

Palo Duro Family News

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Birthdays

Mimi Duncan	August 2
Mark Brantley-Gearhart	August 4
Mark Heaney	August 6
Murray Travis	August 6
Trey Little	August 10
Julie Johnson	August 12
Kathy Dane	August 19
David Hawkins	August 20
Mary D' Alessio	August 21
Dave D' Alessio	August 26
Peggy Hollandsworth	August 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Henry & Moyra Chisholm	August 2	55 years
Marty & Amber Loberg	August 5	15 years
Kenny & Jennifer Rigoulot	August 9	7 years
Jim & Pat Wallace	August 10	42 years
Cliff & Evie Stewart	August 12	38 years
Bob & Sherri Field	August 13	33 years
Ike & Jan Butterworth	August 16	35 years
Jon & Darlene Riches	August 21	39 years
Dan & Mary Florence Garza	August 29	Not available

Ordination Anniversaries

Jim Bankhead	August 1	40 years
Mary Ferris	August 5	9 years
Mark Brantley-Gearhart	August 6	15 years
Robert Brown	August 11	42 years
Kristine Brantley-Gearhart	August 14	16 years
Mary D' Alessio	August 16	18 years
Don McDonald	August 16	33 years
Janice Six	August 28	5 years

Moderator Nominations

Any congregation having a nomination for presbytery moderator to begin serving in 2011 should send that nomination to the presbytery office no later than August 31, 2009. The Nominating Committee will then nominate a person at the October presbytery meeting from the candidates nominated by the congregations. If no nominations are made, the committee will nominate a person who is willing to serve.

2011 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study

The presbytery will not be ordering bulk copies of the *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* this year. Churches wanting copies should place their own order. As a reminder, they need to be ordered by September 1, 2010.

Cursillo #24

Palo Duro Presbytery Cursillo #24 weekend will be October 7-10, 2010 at Camp Chaparral in Iowa Park, Texas. It's not too early to register. Registration brochures can be downloaded from the Presbytery website at www.paloduropresbytery.org.

Ordination

The ordination of Holly Haines (Amarillo, First) will take place at First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo on Sunday, August 29 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Holly has accepted a call in the Presbytery of Wyoming.

October Presbytery Meeting

The next stated meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery will be Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church in Vernon, Texas.

Presbytery Website

Don't forget to check out our Palo Duro Presbytery website at www.paloduropresbytery.org. If you have suggestions about other information you might like to see on the website, please contact the presbytery office, or e-mail Rich Schempp through the site.

Resource Center Page Online

We have recently upgraded the program that allows you to order Resource Center materials electronically on the presbytery website. Click on the "Resource Center" tab and follow the prompts. When you select items that you want to borrow, we are then notified by e-mail and will get your request to you as soon as possible.

2011 Ministry Support Grant Application

The application forms for the 2011 Ministry Support Grants have been mailed to churches that have applied in the past. Grant forms are available in downloadable form from the presbytery website (www.paloduropresbytery.org) under the "Publications" tab. The form may be completed online and saved to your computer. The application deadline is September 30, 2010.

2011 Per Capita

The General Assembly approved a change in the per capita rate for 2011. Per capita has been increased from \$6.15 per member to \$6.50 per member as reported on December 31, 2009. The Board of Pensions costs for the Pension and Medical Plan percentage remains at 31.5% for 2011.

Calendar for August and September

August 19 — PUPPIES

August 26 — Committee on Ministry meeting

August 29 — Ordination of Holly Haines at Amarillo, First

September 6 — Office closed for Labor Day

September 10-11 — Cursillo #24 Staff Training

September 18 — Ministry Teams & Ministry Council meeting

NOROC Fundraiser

In 2011, there will be a young adult mission trip to Romania, coordinated out of First Central Presbyterian Church of Abilene. This trip is open to college age youth from across the presbytery. In order to raise the necessary funds for this trip, copies of the PCUSA seal were commissioned in Tulcea and are available by donation. Suggested donation is \$20.00. The seals are available either free standing or ready to be hung on a wall. They can be picked up at the presbytery office or at First Central Presbyterian Church. They will also be available at the upcoming presbytery meetings.



Link2Lead

Explore the latest demographic information about your community at no cost to you! A website with online resources to enhance your leadership and planning is available at www.link2lead.com. Just register as a user and explore as much as you want. Don't miss this opportunity to develop your ministry. The latest census figures are now included in the information. This will probably be the last year that we subscribe to the service. So look at the materials for your community now.

Officer Training Planned

Palo Duro Presbytery is offering four area training sessions this coming fall and winter for elders and deacons. Centering on the vows that officers promise when ordained, the training will look at what it means to be called as an officer, what it means to be a Presbyterian officer, and what the responsibilities are for Presbyterian officers.

Training is scheduled as follows:

Area 1 — October 30 at Borger, First

Area 2 — November 20 at Littlefield, First

Area 3 — December 11 at Seymour, First

Area 4 — January 8 at a place still to be determined

Lunch will be served and registration must be made at least one week in advance of the scheduled training session. More details will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars, now!

News from Brazil

Rev. Floyd Grady sends greetings to his colleagues in Palo Duro Presbytery. He writes in his annual consultation form that after five months of medical care in Denver, Colorado in 2009, at 92 years of age and after three operations, he has asked to be replaced as Executive Secretary of P.R.E.S. and also as President of the "Commission of Rural Development for the Regional Government of Supirangas." He had served in these posts for several years.

He continues to preach and teach as well as write and speak on his specialties: ecology, economics and education. He also counsels pastors, church leaders, school directors and graduate students who come to his home. He lives on a 72-acre producing farm.

His ministry in Brazil since 1965 has resulted in Presbyterian church development in 32 cities with new churches continuing to be organized.

He is working on his family's special history and ministry since 1937 in much of Brazil. They have been an integral part of the development of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil and his farm helps support five families and guides his neighbors.

Praise God for the ministry of Rev. Floyd Grady!

Note of Appreciation from Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

On behalf of the General Assembly, I want to extend a special word of appreciation to the Presbytery of Palo Duro for your faithful stewardship in 2009. More than ever, maintaining the covenant connection that links together the body of Christ is crucial for the faithful witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Your presbytery's full support for the 2009 per capita apportionment is a tangible sign of commitment to that vision, and I am extraordinarily grateful.

Please share the deepest appreciation of all of us in the Office of the General Assembly for the faithful support of your presbytery and its particular churches for the per capita budget of the General Assembly.

Please remember the following persons and groups in your prayers:

- Teachers and students as they return to the classroom.
- Jim Bankhead (Amarillo, First) as he ends his service at the church and moves on toward retirement.
- Congregations looking for pastoral leadership
- Holly Haines as she begins her ministry in Wyoming
- The members of First Presbyterian Church in Iowa Park as they find new church homes

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