

BY THE WAY...

June 2011

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Raymond S. Thomas

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From the Pastor



Our prayers continue for the family of John and Judith Perry. Judith died, unexpectedly on March 4 and John died on May 9, two months after losing his beloved wife and then learning that he had inoperable cancer. We also join in prayer for the family of Iona Mimna, who died on May 15. Iona, and her husband Paul, served on the committee that called me to Holy Way. Both Paul, who died in 2004, and Iona brought gentle hearts and faithful spirits to our church.

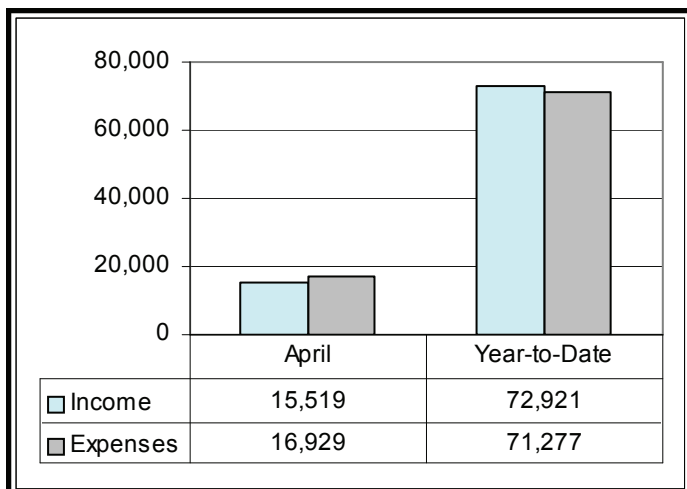
I also want to bring to your attention a recent development in our denomination: the Presbyterian Church (USA). A majority of presbyteries have now approved a measure that will change the ordination standards in our denomination. More information about this change, Amendment 10-A, can be found at www.pcusa.org. For our church, I want to summarize what I stated as we began worship on Sunday, May 15.

With this change across our denomination, some people will claim victory, others defeat. Some will be angry, confused, relieved or feel no effect. For our church, I see no significant change here. The conversations about the discernment of God's call, the faithful interpretations of scripture, and obedience to God's will continues. What the Presbyterian Church needs most of all—believers who can disagree in an agreeable fashion— we've got here. The

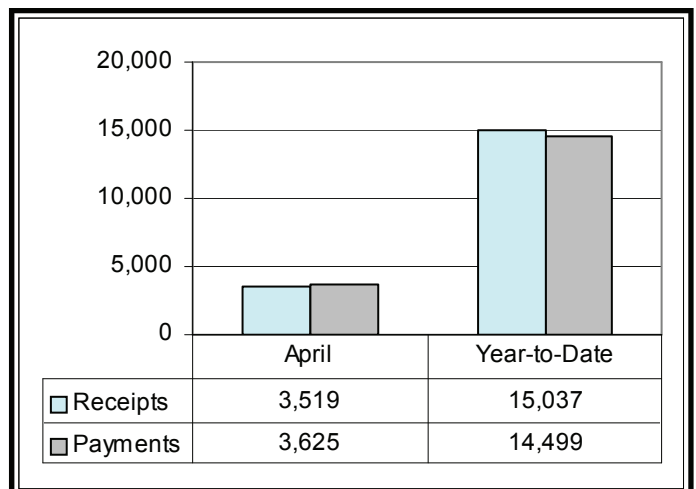
Presbyterian church needs churches that are diverse yet unified by faith in Jesus Christ - we've got that here. We are not shaped by our political alliances, but we gather and humbly bow before the crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ. That's what we do. And all are welcome to join us.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Rev. Dr. Raymond S. Thomas. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'R'.

Operating Budget



Monthly Mortgage Report



General Fund Receipts 2011 (As of April 30)

Pledged	35,270
Unpledged	36,696
Other	955

Mortgage Balance Remaining April — 258,934

**20 Year Mortgage to be paid off by
May, 2019**

Something to Think About...

Because of your generosity, Holy Way sent \$515.36 to One Great Hour of Sharing. This is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship.

Scholarship Awards

The C.E. Fitzgerald College Scholarship Board has offered two of our members college scholarship awards for the 2011-12 academic year: Andy Thomas, who will be a sophomore at Northern Arizona University, and Delissa Pancho, who will begin her freshman year at Pima Community College. Congratulations!

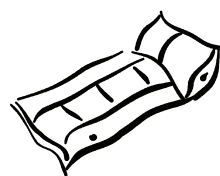
Pentecost Offering

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12, we will again receive our denomination's Pentecost offering. The focus of the offering is the needs of children and youth. 40% of the offering will be directed by the Session to use on behalf of children at risk, 10% supports General Assembly child advocacy ministries, 25% supports General Assembly ministries with youth, and 25% supports Young Adult Volunteer opportunities.

Montlure Camp Adventure

Holy Way will send up a crew of leaders and campers to Junior High 1 Camp, June 11-17, at Montlure Presbyterian Camp. Ray will be pastor and Andy Thomas will be a counselor. Marcus Mattias, Dylan Rudd, Chris & Victoria Thompson will be among the campers. Send your words of encouragement to any, or all, of these adventurers to:

Junior High 1
Montlure Presbyterian Camp
P.O. Box 122
Greer, AZ 85927



JUNE'S ANNIVERSARIES



Myles & Margaret Agee	6-1
Lyle & Arlene Olmstead	6-1
Andy & Ann Andreatta	6-7
Bill & Phyllis Dye	6-8
Jim & Betty Antell	6-9
Ed & Marilyn Staley	6-9
Dudley & Ginni Williams	6-10
Jim & Peggy Soll	6-12
Howard & Alice Belzer	6-14
Lenny & Elizabeth Notto	6-14
Bill & Karen Szelow	6-16
Cugler & Maggie Diggs	6-19
Bob & Doris Reihl	6-19
Ray & Eula Weathers	6-19
Clair & Dorothy Morris	6-25
Bob & Dorothy Munns	6-29
Don & Karen Cutting	6-30

June Meals

Get signed up today for our June 8 dinner— Gloria Stowell & Gerry Pearson will serve up some Chicken Enchilada Casserole with beans & rice, and ice cream for dessert. It's going to be delicious!

On June 29th, we'll have our monthly Lunch & Games day. Come have a nice lunch with some members of your church family and then stick around for some afternoon game time. It's a lot of fun!

JUNE'S BIRTHDAYS



Ray Denton	6-4
Jordan Ruiz	6-4
Sean Hamilton	6-7
Dorothy Morris	6-8
Betty Antell	6-9
Carl Denman	6-12
June Meola	6-13
Karen Cutting	6-18
Marquita McCrone	6-18
Stacie Veninga	6-18
Bill Szelow	6-19
Cliff Hiner	6-25
Destinie Veninga	6-26
Searlett Barton	6-27

Vacation Bible School 2011!

This year's VBS at Holy Way will be held June 27—July 1, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The theme this year is "Shake it Up Café— Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe" VBS is open to all children ages 4-12. We ask that 4 year-olds have some preschool experience. Those 12 and older may also choose to be a helper or be in a class. A list of items needed for decorating, crafts, and snacks is posted in the Ranch House. Any adult who wishes to help will be welcomed, whether it be for a short time, all day, or all week. You can contact the church office or Ruth Ann Beck (471-3084) if you are interested.

This year's mission for VBS will be the Ark Project, as well as Casa Maria Soup Kitchen and Three Points Food Bank. Anyone who wishes to contribute may mark their donation 'VBS Project'.

A Page From Our Memoir Writers

Over the past few months, a group of brave and interesting folks came together under the guidance of Ellen LaCroix to learn some tips and techniques for telling their own life story. We will be featuring some of their work in the upcoming newsletters to share their work with you!

“An Event That Changed My Life”

“Well young man, what do you think of this?”

The only thing I could summon up enough breath to say was, “Oh, brother!”

The question was asked by Joe E. Brown, a famous Hollywood actor of the 30s and 40s. The occasion was him handing me a certificate of scholarship for one year’s tuition at Northwestern University. Small wonder that I was speechless. I was the youngest of four children that were born and raised in the depression ravaged 1930s. Neither of my two brothers attended college, while my sister was only able to attend a city junior college for two years. The possibility of attending a full-fledged university was almost beyond my family’s comprehension.

Even more mind-boggling was my selection as one of two high school seniors for this award. I was chosen from a group of students deemed outstanding from each of the 30 high schools in the Chicago area. To qualify, each of us had to prepare an essay stating the reasons why we felt eligible to receive scholarship aid. We also submitted to two in-depth personal interviews as part of the selection process. At the conclusion of these interviews, we all lined up in front of a panel of judges for one last opportunity for them to tie a name to a face. As I stepped forward to state my name and high school, one of these judges nudged the person next to him and gave an almost imperceptible nod of his head. Strange as it may seem, I felt at that moment that I was a winner. This did turn out to be the case.

I went on to complete the five-year cooperative electrical engineering program. We were required to complete internships in the industry to better prepare the college graduates for the real world. This Northwestern program was one of the first in the nation. Both participating industries and the students benefited from this program. An immediate personal benefit to me was a starting salary on graduation that was about 25% more than the prevailing wage for college students without experience. This was particularly welcome because my bride of one year gave birth to a fine baby girl the day I received my diploma.

Throughout my entire working career, the college education opportunity that was given me at that ceremony 65 years ago has been the basis of whatever level of success I have achieved in my lifetime. No other event has come close.

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9 am Prayer Group	2 10 am Memorial Garden Committee Meeting 5:30 pm AA Meeting	3 9 am Craft Guild	4
5 COMMUNION & FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship & SS 10:45 am VBS Team Meeting 6 pm Ala-teen/Al-anon	6	7 9 am Bible Study 6 pm Alanon	8 9 am Prayer Group 6 pm Enchilada Dinner	9 5:30 pm AA Meeting	10 9 am Craft Guild	11
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Stated Session Meeting – April 18, 2011

April Presbytery Report: The spring Presbytery meeting was held on April 16th at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucson and was attended by Andy Thomas, Ray Thomas and Charlotte Venekamp. One of the highlights of this meeting was the affirmative vote for ordination of Stephanie Hamilton into the ministry and, also, naming her as Executive Director of Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp. We also voted on an amendment to G-6.016b in the Presbyterian Book of Order, which resulted in a tie vote and negated the vote.

Deacon's Report:

This committee met on April 12th with discussion on the following items: choir railing to be installed soon, May 8th Lay Person service, Ranch House looking great and much success with the church dinners. The prayer group is making about twenty quilts per month for mission efforts.

† Pastor's Report: Ray Thomas

1. Four Holy Way campers going up to Montlure Camp for Junior High 1: Marcus Mattias, Dylan Rudd, Christopher and Victoria Thompson.
2. Ladies Style Show received \$1,377.41 in profits. \$200 each sent to Altar Valley School District and Drexel Heights Fire District. \$977.41 given to Mortgage Reduction Fund.
3. Received for One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, as of yesterday: \$285.36.
4. "Creating a Culture of Generosity" workshop is being offered by the Board of Pensions on Wednesday, May 18th, 10:00am to 3:00pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson. Charlotte Venekamp will be attending, along with Ray Thomas. Our Treasurer, Gerry Pearson, will also be invited to attend.
5. Request vacation July 20th – August 2nd. *A motion was made by Dearwyn Knittel to accept this request,s/p.*

† Building & Grounds: Daryl Betts/Larry LaCroix

The Ranch House south entry tiled floor is now completed. New entry lights were purchased and installed on north and south entries of the Ranch House. Fire and security alarm annual inspections were completed. Citrus trees were pruned, fertilized and watered.

† Christian Education: Wendy Mattias/Andy Thomas

This committee met on March 27th with discussion on Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 27th – July 1st. Ruth Ann Beck will be chairing this event. The Vacation Bible School offering will go to the Ark project commitment. A Mother's Day Brunch is being considered, with proceeds also going to the Ark project

† Congregational Life: Bill Seelow

On March 14th a delicious ham loaf dinner was served, with \$275.05 in profits. March 19th the kitchen and pantry was cleaned by Jane Hosler, Ginger Berquist, Bill Seelow, Rena Tucker, Eddie Meier and Gerry Pearson. Bill Seelow treated pizza for lunch. Lunch was served on March 23rd with \$70 in profit.

Other Business:

Discussion took place on creating a Memorial Garden for members of our church that would be interested. It was unanimously agreed upon and a committee was appointed with Bill Seelow as the Chair and Sheri Atleson and Le VanScoyk as members. We have approximately \$9,500 in the Memorial Fund and Memorial Garden Fund, which could go towards this project.

The Rummage Sale was discussed and Larry LaCroix requested he and Ellen be relieved of their duties with the sale. Ray will place an article in the monthly newsletter to find other interested participants.

Note: Session Minutes in their entirety are posted on the bulletin board in the Ranch House.