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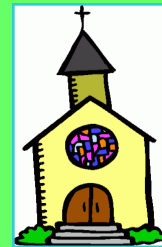
GRACE, MERCY & PEACE TO YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

MISSION SERVICE PROJECT 2011

The week of June 11th thru June 18th, we had Mission Service Project. We hosted the opening ceremony. There were 6 teams, about 75 adults and high school students. The teams were from First United Methodist Church Mission, First United Methodist Church McAllen, First United Methodist Church San Marcos, First United Methodist Church Leander and Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church Dallas. The teams worked on six houses, doing jobs from roofing, siding, drywall, flooring, hanging doors and attaching door knobs. All the teams finished their projects.

Thank you goes out to all who helped with the Saturday welcome, taking food Sunday night to the pot luck at VMHS and Monday nights supper and dessert.

Sunday, June 26th thru July 2nd, a team from New Mexico will be here using the fellowship hall and showers. Please stop by to see them, bake something to have for them when they get in from their work site. We will fix them breakfast and lunch on Monday, and then have supper and a communion service on Thursday.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**9:30am
Worship**

Vacation Time (Vacation Bible School time, that is!)

We are happy to announce that FPC is combining our efforts with St. Peter and St. Paul Episcopal Church to host Vacation Bible School!

**God is WILD
About You!**



VBS 2011!

Registration starts now!

VBS will be August 1-5th
9am-12pm

At

St. Peter and St. Paul Episcopal Church
2310 N. Stewart Road- Mission

Ages 3 (potty trained) to 12

Drop off completed form by July 25th
to St. Peter and St. Paul
Church office
9am-1pm

You can get a registration form at the
church office, or download a form at
<http://www.peterpaul.org>

Nichole Jirovec will be posting additional information on the bulletin and Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer some of your time to helping make this a great experience for our little ones, you can contact Nichole at 578-3672 or nikivec@ymail.com

*VBS Registration form is located on the backside of this page. Make sure to give to a friend or neighbor!



Vacation Bible School 2011
August 1st – 5th, From: 9 am to 12 pm

Registration forms can be dropped off at the Church Office by July 25th at
1 pm

Ages; 3 (potty trained) to 12 years of age

Please arrive on Monday, August 1st **by 8:45 am**

“Please wear tennis shoes”

Please Print

Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Number: _____ Birthday: _____

MM/DD/YYYY

Emergency contact person: _____ -PHONE _____

Allergies or Medical Conditions: _____

Mother: _____ Cell#: _____

Father: _____ Cell#: _____

Guardian: _____ Cell#: _____

Home Email Address: _____

Message to All Parents or Guardians

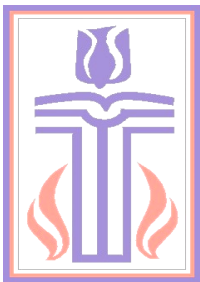
For Drop off – Parents must check-in your children as you arrive.

For Pick up – Parents must check-out your children as you leave.

This is for the Safety of all the children!!!!



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**A WORD
FROM
PASTOR
DAVE +**

**GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE TO YOU FROM GOD
THE FATHER AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

What a great happenings lately...

From God's heavens we got some very much
needed rain, and for some families in a colonia
south of Donna off of Old River Rd. God's help

came in the form of a Youth Group from Dexter, NM...

The 17 youth and 4
leaders worked on two
separate homes that
we were made aware
of by our connection
with Faith
Communities Disaster
Recovery. They fixed a
roof, gutted and re-built
a bathroom, tiled a
floor, put in some
windows and oh yea-
reminded these
families that God has
not forgotten them and
they are loved...



I'm so pleased that FPMC is hosting work groups to the Valley as part of
our Church's mission in our community.

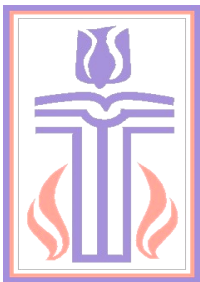
Blessings and thanks to all the volunteers who helped us serve the work
group this past week- who cleaned and baked cookies and brownies,
who provided hospitality- it is a
wonderful gift that we give...

If you'd like to see the video
coverage from Channel 4, follow the
link below:

**[www.valleycentral.com/news/
story.aspx?id=635556](http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=635556)**

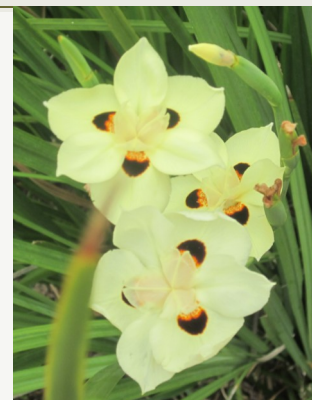
Blessings,
Pastor Dave+





Sarah's Garden Gab...

Oh boy is it hot out here! These plants and I are getting thirstier and thirstier. Good thing we have two new girls out there to take Linda's place feeding, watering, and cleaning the



fountain! Going back to the plants, the tomatoes are getting ripe so be sure to pick some, but wash them off good before you take a bite. As for the other plants in the garden, Dave Elbers made us some nametag holders so that everyone will be able to know the names of each kind. Isn't that awesome?! Oh... did you find the new project Sue is working on out there yet? Keep looking! If you ever come by and visit the garden while I'm here, don't forget to come pet me. The garden and I sure do love your attention! Woof!! :)

One of your Prayer Garden guardians

-Sarah



THANK YOU!!!

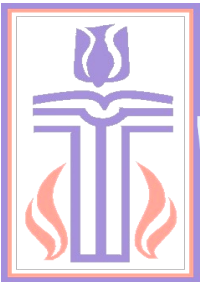
During the spring quarter, our Pre-K through 5th Grade Sunday School classes brought in an offering of \$30.37 for World Vision's "Clean Water Fund." We had a lot of fun thinking about all of the things that we use water for...from drinking to washing our clothes. We could hardly imagine how hard all of those things would be if the water we had were not clean or if we had to walk miles and miles to get it. This quarter, we also



learned about the woman at the well and Jesus' promise to give her "living water." We couldn't believe that some people still go to a well – instead of a sink?!? – to get their water! We want everyone to know about the "Living Water" and thought it was pretty exciting to be able to share God's love by supporting World Vision's water projects and help bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to communities. **GREAT JOB!!!**



During the 2010-11 Sunday School year, the Pre-K through 5th Grade classes donated a total of \$82.78 to World Vision's national and international projects...**WOW and WAY TO GO!!!!!!**



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN—Ingathering in August

Just a friendly reminder that we will have our next

"Ingathering of Blessings" on August 21st.

Please be gathering your donations to go to some of our tornado victims just to our north and east.

See you in August!



ELDER SPOTLIGHT: DAVID ELBERS

As the incoming elder for Fellowship, I hope to be as sufficient as Mike Manuel was. Please bear with me as I will try to meet the bar he has set. For my first project, we are hoping to hold an ice cream social. We are still waiting for a date and time to be chosen by the congregational vote.



Share your snapshots of FPC Fellowship, Service, & FUN for future newsletter editions!
email to heatherbmarks@gmail.com



Have some info for the next newsletter??

Got a story about why you love FPC?

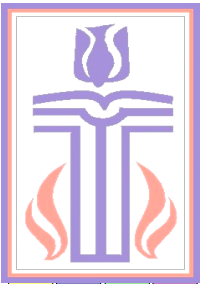
Want to share your favorite recipe??



Our goal for this newsletter is that it reflects who we are and what we do at First Presbyterian Church—Mission. The most important part of this newsletter is **YOU!** So, please send your submissions to Jordan:

secretary@fpcmmission.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Curtis Sparks and Jennifer Wallace on their marriage, June 25, in the FPC Sanctuary. Curtis is the son of Corbet & Cinda Sparks. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr & Mrs John Wallace, Sr. Curtis & Jennifer will live in Fort Worth, Texas.



Clerk's Corner: Our Session at Work:

The Session met in June. After opening the meeting with prayer, Pastor Dave presented a devotional reminding us that observing the Sabbath is giving to God our gift of obedience to Him.

The Planning Committee decided to reschedule its meeting for July 14th. The signs are coming along nicely, and the playground fence is up and looks great.

The Maintenance Committee is keeping up with all the "fixins" that go on at FPC Mission.

The Outreach Committee served about 120 people in Mission Service projects, and it is planning to host a group of 18 people from New Mexico.

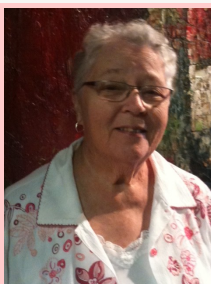
The Christian Education Committee reports that FPC Mission is joining with Peter and Paul Episcopal to bring Vacation Bible School to the Mission community's youth. The dates are August 1st through 5th. Volunteers are needed. There are sign up lists in the church office and the Fellowship hall. Contact Nicole Jirouvec for more information about how you can help.

The Fellowship Committee is working on an ice cream social for July – stay tuned for the details.

The Worship Committee is all set for communion for July and August in the Fellowship Hall.

Remember – July services will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

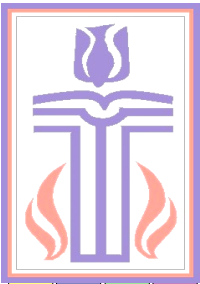
Blessings to all,
Mike Hudsonpillar



ELDER SPOTLIGHT: MARY JANE MEYERS

As your new worship leader, I am reporting from Michigan. Yes, via computer and email and phone, I can stay in touch just fine. We will be meeting for worship in our Fellowship Hall for the months of July and August. This is being done to try and cut back on our air conditioning costs. It will also help us get a little "closer together" with our friends who normally sit "way on the other side of the building". We will keep everything else as normal as possible. Communion will be served on July 3rd as usual. Please tell your friends to come worship with us and help fill up our fellowship hall this summer just like we did after our fire a few years ago. God will be there - will you?

Mary Jane Meyers
maryfred2@gmail.com



DID YOU KNOW???



That July 1st was Elsie Geertsema's 96th birthday?
WOW!
Congratulations, Elsie!

That there is an EXERCISE ROOM at FPC Mission and YOU are welcome to use it? The equipment is available from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. All you need to do is check in at the office.



WORSHIP in the FELLOWSHIP HALL!



Beginning **July 3 (9:30 AM)**, our worship services will be in the **FPC Fellowship Hall!** For some of our congregation, this will be something **NEW . . .** for others, it will be a return to the "up-close and personal" worship venue that we enjoyed while the new church was being built in 2004 & 2005.

Why are we moving to the Fellowship Hall? Well, there are actually a couple of very fine reasons: the first is to conserve energy by cooling a much smaller space! By **NOT** turning on the air-conditioning in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, we will save a great deal of money during these very hot months. The second reason is to allow our congregation the opportunity to get to know each other a little bit better! What better place for **FELLOWSHIP** than the **FELLOWSHIP HALL?**

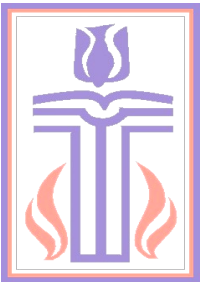
For the parents of our younger (pre-school) members: the nursery will be held in the **CASTLE ROOM** which is located in the **GRADE 1-6 Sunday School Room**. But **BEWARE** parents! The new nursery is also next to the new playground, so be prepared to have some fun before going home!

DON'T FORGET!! JULY 3 – 9:30 AM – FELLOWSHIP HALL!

ELDER COMMITTEES BEING FORMED



Would you like to serve your church? There are many opportunities to serve at FPC Mission – one of those might be to serve on one of the ELDER COMMITTEES. Each Elder currently on the Session is forming a committee to help them perform their duties. If you would like to help, make note of it on your BLUE CARD.



Grace Mercy and Peace...

I have attached a thank you flyer from our friends at Su Casa de Esperanza. They thanked us for all the support we give them and I think they wanted us to see how our gifts were used... It may be summer in deep south Texas but these kids at Su Casa are having a blast!

Su Casa is an endorsed ministry of Mission Presbytery and one I'm so pleased that we support here at FPCM...

Blessings, Pastor Dave+

SU CASA DE ESPERANZA

New Experiences for Su Casa Children

TODDLER SUMMER CAMP—JUNE 7-16

Su Casa De Esperanza Toddlers, ages 2-4 participated in Su Casa's Toddler Summer Camp at the Las Milpas center on June 7-16. Children participated in water activities, arts & crafts, preparation of nutritious snacks, Story Time, Flag Day celebration, Father's Day celebration, and a Movie Day with popcorn.



Celebrating Father's Day with dad



Storytime at Pharr Memorial Library with HEBuddy.



Pool fun in the sun.



Slip and slide, what fun!



Movie day with Veggie Tales.



Summer reading.



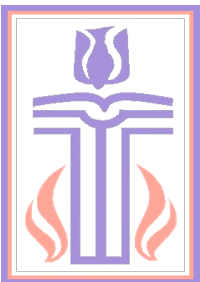
Outdoor fun.



Observing Flag day, June 14th.



"Following in my father's footsteps"—celebrating Father's Day



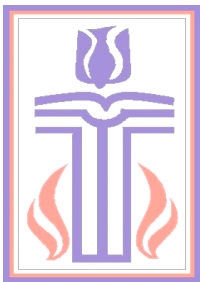
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MISSION

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Church Activities...

July 2011

Birthdays Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 -7:00 PM Joint service with First Methodist -5:30 PM Christian Ed. Meeting -Worship in Fellowship Hall -Bud & Anna Evans -Dick & Alta Uhrmacher -Bud Evans	4 OFFICE CLOSED! -Melba Giard	5 Staff @ 12:00 PM	6	7	8 -Mary Magnuson -Yvonne Ramsland	9
10	11 -Elsie Geertsema	12 Staff @ 9:00 AM -6:30 PM Mission in Mission Review -Jim Smith	13 -Don & Carla Badgley -Sue out till 18 th	14 -7:00 PM Planning committee meeting w/ Carla Badgley	15 -Margaret Heaton -Victor & Rosemary Hom	16 -Peggy Cruse -Shannon Hartnitt -Pam Sherwood
17 -John Anderson -Lowell Hudsonpillar	18 -Pastor Dave out till 23 rd	19 No Staff -Norman Eggers	20 -Sue Leerhoff	21 -Dale Golich	22 -Jeanie Foval	23 -Jerry Bell -Ed Welch -Jim Coyne
24 -Beverly Bledsoe -Lawrence Wood	25 -Newsletter Articles Due! -Jean Hay -Peyton York	27 2:00 PM Brook Ridge Communion	28 Pat out till 31 st -Edie Bemson -Aby Hudsonpillar -Barbara Hermann -Richard & Pauline Augsburger	29 Dave in S.A. for Mission outreach Meeting -Paul and Nicole Cruz	30 -Pat & Lowell Hudsonpillar -Harold Garner	31 -Marilyn Anderson -Gene Hay -Shane Jirovec



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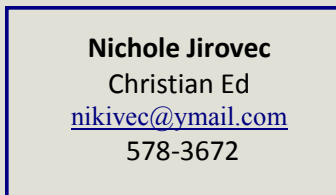
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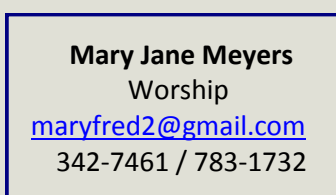
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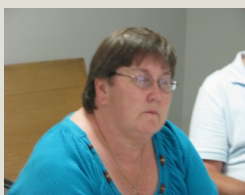
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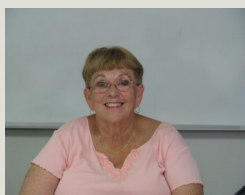
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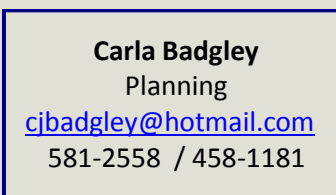
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