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September 2013



New Edition of Our Cookbook

When we first had the idea of publishing a First Church Cook Book in May of this year, October seemed very far off. Now it's the beginning of September and the publication date is on our door step.

The early responses from the congregation were heartening. Thank you, First responders! As the summer warmed, so too did the number of recipes submitted. Lot's of promises, not so much else. Now we are faced with a deadline—September 15th!!

We have much work to do after we know how much copy we have to work with. This project is going to be done in-house, to cut expenses. We are new at this, so it may take a little time.

Please don't think we have not appreciated your response so far. Just reading the mouth-watering recipes makes us sure of success. But, we need more... yours, family favorites, neighbors, co-workers. Good food is all around us. Let's be sure it gets in our cook book.

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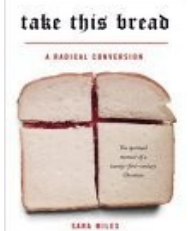
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Special Book Study on Communion in September

Each Wednesday night in September beginning with a catered supper on September 15th in the conference room at the church we will be gathering to discuss Sara Mile's book "Take this Bread: A Radical Conversation". This will be an adults only discussion that will meet in a different place each week (restaurants, soup kitchens, sanctuaries, kitchens) over the course of the month as we explore exactly what communion means in our lives and in our faith.

Early one morning, for no earthly reason, Sara Miles, raised an atheist, wandered into a church, received communion, and suddenly, for no reason she could understand, burst into tears. Soon though, she found herself transformed—embracing a faith she'd once scorned. A lesbian left-wing journalist who'd covered revolutions around the world, Miles didn't discover a religion that was about angels or good behavior or piety; her faith centered on REAL hunger, REAL food, and REAL bodies. Before long, she turned the bread she ate at communion into tons of groceries, piled on the church's altar to be given away. Within a few years, she and the people she served had started nearly a dozen food pantries in the poorest parts of their city.

The book can be ordered from the church office, by calling or texting Pastor Fred or, you can order it from Amazon. On Amazon it runs from \$6 to \$12 (Kindle is \$11.99)



Where y’at,



Is this all you have to offer?


In the past weeks I've been working on hiring a new sexton for the church to fill Aristeo Zarate's place. We have been deluged with applications--to date over 130! While we are excited about t a new addition to church staff, it's been a hard task because it requires weighing people's merits and experiences and gifts, in short, their whole lives--and inevitably finding many wanting, since, in the end, only one person will be accepted. Just...one...person.

Thankfully, this is the exact opposite of what God does with us. God's call for employment is wildly inclusive and radically open ended. The Bible illustrates over and over again encounters with YHWH that make our shortcomings part of our 'hiring package". Moses had a stutter, yet God used him to speak truth to pharaoh's power in Egypt even if it did take 10 attempts. Rahab's profession in a 'house of ill repute' made it possible for her to meet and shelter messengers sent from God in a closed city. She eventually became an ancestress of Jesus, by the way. Zaccheus' short stature put him in a place to be noticed by Jesus, and Peter's denseness and stubbornness made him a prime candidate to be the rock that Jesus used to build his community.

God is looking for YOU to accomplish tasks that require the skill set that you have now--maybe even using some things that you're overlooking, thinking they're not important or good enough. Not that you can't or won't develop new skills and interests as you grow in faith, but simply being present and saying "Here I am, Lord, send me" is enough for you to be hired for work that God has in mind.

grace and peace,
Pastor Fred Powell

PS...I thank everyone who has pitched in to help keep the church clean in the interim; stocking paper products; putting things back into place, vacuuming floors and taking out trash cans when they get full.



Words from Hannah Mills
Hello FPCNO!
My name is Hannah Mills, and I am serving for a year at the FPCNO as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) on behalf of the Presbyterian Church (USA). I will be working part-time at the church through the Program of Hope, Christian education, and other service and educational projects throughout the year. I am thrilled to work with and get to know all of you!
Thank you for welcoming me!

**PYRAMID PUZZLE - can you solve?
“answers somewhere in the newsletter”**

Revolver!	---
__ dog	----
Defendant's answer	-----
Jumps	-----
Try out	-----
Magicians, at times	-----
Torturers (like Vlad)	-----
Introductions	-----
Irreverent one	-----



We will cheer on the Saints from the comfort of front row seats at the 60 inch line! for everyone to enjoy every Saint's Day Sunday beginning at noon!!

Simply bring a football party dish to warm in the kitchen before church (hot dogs, cole slaw, buns, bean dip, relish etc...) and libations of your choice to go on ice (beer, wine, mixed drinks, cokes, tea etc) (coolers and ice will be provided) and then after church we'll start the game and have lunch! (BTW...Falcons, Cardinals, Bears, Bills, Jets, Panthers, Rams and Buccaneers fans are equally welcome!)

Schedule of Saint's Day Sundays potluck lunches and libations
(All these kickoffs are Sunday at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after church)



September 8, 22
October 6, 27



November 3
December 8, 15, 22, 29



Our pumpkins are due to arrive on Saturday October 5th, so save the date to help unload. The patch will open on Sunday October 6th at 12:30 pm. Please take a moment to mark your calendars during the month of October to help out in some way. There are several ways you can help: You can help set up the yard before the pumpkins come, you can help unload the pumpkins, you can help sell pumpkins, you can volunteer for family fun day, or you can volunteer for the costume contest and movie night. Remember that the more you help the more successful the pumpkin patch can be for our church and the Program of Hope. The pumpkin patch will operate Monday through Friday from 3pm until sunset, Saturdays from 10am until sunset, and Sundays from 1pm until sunset.

The patch will be open until the pumpkins sell out or Halloween, whichever comes first. Last year we ran out of pumpkins early and were able to get a second load of pumpkins making it the most successful year we've ever had. Please visit the pumpkin patch page on our website at www.fpcno.org to learn more about the pumpkin patch, see when to attend a pumpkin patch meeting, and how you can sign up to help.


Kristy

OLD TIME SQUARE DANCE

Mondays - September 9th, 23rd

@7:00 PM, \$5, BYOB

NEW TO SQUARE DANCING? COME FROM 7:00-8:00 PM FOR BEGINNERS AND BEANS (\$1/BOWL)




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old time fiddlers
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& Robin Brück

Treasurer's Report



By Kristy Ruppel


Numbers from July 2013

Income:
TOTAL: \$6600.02

Expenses:
TOTAL: \$19187.75

Answers to pyramid puzzle—no cheating

LP
LAP
PLEA
LEAPS
SAMPLE
PALMERS
EMPALERS
PREAMBLES
BLASPHEMER



News from the Children's Sunday School

In Baptism, "Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?"
The people respond: We do!"


The Sunday School Mom Team, aka the Christian Education Committee, aims to please and we do keep all of our children's needs and wants in mind when doing our planning.

Children's Sunday School has been going well over the summer. The dedicated team of moms has been alternating teaching a pre-church lesson at 10:30 as well as providing a craft time during worship. As our children are getting older, we are considering moving Sunday School up to 10am to be able to provide a lesson and a craft in one sitting, and then encouraging the children to join the congregation worship at 11am. To this end we have been busily working on Things-to-Do in Your Pew Activity Bags to help the children succeed in enjoying worship in a thoughtful (quiet) way.

We have some other brainstorms that we are thinking and praying about. When would be the right time to start confirmation classes for the older children? Could we do some mentoring with the older boys? What can we offer the children who are not ready to sit quietly during worship? We still hope to have Amanda Wadsworth sing with the children when she is in attendance. We're acquiring some Christian board games for them to keep in the Sunday School Room. We will continue to offer child care for smaller children and babies with our great child care team of Jeanne Lowe and Mike Zinni. Jeanne is starting the master's degree program at Tulane's School of Social Work and will be applying to the Tulane School of Public Health, to enroll in the dual masters in Social Work and Public Health. Mike is enrolled in the LSU Health Sciences Center getting his master's degree in Communication Disorders in order to become a Speech-Language Pathologist.


Thinking ahead and out-of-the box... Could we start a cooking-oriented Sunday School lesson? Maybe we would have the only "Cooking Sunday School" in town. That might be fun when can get our kitchen makeover finished. Know any cooks who feel called to teach God's Word? Know anyone with deep pockets to help with our kitchen makeover?

Please pray with us for guidance and success in our ministry to our children and to all children. Amen.




Take a look at our new Narthex!

At the end of last month, a group of 4 youth and 3 adults from Harlingen Presbyterian Church in Harlingen Texas spent half a week tearing out old plaster and peeling paint



in the back of the church, leaving us with a glistening fresh bathroom (though the door still needs to be painted) and a pristine narthex. All of this was done courtesy of these young visitors; they even bought a new ladder for the church. THANK you, Harlingen!
















FPCNO Advent Booklet and Advent Festival preparation

Stores are already blooming with red and green tinsel, Santas and glass bables. It must mean that Christmas is coming, and First Presbyterian church is getting ready too. This year we will be putting together a booklet of personal meditations, poems and/or prayers based on a different bible story for each day in December--all of which will be written by members of First Presbyterian Church and illustrated by our children. Each daily scripture will tell a part of the story of the coming of the Messiah, beginning with Genesis on December 1st and moving right up to the birth of Christ on December 25. And each meditation will We will post a list of scriptures and invite you to pick one that you would like to reflect on. All submissions will need to be finished and turned in by November 4th to the Church office for editing and publishing. The finished booklets will be given out at our Advent Festival after worship on November 24. We will be enjoying a fellowship luncheon followed by family advent wreath making and opportunities to shop at an Alternative Gift market.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School 11:00am Worship - COMMUNION (Liturgist -) (Communion Server - Sherri Hutton) (Refreshments -)	2 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3	4  Program of Hope (CLOSED)	5 9:am—Cook Book mtg  6pm - Meditative Prayer	6 7pm - Tango	7 9am - Women United in Prayer
8 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Liturgist -) (Money Counters - Henry and Chris) (Refreshments -  SAINTS SUNDAY)	9  Happy Birthday Samantha Larsen 11am—Staff mtg 6:30pm—Pumpkin Patch mtg 7pm - Square Dancing	10	11  9am-11am -Program of Hope 11am—Deacon’s mtg 5:30pm—”Take This Bread” dinner at FPCNO	12  6pm - Meditative Prayer	13 7pm - Tango	14
15 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School Baptism of Kourash 11:00am Worship (Liturgist -) (Money Counters - Henry and Steve) (Refreshments -)	16  Happy Birthday Raheleh Shalkoohi	17	18  9am-11am -Program of Hope 5:30pm—Worship mtg 5:30pm—”Take This Bread” at McAllister Deli—5300 Tchoupitoulas Street	19 DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER  6pm - Meditative Prayer	20 7pm - Tango	21 10am—Book Group to work at Crescent City Café’ for the homeless
22 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Liturgist -) (Money Counters - Henry and Claire) (Refreshments -  SAINTS SUNDAY)	23 7pm - Square Dancing	24 6:30pm—Session mtg	25  9am-11am -Program of Hope 5:30pm—”Take This Bread” Bag Supper “at the Fly” in Audubon Park	26  6pm - Meditative Prayer	27 7pm - Tango	28  Happy Birthday Leslie Schutt
29 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children Sunday School 11:00am Worship (Liturgist – Samantha Larsen) (Money Counters - Henry and Amie) (Refreshments - Kristy & Terry Ruppel)	30					