



First Presbyterian Church – Weslaco

Mission Statement: In response to God's Power at Work within us, The Weslaco First Presbyterian Church offers hope in Christ through opportunities to learn and serve.

THE JOURNEY OF PASTORAL TRANSITIONS IN THE PCUSA

By Rev. Lynne Myers, with additions by Rev. Sonja Dalglish

The Bible has stories of times of transition when the people of God wonder, “What’s Next?” They wondered that after Moses died, during the Exile, when Jesus was crucified and when Paul was arrested. You join these people of God on a journey of uncertainty. But, just as our ancestors found wonderment in the steadfast love of God during the journey, you are also asked at this time to be attentive to how God works in our midst.

Rev. Lynne Myers, who helped to train me as an interim pastor, has been through this uniquely Presbyterian journey with five congregations and a Presbytery. She is now the interim pastor at Brownsville First Presbyterian Church.

I’d like to share with you what she says about the process of transition from one installed Pastor’s departure (Juan’s or, in our case, Cindy’s) to the installation of the next Pastor. In keeping with our culture and tradition, Presbyterians tend to follow a course that ensures as much as possible both a smooth transition and a fruitful new ministry. We understand that course to be careful and thoughtful in its steps. Your Session began the process by appointing a search committee for the Interim Pastor whose work has been accomplished by my call and contract. Here is what you can expect (the timeline is in italics) in the future:

- The Session will approve the appointment of a Transition Team that will oversee the transition process until 6 months after a new Pastor has been installed. The Interim Pastor educates and staffs the Team. In our initial conversation, you had indicated that you wanted the Session to serve as the Transition Team.
- The Transition Team will oversee a process whereby the Session and congregation:
 - Updates the congregation’s sense of who it is as a changing, growing people of God in a changing world;
 - Mourns and celebrates the past in preparation for a richer, freer, future;
 - Supports and nurtures growth in old and new leadership;
 - Looks to the denomination for support and guidance, and;
 - Prepares the way for the arrival of new pastoral leadership.
- The Transition Team will summarize the process in a report.

The process and its report may take from 6-10 months. [We have begun to do this together at Weslaco FPC. We will be continuing to work on this, and perhaps finishing, with a report at the end of February, or perhaps into March. If it is complete at that time, we will have done this in seven months – shorter than the average church is able to do it. We are a bit ahead of schedule.]

- The congregation’s Nominating Committee will nominate persons who represent the congregation to serve on a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The results of the process described above will be used to help the PNC as it begins its work. *Therefore, the PNC would be elected by the congregation*

toward the end of that process, a period of approximately 9 months, since the PNC's work can begin before the final report of the process. [At Weslaco, we have already elected these people and they are standing, waiting to serve. We've had the first meeting. They want to meet again in February to review where the Session is in the process.]

- The PNC will consult with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) to assist them in their work. The PNC will do an extensive search that will include:
 - ✓ Writing a description of the church and its mission and ministry as well as the community in which it serves;
 - ✓ Writing a job description for the Pastor;
 - ✓ Consulting with the Session regarding a salary package;
 - ✓ Putting all these items in a Church Information Form (CIF), a kind of dossier and putting it on the PCUSA website;
 - ✓ Reviewing and rating the Personal Information Forms (PIF) of ministers that are matched by the PCUSA or self-referred by interested pastors;
 - ✓ Listen to and/or watch sermon DVDs or travel to hear ministers preach and lead worship;
 - ✓ Decide on a list of those with whom they desire a telephone interview;
 - ✓ Decide on a "short list" of those they want to bring to the Valley to interview face-to-face and hear preach and lead worship at a "neutral pulpit" (another church, in order to maintain confidentiality);
 - ✓ Discern which person the PNC believes God is leading them to nominate for the Pastor position at First Presbyterian Church, Weslaco.
 - ✓ Arrange for that person to be introduced to the congregation of the church and to preach and lead worship;
 - ✓ On the same day the congregation would hear the nomination of the PNC and would vote on whether that person should become the next installed Pastor of the church.
 - ✓ If the vote is affirmative, the Transition Team would work to make sure a smooth transition would occur between the leave-taking of the Interim Pastor and the arrival of the Pastor-Elect; would arrange for Presbytery to install the Pastor-Elect, and; would work with the new Pastor to assist in getting settled in his/her new role.

It takes between 9-18 months for the search for a new Pastor by the PNC. A nominee for Pastor may be presented, therefore, up to 2 years after the previous Pastor has departed.

I will resource the Session and Transition Team and the COM will resource the PNC in this lengthy process. In addition, I will continue to do the ministry to which God and the Session has entrusted me.

You will notice the process is a lengthy one. It takes a good deal of trust in the church's leaders and patience with the search process. It takes a good deal of intentional work by the Session to enable the congregation to mourn its past, be content with ambiguity and look to the future with good hope.

God will bless this journey
With hope for the future,

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Mary Ellen Beard
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Karen Hunger
Ruth Meehlhause
Jane Seils
Bruce Walker
Helen Willhite

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday Class, Parlor
9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday Classes
10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:40 a.m. Chime Choir

**The Session of
FPC**

Class of 2011

Nathan Aranda
Melissa Jones
Linda Kopecky
Mary Mattar
Eddie Seils

Class of 2012

Charles Bell
David Dueñas
Debby Rektorić
Linda Taormina

Class of 2012

Camille Jones
Marvin Miller
Margaret Perez
Sue Peterson

**Revised Common Lectionary
Scriptures for November**

Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany Scriptures)

Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14
Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12

Sunday, January 9

Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43
Matt. 3:13-17

Sunday, January 16

Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 23

Isa. 9:1-4; Ps. 15; 1; 1 Cor. 1:18-31
Matt. 5:1-12

Sunday, January 30

Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 15; 1 Cor. 1:18-31
Matt. 5:1-12

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Try to remember the Pastor's day off is Friday. Our secretary is in the office on Friday mornings. You can always leave a message for the Pastor with Connie, or on the church answering machine or reach her by e-mail which she ordinarily checks daily.

Newsletter articles can be submitted to the church office by:

- E-mail: fpcweslacotx@ies.net
- Phone/Fax: 969-1535
- In person during our regular office hours

Deadlines for articles are **12:00 noon** the Tuesday following regular monthly **session** meetings.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

January 18th

JOHN KNOX VILLAGE:

The **first Monday** of January, the Presbyterians at John Knox Village will meet in the assisted care dining room at John Knox at 10:30 a.m. We sing some hymns, and then celebrate Holy Communion together. If you live in John Knox, please join us!

COMMUNION & POWER OF HOPE FUND:

Communion is served every **third Sunday** of the month during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. This is also the Sunday we receive funds for our benevolent fund "**The Power of Hope Fund**". This fund is used for helping families in need find a sense of hope.

PARLOR BIBLE STUDY

The Parlor Bible Study has finished our study for the fall. We will start again, Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Our present study book by Max Lucado, When God Whispers Your Name will remain as our study book.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

The Men's Bible study and discussion group meets every Tuesday morning from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. in the church Parlor. We are studying the book of James. For more information contact Tom Newcomer at 956-973-0976.

"Hanging of the Greens" 2010



Sunday, November 21, 2010 was a busy day with a marvelous sermon and communion followed by a soup and cracker lunch....but not just any soup and cracker, but the chili, vegetable and chicken noodle soup prepared by Dick and Kay Gibson (beginning to be a holiday tradition!) with their special hot, spicy crackers. (Thank you, Dick and Kay, for all the hard work and wonderful food.) Lunch was followed by an explanation of the proposed budget by Camille Jones, who asked for input and completed pledges so that the final budget can be approved by the Session in December. Finally, children of all ages (no one is not a child when putting up Christmas decorations!!!) "hung the greens" in the sanctuary with the wonderful nativity sets brought by church members and friends from around the world being displayed in the windows. Thanks to all for the great food and wonderful fellowship.

"Taking Down the Greens"

Please join us again to "**take down the greens**", **Sunday, January 2nd** immediately following fellowship time. Pizza will be served for lunch!

New Audio Visual Technician

Please welcome Bryan Lofton who has joined us to help to run the AV equipment. Many of you will remember him as a child of the church. He is now helping us to learn more and do more with our AV equipment so that we may enhance worship. He will be working about 2-5 hours a week. Welcome, Bryan!!

The Division of Finance provides a monthly report regarding average weekly Sunday service attendance and tithes.

November 2010

Average weekly attendance: 124

Average weekly tithes and offerings: \$3569.32

Average Weekly Expenses: \$ 5900

All financial information is available in the church office.

Deacons

Ordination: Sunday, January 9, 2011 during worship.

Training: Sunday, January 9th from noon to three p.m. following the fellowship time. The Biblical basis of the deacon's ministry and the Book of Order descriptions will be covered, as well as defining the deacon ministry for FPC. Each deacon will be assigned a flock. The deacons will elect a chair for this year to report each month to the session about the ongoing ministry by the board of deacons. The deacons will also choose a good day and time for monthly meetings.



On January 23rd the middle school youth will sponsor a spaghetti lunch right after church in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from the lunch will help with the cost of attending the Mid-Winter Conference at Mo-Ranch. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to attend the Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 27.



Su Casa de Esperanza children were so excited about the invitation. They had a great time and enjoyed meeting other children from the First Presbyterian Church in Weslaco. They enjoyed the food, games, and all the activities. The families are extremely grateful for this opportunity.

We appreciate your invitation. Please share our thoughts with members of your congregation. We always look forward to spending time with you and invite you to visit Su Casa de Esperanza.

Sincerely,

Lucy Fernandez, Executive Director

Session Meetings in January

- **Monday, Jan 3rd, 5:30 p.m.**
Session Budget Review and Planning
- **Monday, Jan 10th, 5:30 p.m.**
Session Transition Team
- **Monday, Jan 17th, 5:30 p.m.**
Normal monthly Session meeting
- **Saturday, Jan 22nd, 9-4,**
Session retreat and training; lunch will be provided

Additional meetings of the Transition Team may be necessary as we move forward with providing the background work to prepare the stage for the Pastor Nominating Committee to do its job.

December was the time for additional worship services. January will be the time for additional meetings.

Ask the Pastor

When will the REAL Pastor get here? Or when do we get a FULL-TIME pastor?

Several times I've heard this question.

If you have asked this question, you are probably thinking of the next INSTALLED pastor as contrasted me, who is a full time interim pastor. We are not sure exactly how long the search process will take. See my cover article for more information. In the mean time, we will continue to be the church, together, as I lead your worship services, provide lectionary studies, Bible studies, and resource your session. I will be doing extra tasks to help the church in its journey to the next stage of its ministry.

During this transition time, you have an opportunity, not only to join the ministries of the church, but also to help develop a vision for this church's mission for the next decade. The church is the people who are brought together to serve God, showing love and hope to the world around them. Ministers serve only for a period of time. The people and witness to the world continues. One of the members has said that this church has always been blessed with good ministers. God will continue to bless you as you reach out to others, loving them and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Why did we go to one Christmas Eve service? And why five p.m. and who chose that time?

The staff informed Pastor Sonja and the Worship Committee that over the past few years, Pastor Cindy had talked about asking the Worship Committee to go to one service. She planned to do that last year but became ill and could not participate in the planning or execution of the service. The Committee chose five p.m. this year to be early enough that those who had trouble driving in the dark could get home relatively early and those with families could have time to gather afterward.

Why isn't the PNC meeting, if it's already been elected?

Please read my cover letter. The PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) has met once. They have begun to know each other, talking about their own faith backgrounds. They plan to meet again on the fourth Monday in February to review the information that the Transition Team has collected from the congregation. They need a lot of input from you to understand which

direction this congregation wants to go for the next decade. They will be working hard for you, but need for you to work hard to give them the information they need.

Where are we in the process of calling the next pastor?

We are gathering information from all of you in the congregation. During January, we will be asking questions of the people in the pews. We will want to know what you think, what you need, what you are excited about. The first question the Transition Team has decided to ask will be in the January 2, 2011 bulletin. If you cannot be with us in person, email or snail mail your response.

FIRST QUESTION

Name 1-3 things you really liked that the church did this year.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thank you for your input. If you do not tell us - we will not know what you are thinking. God gave us many blessings, but being a mind reader is not one of them. Remember, YOU are the church!

See more questions on next page.

Did You Know?

The church has a webpage:

www.weslacochurch.com

-Find links to photos of First Presbyterian doing mission, serving Christ, and having fun

-Find the newsletter and calendar here.

-Find sermons posted the Monday after they are preached. We will be starting a pastor's blog (web log) as an outreach to computer savvy younger Christians and seekers. We know that names are important. What should we name it?

Name the Pastor's Blog. Submit your names by email to pastor.sonja.d@gmail.com.

The winner will receive a cross to hang on your wall to remind you of God's love for you.

Closing date for submissions: January 15th.

Announcement of name and presentation of the cross on Sunday, January 23, 2011. This is not

“Sonja’s blog” but the blog for the pastor at FPC. Many unchurched, dechurched, and non church people are seeking “something”. Our hope is that we can help them find Christ.

FPC Reaching Out

Christmas is behind us now. The people of FPC, organized by the Parlor Sunday School class, shared their gifts with those in the community, by creating thirty gift baskets with blankets, food, and HEB gift cards that can be used for food but not alcoholic beverages. On Monday, December 20th, Camille Jones,

Mary Ellen Beard, Pastor Sonja and Chuck Hunger took the baskets to Su Casa. Elder,

Melissa Jones, and her three children helped distribute the baskets to the Su Casa families. Thank you to all who contributed.

Many more FPC members and visitors brought presents for the Su Casa closet to be given to those who need them most. Thank you to all who participated in the Baby Shower for Jesus.

Su Casa is a mission of Mission Presbytery, PC (USA), devoted to helping mothers to understand child care and nutrition from neonatal time up through the toddler years. Recently, Su Casa has expanded by adding on additional space that allows them to have more educational times with the mothers and children. They could use help with paying for this modest but extremely important addition to their facility.

Su Casa has received a grant from Reading is Fundamental and will be having sessions to encourage the mothers to read to their children. Reading to children from infancy is important to the development of the brain. They can use board

books that teach about shapes, colors, numbers, and the alphabet.

The ministry with these families is showing love and care as Jesus tasked us to do in Matthew 25.

Thank you for your generous help.



We Hope You Are Talking

These questions will be talked about in services and fellowships. We want to hear from each of you. If you miss a gathering, let your voice be heard by snail mail or email.

When you talk about FPC, you say, “We are the church that _____.”

Talk to people in the community, at the office, store, and school. Ask them what they know about FPC. And, let the transition team know. Write it down and get it back to us.

- What do you need from your church? (ex. adult SS, children’s SS, Bible classes, etc.)
- How do new members connect to the congregation?
- I wish someone in the church would _____.

Keep talking about who you are and what excites you about being Presbyterian today. This is the first step in the congregation’s process toward calling a new pastor. We need to know where we came from and who we are now. The next step in February will be looking to where we want to go.

CHERYL'S CORNER

Happy New Year! Since December was busy with activities for Advent and Christmas, I am reflecting and noting some thanks.

In Appreciation:

Thank you to Melissa Jones for helping to direct the Children's Christmas musical/play, 2010. It was dedicated to the late Mary Ellen Rice for her love and many years of dedication to children. Thank you to our children and youth for sharing the old, old story, about God's love for us. They did well!

Thank you to the Youth Ministry Team of volunteers. They share their time and efforts to make faith and fellowship experiences for our FPC youth, grades 6 through 12. Present YM Team for youth: Melissa Jones, Mischelle King, Sue Peterson, Roxie Blood and Wendy Rogers.

Thank you to Courtney Budimir who has been assisting me with the gathering times and all the volunteers who teach our FPC Children. Rotational Sunday school for children grades pre-K through 5 is a place where faith and fun go hand in hand as we learn more about God through the Bible stories.

Thank you to Helen Meyerink for the new "Angels" Christmas banner.

Thank you to the helpers at the Children's Christmas workshop on December 17th: Linda Kopecky, Linda Nesbitt, Margaret Perez, Barbara Rogers, Linda Williams, and Maurine Vos. Thank you to the Kelly family for helping to provide the Pizza at lunchtime. The children enjoyed a day of arts and crafts, playtime and a video movie!

Thank you to all who created new Chrismons for the lovely Chrismon tree.

The New Year calls for A New Schedule for Creative Arts:

Beginning on Wednesday January 5th: The First Wednesday of each month will be available for **Praying in Color**. Art materials will be available to all who come to spend time in quiet meditation. **Room 14/15** will be styled in a chapel setting to offering prayer space to all who participate. Come and experience this prayerful experience. Praying in Color will meet **10:30-11:30am**.

The Second Wednesday of the month: Faith Weavers (for the Crochet and Knitting enthusiasts) will resume meeting in January on Wednesday, **January 12th, at 9:30 in Room 10**. This creative art activity has several participants at the church and in homes. We have new projects! Coffee and tea will be available.

The Third Wednesday of the month: A morning of **Beading** with faithful friends for those who enjoy making jewelry pieces and helping with our on-going Chrismons project for the future. Come for coffee/tea and fellowship with faith friends from **9:30-11:30 a.m.** in **Room 10**. Relax and refresh! We will resume on **January 19th**.

Fourth Wednesday of the month: **Reader's Theater** (FPC Players) the group will resume meeting on **January 26th** to practice on some Lenten scripts for the upcoming season. Please meet in the sanctuary from **9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

Reminders:

***Stars of Hope** will resume Wednesday, **January 5th, with dinner at 5:30**, followed by creative bible activities for eight weeks, through February 23rd. Thank you to Roxie Blood who helps coordinate our children's mid-week program. Stars of Hope welcomes children Pre-K through grade 5.

Wednesday, January 5 at 6 p.m.: An Epiphany Event for the New Year 2011! An hour long adult program will be presented on January 5th, starting with a short play (a light-hearted look at the visit of the wise men) presented by the FPC Players. A discussion and presentation about Epiphany will follow. Come and celebrate Epiphany!

January Birthdays

Kelli Jones	1
Dorothy Warren	11
Frances Shoda	12
Marvin Rhodes	14
Bruce Walker	14
Natalie Rogers	15
Courtney Reid	16
Juan Vasquez	18
Rodolfo Perez	19
Frank Taormina	28
Forrest Jones	28
Arthur Nelson	28
Cedric Cabote	29
Sean More	29

FPC Sings out!

On December 5, the choir sang the Christmas story, in the form of a Cantata, The Night of the Father's Love, by Pepper Choplin. After a light lunch, members caroled at John Knox Village, much to the pleasure of the residents as they were eating lunch, and then, traveled to Mrs. Sybil Mattar's and sang to our Music Director Emeritus.

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sponsor a spaghetti lunch right after church in the Fellowship Hall.

Proceeds from the lunch will

help with the cost of attending the Mid-Winter Conference at Mo-Ranch. Everyone is welcome to join us!

See more pictures on line.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RECENT HOSTS AND MUSICIANS

PIANISTS:

SHERRI BAGWELL

ORGANIST:

JEFFERY FIGUEROA

FLOWER HOSTS:

FISK FAMILY

PETERSON FAMILY

SEILS FAMILY

CARDENAS FAMILY

SLUIS FAMILY

LITURGISTS:

CAMILLE JONES

LINDA TAORMINA

TODD KING

JAMES HAGEMAN

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

SEILS FAMILY

GIBSON FAMILY

ACOLYTES

RAWLEY VAUGHN

QUINLAN VOS

JONAH DYER

BAILEY BAGWELL

ZACHARY BUDIMIR

If you would like to donate flowers for worship, or if you would like to be a fellowship host/hostess, you may sign up on charts located in the Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office.

Words from Women's Circle

On June 10, 2010, I had my first experience of being Chariman for Mary Ellen Rice Circle. Our namesake recently passed away and I never had the privilege of knowing her. As I understand, she was a great inspiration to our church, our children, and our women. What an honor to have the circle named after her and what a loss that I never met her. Presbyterian Women have a structure which guides us and we try to uphold it in all that we do. I have learned much from "my" women and still have much more to learn. Everyone is great help, but especially my council members; Jane Seils, Linda Kopecky, and Kathy Sornson. Past chairman, Sharon Newcomer, has also been a real blessing.

I will try to briefly update you as to the activities we have attended and done since June. Many of us have attended different conferences throughout the summer and fall. These included one at Trinity Worship Center in Pharr, The Fall Gathering in San Benito and The Women of Faith in San Antonio. We purchased Bibles for four students for Rally Day. We donated money to Su Casa de Esperanza for books in memory of Pastor Cindy. We also donated school supplies for Su Casa. In November, we boxed homemade cookies and a few odds and ends for five college students, as a gift to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. Through Jane Seils, we have signed and sent out numerous, get-well, sympathy, Christmas, etc. cards to many of our members. From time to time The Martha Hospitality committee prepares meals, coffees and other parties when the need arises. We also have a Bible Study (Revelations this year), good food, and fun. December 9th, we had a wonderful Christmas dinner and party with Carmen Whitaker giving the program on her missionary trip to Belize.

In January a few of us are going to tackle a project of reading the Bible clear through. Some have previously done this, but many have not lived up to the challenge. I have a paper to help us with what and how much to read each day. This should be a great help.

We invite all interested women to join us each month for one hour, starting January 13, 2011 at noon. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. You surely will be blessed in some way!

Merry, joyous Christmas and a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year from MERC.



The **Bell & Chime Choirs** will resume rehearsals on January 9th

Pledge Update

There is still time to assist the Finance Committee in preparing a financially sound budget for 2011, but we need the congregation's help. So far, we have received pledges totaling \$140,000. That's good, AND very much appreciated, but it is nearly \$50,000 less than the amount pledged this time last year for the 2010 budget.

The Session is aware that many churches, businesses, and families are experiencing difficulty in meeting their budgets during the economic downturn, but we feel it is our responsibility to make the seriousness of our own particular situation known.

Let's take a few moments to praise God for the blessings we have enjoyed in the past, both as individuals and as a congregation. Let's consider or re-consider how we want to go forward with the work and worship of First Presbyterian, Weslaco. Let's rely on God, our greatest source of strength and encouragement, for guidance and discernment of His will.

Finance Chair,
Camille Jones



If you have someone you would like the Prayer Chain members to pray for, please call (968-6478) or email janeseils@msn.com so this person can be added to our list. If anyone needs to be removed from the list, also contact Jane.

SHORT TERM LIST

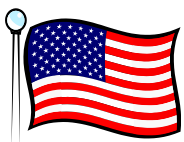
Thomas January	Connor Cruz
Ruth Armstrong	Randy Petch
Jennifer McDaniel	Amy Scott
Beth Moore	Marti Dyrk
Raul and Carla Leal	Marion Scott
Tom Cruze	Casey Damen
Jay Tirrel (Shirley Anderson's son)	Clyde Pellett
Alan Landers (Doris's son-in-law)	
MarV (Karen Hunger's friend)	
Sandra Williams (Ellen Williams's daughter-in-law)	
Gerardo Mendoza (Ana Maria "Anita's son)	
Mary Lou Lovell (Polly Lovell's daughter)	
Tom Thompson (Margaret's brother-in-law)	
Robert Pratt (Bob Ordway's friend)	

LONG TERM LIST

Dora Aldrich	Melanie Liesner
Sibyl Mattar	Bob Jolma
D J McGroarty	Chris Anderson
David Salazar	Alex Rodriquez
Phil Timmer (Sherri Bagwell's cousin)	Mary Jane Lofton
Nancy Smith (Kathy Sornson's sister)	
Clayton Vicars (Linda Kopecky's grandson)	
Lois Alexander (Phyllis Walker's step mother)	
Linda Evans (Bob Ordway's sister)	
Gavyn (Karen Hunger's friend)	
David DeGuise (John & Shirly Bowen's son -in -law)	

SHUT-INS & FRIENDS

Juanita Pointer	Arlene Waughtal
Delores Rettig	Juanita Cloninger
Fran Pellett	Millie Johansen
Joe Barbee	Dorothy Warren
Katie Carter	Isaac and Doris Botts



Please pray for our troops and all the families with loved ones in the Middle East. Do you know of others? If anyone is not on the list that needs to be, or if you have an addition, please contact the church office.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Clint Gebke (Polly Lovell's grandson)
Spc. Douglas Walker (Bruce Walker's son)
Mickel Fernández
Jim Rogers (Jim & Barbara Roger's son)
Terry Osheim
Jonathon Osheim
Joseph Osheim
 (Sharon Newcomer's nephews)
Lucas Anderson
 (Orlen Anderson's grandson)

STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

Eric Whitaker based in Nairobi, Kenya
 (Carmen Whitaker's son)

Jonita Whitaker based in Basra, Iraq

Spicy Crackers

Ingredients

- 1 box of saltine crackers
- 1 ½ to 2 TB cayenne pepper
- 1 pkg. Hidden Valley dry dressing mix



In a 9X13 pan, place the saltine crackers sideways in rows

Wisk briskly and pour at once over crackers.

Turn every 15 minutes upside down for 1 hour.

The Mitford Series, by Jan Karon was recently donated to our church library. This series is about the adventures of a parish pastor and his people. Thank you Fran Solether for this great new addition to our library!

