

### National Wear Red Day

February 5 is National Wear Red Day. It began several years ago to draw attention to the fact that heart disease and stroke account for 1 out of 3 deaths of women. At the same time, it's wise to note that 80% of these deaths can be prevented by recognizing the warning signs and making simple changes.

In addition to wearing red to honor the female(s) in your life you may want to participate in a new research study being done by the American Heart Association. The study is entitled Health eHeart and you can locate it using the National Wear Red Day web site. The study is free of charge to anyone over the age of 18 years. The process entails filling out a short survey which can be completed over several computer sessions. You may want to be prepared as one portion of the survey deals with your family medical history. After completing the entire survey "red flags" will be identified. All of this information is kept confidential and will be most helpful in directing your health care planning.

Since February is National Heart month, why not start it out by wearing something red on February 5 and completing the Health eHeart survey for a national research project during the month. It's a grand idea!

~Submitted by Jo Flanders



## Happy February Birthday!

Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!



02/01 Marlin Holtmyer

02/18 Jack Frost



02/03 Robert Bentley

02/21 Robin Caldwell

02/21 Jeanne Perkins



02/11 Lois Harris

02/21 Steve Reasor



02/12 Vicki Zimmerman

02/23 Dale Pollock

If we missed your Birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring February Birthdays will be held at Jimmy's Egg at noon on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

Please call or email me your plans to attend and I'll contact the restaurant with our reservation each month. Thank you, Sally Telephone (580) 736-3910 or Email salsroom.g@gmail.com

### Youth Food Harvest

This month's theme is "In a Jam"

Donations could be grape jelly, strawberry jam, peach preserves to even apple butter.

Please bring your donation to the church on February 21<sup>st</sup>.



Gordon Eugene Demerson, 85, long time resident of Duncan, Oklahoma passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City after a brief illness. Gordon was born in Frankfort, Kentucky to Anna (Gordon) and Theo K. Demerson on November 7, 1930. He attended schools in Frankfort and Columbus, Ohio, graduating from Frankfort High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and upon his return married Virginia Calvert on July 11, 1954. He attended the University of Kentucky on the G I Bill and graduated with a degree in geology. Gordon began his career in 1958 in Irvine, Kentucky, working as a geologist for Winona Oil Company. In 1961 he was hired by Sinclair Oil and Gas and worked as a geologist and petroleum engineer in Illinois, Michigan and Oklahoma. He was hired by Mack

Energy Company in 1967, moving the family from Ardmore, Oklahoma to Duncan. Gordon retired from Mack in 1996 as Vice President of Production. Gordon was a devoted husband and father. He loved all outdoor activities, especially fishing. Some of his favorite memories were of family camping trips in the mountains of Colorado. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as a Deacon, Elder and Trustee. He sang in the church choir for over 40 years. Gordon was an active member of the Duncan Rotary Club. He had an infectious smile and a wonderful sense of humor, and always brought happiness to a room. Gordon is survived by Virginia, his wife of 61 years; son, Gordon Demerson Jr.(Dusty) of Crested Butte, Colorado, a daughter, Nancye Demerson Lashley and husband Rick of Edmond, Oklahoma and son, David Calvert Demerson and wife Julie of Duncan; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a brother, Theo K. Demerson, Jr. (Buddy) of Frankfort, Kentucky and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anna (Gordon) Demerson and Theo K. Demerson; his sister, Delphia Demerson Benassi and brother-in-law, Geno G. Benassi; a sister-in-law Jean Triplett Demerson; and niece Gina Benassi Sargent.

A celebration of his life was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Duncan on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 1:30pm with the Rev. Arnold Nelson, Jr. and the Rev. Tracy L. Wilson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:

The First Presbyterian Church or any local charity or foundation of your choice.

Dear Women of the First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for generously donating to the Gabriel's House After School Program! We appreciate your attentiveness to our ongoing needs and your continued financial support of our program. We will use the money you gave to purchase program supplies for the children enrolled in our program.

Sincerely,

Gabriel's House Inc.



Pictured is Chris Zimmerman visiting with Jack Munn. They were reminiscing about a White River fishing trip they took together 3 years prior.

Picture courtesy of Vicki Zimmerman

Anniversary?

I'm looking to update my anniversary list for the church. Please contact the office with your information.



PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our family and friends in our prayers Beverly Chalkboyer, Emily Ritter, John Hamilton and Terry Evans.

Let us remember those unable to attend worship service Colleen Winn, Jack Munn, Beverly Moody and Augusta Slagle



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We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **February 7, 2015** during the worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
February 19, 2015**



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If you have anything that you would like to share in F-A-W I would be happy to see it. Please call, email, or drop a note by the church office.



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**CLERK'S CORNER.....**

Well, 2016 is certainly starting off with a bang!! At the January session meeting, your session voted to hire Rev Mike Manaugh. He will be working in the capacity of Temporary Supply Pastor and will spend approximately 25 hours a week here. His first day will be Wednesday, February 3rd. We feel so blessed and are looking forward welcoming Rev Mike and his family.

The following session members were elected by session for the 2016 year: Clerk of Session, Joan Drake; Commissioner to Presbytery, Vicki Zimmerman; Alternate, Jo Flanders; Nominating Committee chair, Bennie Drake; Committee member, Mike Grantham. A treasurer has not yet been elected.

The following were appointed as committee chairs: Property & Maintenance, Mike Grantham; Missions, Sue Beall, Worship, Robin Caldwell; Personnel, Joan Drake; Stewardship, Jo Flanders.

We start this year with so much to be thankful for. Unfortunately, we also start on a very sad note, with the death of Gordon Demerson. He will be missed so much by his family, his church family and so many friends.

Blessings from your session,  
Joan Drake, Clerk

Submitted by Joan Drake, Clerk

To your right is a picture of  
Rev. Mike Manaugh  
speaking to the children during the  
Children's Message.

Picture courtesy of Vicki Zimmerman



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