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Summer Reading

Summer has usually been a time to slow down and look around; a time to contemplate and give attention to those things I had left undone during the busier times of the year. That hadn't been the case this year. I have hit the ground running, and haven't had a chance to look up. So, time spent reading something new has been put on hold, and I'm still reading things I've had for some time.

The two books I'm looking at are *The Naked Now*, by Richard Rohr and *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson. I've had Robinson's book a number of years and just never got around to it. I've had *The Naked Now* since April and am just now finishing it.

They actually are similar books. *Gilead*, is a Pulitzer Prize winning book from several years ago, about a Congregational minister who is up in years and facing death, so he writes his young son a letter about all the things he'd wished he'd had the time to tell his son, but didn't. The book takes place at the close of the 19th and dawn of the 20th centuries. It talks about his difficulty with his father and especially his grandfather, who were both ministers, but of a decidedly different stripe from him. They were much more into sin and punishment and he more into God's grace and forgiveness. The author takes such care about the narrator and his relationships that you can't help taking him into your heart.

The Naked Now, is an all together different book, but with some decided similarities. Its basic premise is that we live distracted lives, and if you want to be in the Presence of God then you need to be more present in the moment in which you find yourself. The basic difference is that it's more a how to book, as well as a book that sharply observes our lives and how we can live them better if we pay attention to the gifts God gives us in His word, and in our every day life.

What brings them together for me has been the spiritual focus of both books. The narrator in *Gilead* is so aware of the limits of his life and he is now driven to share the joy and sorrow of that life, so his young son can have something to remember him by. And the *Naked Now* makes such a seemingly connection between scripture and how we can live more fully in the moment, and that is God's gift to each of us.

These books make fascinating reading if read separately. Reading them together is thrilling. What has thrilled you lately in the book department?

Love,

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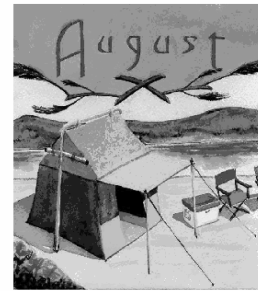
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Youth Director ~ Cindy Hodges
Nursery ~ Dolores Holzapfel
Ministers ~ Members of FPC

There will be no *Bandage Rolling* or *Quilts for Kids* for the month of August 2010. Next meeting for *Quilts for Kids* will be on September 8, 2010 in Robbins Hall.



To All Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church

On Saturday August 7, 2010 the Council of PW will be serving a brunch at 10 A.M in Robbins Hall. We are hoping that all of you will be able to attend. The past year's officers will have a presentation on what their office has accomplished during the past year. In addition, the new officers for the coming year will be announced. We also like to remember and honor those of our ladies who have passed away during the past months. It is a well-known fact that Presbyterian ladies are outstanding cooks so please come, enjoy the food from a full table, and fellowship with those you have missed seeing during the summer. Study books for the coming year will be available; the focus is the book of Revelation. Also the program booklet for 2010-2011 will be ready for each member. The Presbyterian Women's Installation will be on Sunday, August 15th during the 11:00 am worship service.



Yup Yap

Summer is a busy time for the Youth Group, and a biggie amongst our activities is our time at Mo Ranch's conferences. Eight of us attended the senior high Youth Celebration. The theme of the conference was GODSPATHISNOWHERE. Through the week it moved from "no where" to "now here." A great moving time was had by all. Be sure to ask John about his *underware in the road* story!

Four from the church attended Junior High Jubilee. John was the conference Music Leader! A big thanks goes to Zach Haring for taking on the task of being the male sponsor for our two boys that attended, Rob Haring and Chandler Hill. The theme for the conference was ARK (Acts of Random Kindness). Be sure to ask the boys about the wonderful Mission Service Project they did. For a laugh, ask Zach about his junior high stalker!

On July 4th the Youth Group gathered at the Hodges' house to enjoy some fun and fellowship in the pool. After playing some mean rounds of volley ball we dried off ate some brisket with all the sides before heading indoors for our fabulous 4th SNL! It was great having over 30 people squeezing in and worshipping together!

July 11th was "Bowlder's Day" and our lesson, *The Censored Christian*, addressed how now days Christians feel like they cannot openly speak about their faith, whether it be at the workplace, school or social function. We discussed creative ways to share our faith and God's word.

"National Ice Cream Day," **July 18th**, was the perfect time for our lesson *Sweet Fulfilled Promises - The Land of Milk and Honey*. It was comforting to learn that God fulfills His promises and that we can rely on His word. Following our lesson we made yummy ice cream sundaes.

Monday Night Movie was **July 26 th** and "Cats and Dogs" showed on the big screen. Movie night is the fourth Monday of every month. It is open to everyone! Come out and have an evening of entertainment and concession favorites such as nachos, hot dogs, candy and popcorn; all for \$.50 each!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/1 - Youth attend "The Music Man"
- 8/8 - To Be Announced
- 8/15 - Best Friends Day
- 8/23 - Monday Night Movie
- 8/29 - According to Hoyle Day

Scripture on Character - An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins. Proverbs 29:22

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

Presbytery has designated August as "Help Your Community" month. Last year we had a garage sale and donated the money to MEHOP. Since August has five Sundays and it is on the fifth Sunday that we support the food pantry with our donation of peanut butter, sugar and flour, we decided that with some effort, we could do this for the whole month of August. So when you come to church in August, bring your food with you and put it in the bins in Robbins Hall. Another item that is always needed is cooking oil. Another thing we can do is supplement the pastor's discretionary fund. Pastor Mark has been assisting families with needs and there is always a need for funds. Let's make August **HELP YOUR COMMUNITY MONTH** at First Presbyterian Church.

Your Outreach & Community Committee

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

We are collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year. Please bring your donation of supplies to the church office.



Presbyterian Night
at the
Astros!

September 11, 2010

Play Ball! It's time for Presbyterians to come together! Presbyterian Night at the Astros is set for Saturday, September 11th, at 6:05 p.m. when the **Astros** play the **Dodgers!**

Take advantage of **reduced seating prices** and come out to the ballgame for a night of fellowship and fun!

Hunter Pence Bobblehead presented to the first 10,000 fans!

I will be ordering Mezzanine tickets at the reduced group price of \$14.00 each. If you, family and friends would like to go, I will be happy to order your tickets when I do so for the Youth Group! Just fill out the form below and get it to me with either cash or a check made out to Cindy Hodges.

Deadline is August 15th!

I would like to order _____ tickets for the September 11, 2010 Astros' game against the Dodgers.

Name: _____

Number of tickets _____ X \$14.00 each = _____

Cash _____ Check # _____

Prayer List



The Legacy campus: Blanche Miller, Louise Callaway, Jeane Mayer

Our Missionaries: The Dunns and The Hueys

Others: Bill & Cleora Boeker, Brian & Junior Campbell, Jack Conner, Pam Gunderson, John Johnston, Grace Keener, Callier Grimes, Clyde Workman, Margaret Kelly, Jody Kosub, Dianne Matthes, Darla Matthes, Greg Meyers, Gloria Smith, Ottmar & Martha Schimek, our college students, our elected leaders, the Staff and



Our servicemen and their families:

Air Force ---- Ryan & Angela Tobin

Kathy Trim

Chico Hinojosa (Son-in-law of Charlie Boeker)

John Contreras (Elizabeth Rivenbark's Cousin)

Army ---

Michael & Jodie (Richardson) Waits

Navy --- Brian Davis

Brian Keller working in Afghanistan

Jeffery Davis working in Iraq



Happy Birthdays!

Norma Mullen	08/01
Carol Ann Huitt	08/06
Laura Wagener	08/06
Candy Johnston	08/09
Betsy Holbert	08/11
Braden Friedrich	08/12
Cleora Boeker	08/13
Kaden Beckett	08/14
Marie Hestand	08/14
Lance Benavidez	08/16
Robin Haring	08/18
Evelyn Brown	08/20
Rosemary Mullen	08/22
Kenny Hilscher	08/23
Merle Teat	08/26
Larry Bond	08/27
Matt Dunlap	08/28
Nancy Knapik	08/28
Sonja Varnell	08/30
Jug Rhymes	08/31

Happy Anniversary

Crayden & Debbie Dennard	08/04
Charles & Linda Townsend	08/12
James & Becky Coe	08/19
Richard & Nancy Knapik	08/27
E. M. & Carol Huitt	08/29



Sunday Worship DVD's

The Sunday Morning Worship Services are recorded on a DVD 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!

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



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.

GIVING OUR TIME AND TALENTS

Acolyte Schedule

August 1
Brenna Hodges
August 8
Justin Hubbard
August 15
Georgia Hubbard
August 22
Aaron Ansari
August 29
Yasmine Ansari

Lay Leaders

August 1
Richard Knapik
August 8
Karen Abshier
August 15
Doug Huebner
August 22
John Hodges
August 29
Kaylee Reed

Children's Moment

August 1
Dr. Mark Stoub
August 8
Charlie Boeker
August 15
Anna Strickland
August 22
Rebecca Huebner
August 29
John Hodges

August Ushers

August 1 C
August 8 D
August 15 E
August 22 A
August 29 B

Nursery workers

August 1
Ronnie Mullen
August 8
Doreen Bounds
August 15
Meaghan & Carol Ledwig
August 22
Ronnie Mullen
August 29
Doreen Bounds

SNL HOSTS

August 1
Linda Brown
August 8
Charlie Boeker
August 15
August 22
August 29

SNL KEYNOTE SPEAKER

August 1
Mark Stoub
August 8
Mark Stoub
August 15
Mark Stoub
August 22
Mark Stoub
August 29
Mark Stoub

August Kitchen Crew

Karen Abshier 245-1988

Debbie Dennard Sandy Davis

Robin Haring

