



First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Pat Mecham

Shining Lights

Jesus once advised his followers to let their light shine in such a way that others would see and give praise to God. No one lights a lamp, then puts it under a basket! That would be ridiculous! In the same way, followers of Jesus have THE LIGHT, and if we cover it up--it is of no benefit to anyone.

Light is a funny thing: it not only illuminates our own path; it gives light to everyone around us. When we "cover" our light, we might do so because of our humility. (You know, we don't want to show off or be "holier than thou.") But there is a way to shine our light with grace and gentleness! Rather than shine it "in your face", I can come alongside you and walk with you and you will see better for yourself. Are you ready to walk alongside those who are in the dark, and let your light (imperfect as it is) illuminate their path? Let your light shine, and others will praise God for it!

Faithfully;

Pastor Pat



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Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles

November 6	“Watching with Hope”	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
November 13	“We Belong to the Day”	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30
November 20	“Thanksgiving and Prayer” Kathy Reyes Preaching	Psalms 100 Ephesians 1:15-23
November 27	“Ancient Prayer for a Savior” (1st Sunday of Advent)	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Sunday school for all ages

10:15 Worship Service

9:45 Choir Practice

ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle, invites all women of the church, to their meetings on the third Thursday of the month, at 1:00 p m in the Parlor. We are studying CONFESSING THE BEATITUDES with book and DVD. We would love to have you join us, for Christian Bible Study and Fellowship.

Submitted by Mary Dee Norris

MISSION

When you donate to the First Presbyterian Church of Elko, 2% is allotted to your Mission Committee to spend on worldwide, countrywide, and citywide needs. The Mission Committee would like you to know how your money has been disbursed so far this year.

Contributions were given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance specifically for helping those caught in the Japanese earthquake and resulting tsunami and in the spring tornadoes in the U.S., to Witnessing Ministries of Christ for their Untouchables in India ministry, and to Fresno International Refugee Ministry (FIRM) for their refugee assistance program. Also, we bought the craft sticks necessary for the making of NoNos. In Elko contributions were made to Intervarsity and Young Life to support their local projects and to CADV, Horizon Hospice, and the Family Resource Center.

The Mission Committee meets after church every second Sunday of the month. All of you are welcome to the meetings. Please come and offer your ideas about important projects to support.

Submitted by Susie Jones

Joy Circle

JOY Circle will meet Monday, November 14th at 7 PM in the Parlor. Carolyn Rand will lead Lesson 2 in Beatitudes Study. Ann Haglund has the devotions and Susan Jones will bring refreshments. All interested women are invited to attend.

NOTES FROM SESSION

September actions: Use of the Fellowship Hall for Life Line Screening and Cowboy Poetry cooking class in 2012 was accepted. Session accepted request of R.W. Hampton worship service to be held during Cowboy Poetry Feb. 4, 2012. Ladies Aglow Bible study returns for the fall through spring session. Request for inactive roll placement by two members was acknowledged.

Dedication Sunday was held on October 16, 2011. Pledges are being accepted by mail or you can bring them to church and place them in the offering during services.

An informative lengthy review of the 10-A resolution was presented by delegates Carolee Jones and Pat Harrington and Pastor Pat.

Session will meet again on October 26, 2011

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group will begin a new Bible study "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times" by Kay Arthur, Bob and Diana Vereen. Bible study begins at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. Call Kathy Reyes at 738-6894 if you are interested, she will need to order books.



CALLING ALL KEYS

If you have a key to get into the Church building, please check with the church office. The church is conducting inventory of all keys. If you no longer need your key, we suggest that you return that key. This helps the church from having to make new keys. If you are issued a key YOU are responsible for that key. If that key is lost, YOU are responsible and a fee will be issued to replace the missing key.

BE RESPONSIBLE !!

HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES



The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes Inc. are teaming up to deliver holiday cards to service members, their families and veterans, many of whom will be far from home his holiday season. The public is invited to send a “touch of home” through holiday cards that

contain messages of cheer and appreciation. The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes will then screen cards for hazardous materials, sort and package the cards and deliver them to military bases and hospitals, veteran’s hospitals and other locations during the holidays.

The men and women who serve our country in uniform deserve our thanks every single day, and sending just one card is all it takes to make a difference in the life of one of our nation’s heroes.

Holiday cards should be addressed and sent to:

Holiday Mail for Heroes
P.O. Box 5456
Capital Heights, MD 20791-5456

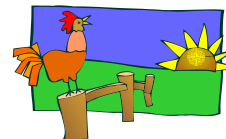
Please be sure to affix adequate postage. **Cards must be postmarked no later than December 10.** For reasons of processing and safety, participants are asked to refrain from sending “care packages,” monetary gifts, using glitter or including any inserts with the cards.

Visit www.redcross.org/holidaymail for a full list of recommended guidelines and more details about the Holiday Mail for Heroes program.

Visit www.nevada.redcross.org to learn more about the Northern Nevada Chapter’s Service to the Armed Forces.

T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



Rise and Shine!

The Mission Committee is now collecting non-perishable breakfast food items to be distributed to local non-profit organizations. Suggested items are coffee, tea, juice, cereal, Spam, jelly, canned fruit, cereal bars, etc. Please check expiration dates and place your donations in the container in front of the church office. Thank you for your previous contributions.

You are encouraged to bring your outreach concerns or mission project ideas to any Mission Committee meeting. Please check the church calendar for meeting dates.

Thank You for your Support



Please help us update the information on Church Windows. Let the church office know if you have any changes in your status such as, a new address, an addition to your family, changes to your landline or cell numbers, divorces, marriages, etc. Call the church office at 738-3430 with any changes. Thank you!

OOPS!

Laura Gunter’s birthday was omitted in the October Newsletter birthday list. Laura celebrated her birthday on October 5, 2011. Hope you had a GREAT birthday Laura.



FALL BACK!!!

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6th. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5th.

In The News

- **Pastor Pat** was featured with the Habitat for Humanity winner of the Toyota Yaris.
- **Glen Guttry** was present when the Elko County commissioners presented a certificate of Appreciation to Milton Grisham for 15 years of service.
- Summit Pediatrics bought the 4-H Steer raised by **Garrett Tomera**.
- **Pastor Pat** blessed the seventh Tree of Life during a dedication at the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital.
- **Judi Bondo**, chairman of the Northeastern Nevada Hospital Auxiliary, gave a review on how the “Tree of Life” helps with nursing scholarships, patient services and special community projects.
- **Marge Polkinghorne, Mary Harper, Charlene Hull, Loralee Justus and Nancy Neff** were present at the “Teddy Bear Tea Party”. They collect stuffed animals to donate to the Nevada Highway Patrol to use when children are involved in an accident.
- **Travis McKenna** played the part of Professor Aubergine in the Silver Stage Players “Murder and mystery” at GBC.
- **Heather and Joseph Norero** were featured in an article about Autism. Their son, Joseph Norero Jr. goes through hours of therapy a day to improve his recognition and language skills. (Heather is the financial secretary at the church).

Just for fun



A mother watched as her daughter hopped off the school bus and scampered toward her house in a pouring rainstorm. As the little girl ran toward the house, a lightning bolt flashed and the little girl stopped, looked up toward the sky and smiled, then began running back toward the house. Another lightning bolt flashed, and again the little girl stopped, looked toward the sky, and smiled before running once again toward the house. When the little girl finally arrived, her mother immediately asked “Why did you keep stopping and smiling at the sky?” “I had to, Mommy’, explained the little girl. “God was taking my picture.”

Thanksgiving

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as American's “first Thanksgiving”—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a “fowling” mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.



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I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30

BIRTHDAY'S

11-03 Erin Munson
11-06 Nicole Delbridge
11-08 Ashley Kerna
11-09 Sonja Brownlee
11-10 Rebecca Mullikin
11-10 Mary Ciszewski
11-11 Rod Flint
11-11 Alexis Freitag
11-12 Brett Hanley
11-12 Cassi Van Slyke
11-15 Ty Carrillo
11-16 D'Ette Burgess
11-21 Charlyn Van Slyke
11-28 Evalyn Plumb
11-28 Jaxon Miller
11-29 John Collett
11-30 Tim Winsley



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- Nov. 6 Loretta Reed, Tom Tsukamoto, Tyler & Amber Vavak, Dean & Korri Ward, Karl & Marlene Wilkie, Ira & Heather Wines.
- Nov. 13 Enid Zunino, Joan Zunino, Nick & Josephine Atiemo, Paul & Tammi Laughter, Alice Babock, Linda Trontel.
- Nov. 20 Norm & Melissa Bisson, Vern & Julie Blessing, Jake & Karen Kump, Brian & Jo Arthur, Arnold & Faye Carrillo, Adam & Rachel George.
- Nov. 27 Bill & Ann Nisbet, Erin Munson, Maureen Monks, Carlene Lancaster, Anthony, Kylah & Breanna Charles, Hugh & Louise Collett.

Remember, if you change coffee hours,

Please contact the church office at 738-3430

Coffee and cookies are served in the Fellowship Hall

after Worship Service

Everyone Welcome!

