Sunday Morning Worship Services are taped each Sunday Morning, and are put in the Church Office. Anyone wishing to watch them or take one to a shut in, please check them out at the church office. Remember to return it so others may enjoy!



#### *Easter Lilies*

*If you wish to purchase a Easter Lily "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" for the Easter Season, there is a sign up sheet in the church office. The cost is \$11.00 and the cut off date will be March 30th . Please call or come by the church office to place your order.*

**Anyone wishing to help prepare Communion please call Ann Bond. 245-1429**

Evening Circle will meet on March 4, 2010 at 5:00pm in Robbins Hall.

A Reminder to all Committee Chair persons to be sure and check your mailbox here in the church office for I will be putting the bills that fall under your Committee in your box. Please fill out a Purchase Payment Request with all the information requested on the form. A chart of accounts has been placed in your mailbox so you will know what account to charge the bill to. Be sure and put the correct code that the bill is to be paid out of and then put the Request with the bill attached to it on my desk. There will be a folder that says **Bills to be paid** on my desk. Any questions feel free to call the church office at 979-245-8327.

Thanks,  
Sharen

## GIVING OUR TIME AND TALENTS

### Acolyte Schedule

March 7  
Spencer Hill  
March 14  
Brenna Hodges  
March 21  
Hayle & Sherman Mullen  
March 28  
Yasmine Ansari

### Lay Leaders

March 7  
Lenora Ott  
March 14  
Karen Abshier  
March 21  
Joe Johnston  
March 28  
Dough Huebner

### Children's Moment

March 7  
Ardeth Keathley  
March 14  
Stephanie Russell  
March 21  
Charlie Boeker  
March 28  
Anna Strickland

### March Ushers

March 7 B  
March 14 C  
March 21 D  
March 28 E

### Nursery workers

March 7  
Ronnie Mullen  
March 14  
Doreen Bounds  
March 21  
Meaghan & Carol Ledwig  
March 28  
Ronnie Mullen

### SNL HOSTS

March 7  
Norma Peterson  
March 14  
Stephanie Russell  
March 21  
The Hodges  
March 28  
The Boyers

### SNL KEYNOTE SPEAKER

March 7  
Charlie Boeker  
March 14  
Stephanie Russell  
March 21  
Cindy Hodges  
March 28  
Michael Sydnor

### March Kitchen Crew

Flo Dreher Chair 245-5407  
Priscilla Obermeyer Nancy Knapik  
Ardeth Keathley