

BY THE WAY...

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Raymond S. Thomas

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From the Pastor



Remember, years ago, when you'd hear someone say they were walking on wedges, you'd look down to see what shoes they were referring to? These days we can't take many steps in any social arena, without walking on wedges, as in "wedge issues". Those are the subjects that divide and multiply: political issues, how to deal with the economy, immigration, health care, gay marriage, the role of women in the churches, etc. There are all kinds of styles, colors and sizes of "wedge issues" available for the picking these days.

How do we as Christians, find a common unity among such growing diversity? How do we move people toward reconciliation when the momentum is moving us to separation? Do we hide and protect ourselves, and our views, from the challenging times, or is our faith up to the challenge to bring God's peace?

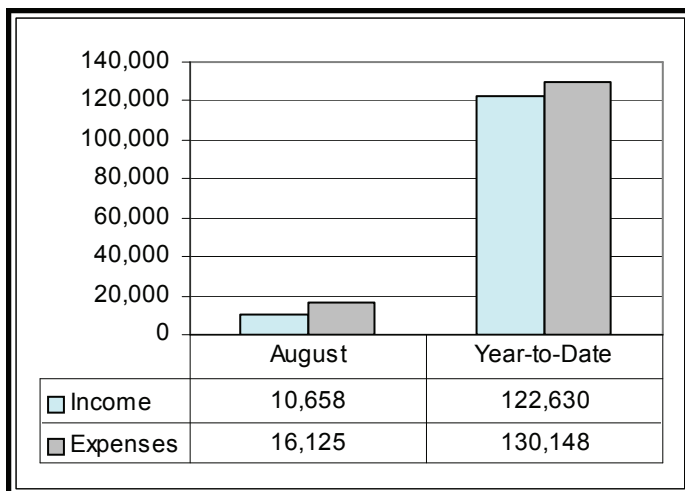
On Sunday, October 9, the Sunday after World Communion Sunday when we will affirm our unity in, and celebrate the inclusive invitation of Jesus Christ to the table, we will welcome two International Peacemakers, who serve in the Presbyterian Church (USA) doing mission work in Mexico: Brenda Trinidad Espitia and David Thomas. Brenda was born in Mexico, educated in the U.S., and did her graduate work in Spain. David has served for a number of years, working in partnership with the National Presbyterian

Church in Mexico.

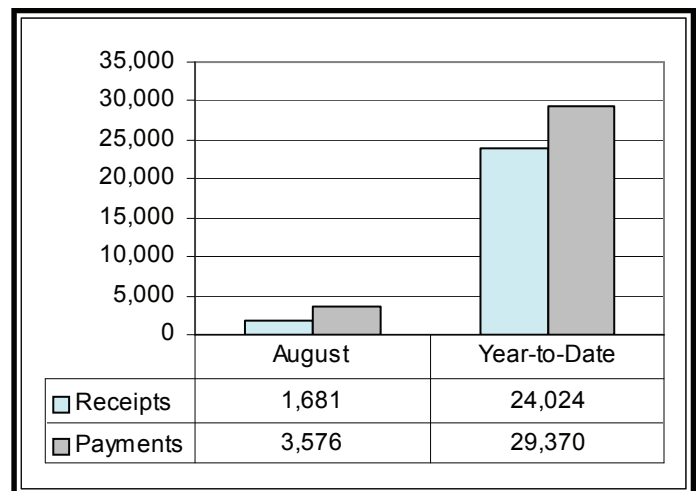
These two faithful servants, seeking to bring peace and unity across political borders, now find themselves at a theological divide. The National Presbyterian Church in Mexico has dissolved their relationship with our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), over our recent change in standards for ordained leaders. These folks live in "wedges". How does faith in Christ open possibilities for unity and reconciliation? We walk together as the church of Jesus Christ. Come to worship with us and our guests on Sunday, October 9, and join us in conversation and brunch, in the Ranch House after worship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Raymond S. Thomas'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Operating Budget



Monthly Mortgage Report



General Fund Receipts 2011 (As of Aug 31)

Pledged	68,195
Unpledged	52,393
Other	2,042

Mortgage Balance Remaining Aug — 248,943

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

Something to Think About...

Each of us makes one of two choices in life— we either become emotionally attached to our money, or we become emotionally attached to the God who gives us our money.

Membership Exploration

On Sunday, October 2, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate the invitation we have all received, across the planet, to sit at the table with our Savior - to eat the bread of life and receive the cup of salvation. After worship that Sunday, everyone who has found their relationship with the Lord being strengthened and nurtured here at Holy Way, is invited to join Ray, in the Ranch House, to learn more about the church and to explore membership. All those who worship with us are of great value to our lives. If you would like to express the value that Holy Way has in your life by becoming a member, we'd be glad to make that happen. We'll meet for about an hour and would be glad to have you join us!

Heifer Project Ark

Thanks to your generous contributions of money and cans, we are nearing our goal of \$5000 to purchase an ark through Heifer Project. Melanie will be taking your cans to be redeemed and that should put us within a few hundred dollars! And we've only been at it for a little over a year!

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, we would be glad to order you one. Fill out the short form in the Narthex or sign-up in the Ranch House!

Upcoming Meals

We have a couple of great meals scheduled for this month, mark your calendar and get signed up! On Sunday, October 9, we will serve brunch at 10:30 a.m., when the visitors from the International Peacemakers will be with us for Q&A. Come join us for sausage & egg casserole, French toast, fresh fruit & beverages, and a morning of enlightening dialogue.

On Wednesday, October 12, Dudley Williams will serve up his famous grilled chicken dinner, along with some homemade baked beans, potato salad, dessert and beverages.

Don't forget about Lunch & Games, to be held on Wednesday, October 26, at 12 noon. We'll meet in the Ranch House for some tasty soup & cornbread and then hang out and play some cards or board games, chat, and have a good time.

Sign up sheets for all these delicious events can be found in the Ranch House. Don't miss out!

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 30, at 10:30 a.m. to elect new elders and deacons.

Making a List...

Starting in November, Ellen LaCroix will be available to facilitate alternative giving solutions through the World Church Service. Instead of spending money on more "stuff", why not consider a gift that helps someone in need! Giving in honor of a loved one is a great way to reduce the stress of clutter and holiday shopping. You can support gifts of animals to struggling families, hydration therapy for young children, hygiene kits for people recovering from disasters... stay tuned for more information!

PCM Dinner

Join us on Friday, November 4, 2011 for the Annual Presbyterian Dinner, hosted by the Presbyterian Campus Ministry. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E. Broadway, 888-5535. Come see what the PCM is all about and enjoy fellowship with other Christians. We will have a silent auction this year! The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. If you would like a ticket, please contact Ruth Ann Beck at 578-1255. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute to the Ministry, please mark your donation "PCM". Thanks for your support!

A Note From Altar Valley

Dear Holy Way,

Thank you so much for thinking of us again this year. It's a real blessing to receive your generous donations. The support from your church makes a difference in our school and in our community.

Thanks,

Russ Federico—Principal

OCTOBER'S ANNIVERSARIES



Bill & Cheri Davis	10-4
Paul & Betty Edgar	10-6
Jim & Darleen Lancaster	10-26

OCTOBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Betty Reichlein	10-3
Bza Watson	10-3
Ruth Parsil	10-11
Muriel Mittelstat	10-12
Gloria Stowell	10-17
Catie Ross	10-22
Phyllis Hyldborg	10-29
Lupita Hernandez	10-31

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 2, we will join with Christians around the world, at many tables, with the same Lord as our host. We will pay particular attention to the call of Christ to all nations and all people to join together in our worship. Come, join



Church IRA Donations

Tax free direct donations from an IRA to the church have been extended through 2011! Consider making charitable donations from your IRA to benefit your church. The tax relief act enacted in 2010 allows IRA owners age 70 ½ and older to direct gifts from IRA accounts straight to public charities through December 31, 2011. The qualified gifts count as required minimum distributions and are excluded from tax payer income.



In The Nursery

Do you miss being with little kids? Sign-up to spend an hour as a Nursery Care worker at Holy Way during the service. Enjoy some time with our children and help support our young families. There is a sign-up sheet in the Ranch House. Thank You!





OCTOBER 2011



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2 World Communion Food Bank Sunday 9:30 am Worship & SS 10:30 Exploring Membership 6 pm Alateen/ Alanon	3	4 9 am Bible Study 6 pm Alanon	5 9 am Prayer Group 9 am Handbells 10 am Chancel Choir 7 pm AA Meeting	6 5:30 pm AA Meeting	7 9 am Craft Guild	8
9 9:30 am Worship & SS 10:30 am Brunch + Q&A w/ International Peacemakers 6 pm Alateen/ Alanon	10	11 9 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Deacons Meeting 6 pm Alanon	12 9 am Prayer Group 9 am Handbells 10 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Chicken Dinner 7 pm AA Meeting	13 5:30 pm AA Meeting	14 9 am Craft Guild	15
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Stated Session Meeting – August 15, 2011

† Pastor's Report: Ray Thomas

1. Active Member Howard Higby died in Tucson on July 28th. Memorial service will be held at Holy Way on September 3rd at 2:00pm.
2. Officiated at a Memorial service for Art Doty on June 27th, at the Foothills clubhouse.
3. Officiated at the wedding of Ben Parker and Kelly Chandler on June 25th, at Holy Way.
4. Approve special offering for the Presbyterian Campus Ministry on Sunday, August 28th, when Ellen Dawson, Campus Minister, will preach and be assisted by PCM students. *A motion was made by Daryl Betts to approve this special offering, s/p.*
5. Will teach Communion class to young people (4th grade and older) on Sunday, September 4th at 9:00am.
6. Approve vacation dates: Sunday, September 25th (?) and Sunday, October 23rd. *A motion was made by Dearwyn Knittel to accept these vacation dates, s/p.*
7. Choir railing by Brian Hamilton has been installed, as a gift from the Carl Pauch family in his memory.

† Building & Grounds: Daryl Betts/Larry LaCroix:

Monthly termite inspections were witnessed with some activity noted and corrected.

Annual required testing and inspection of water supply backflow device was completed and reported to Tucson Water.

† Christian Education: Wendy Mattias/Andy Thomas

Discussed plans for Sunday School Kick-Off scheduled for September 11th including contacting VBS families for the event and, also having a get together with the parents to talk with them about what is planned for this years Sunday School.

We talked about the need to have a consistent string of substitute Sunday School teachers. With Andy leaving, we will need more of an established backup group. Names were discussed and they will be contacted.

Ark revenue stands at \$4,217.76 – way to go!!

† Congregational Life: Bill Seelow

Dinners were served on June 8th (28 attendees) and July 13th (30 attendees). A total of \$428 was collected. Lunch was served June 29th (6 attendees) and July 27th (13 attendees). A total of \$95 was collected.

Thank you to Andy Thomas and Wendy Mattias for setting up and cleaning up for coffee hour during the month of June and to Daryl Betts for fulfilling this task in July.

† Finance/Stewardship: Dearwyn Knittel/Charlotte Venekamp

Budget process will be beginning in September, to be presented to Session in October.

Other Business:

Wendy Mattias made a presentation to Session concerning prayer shawls. She brought a few to show and discussed how her church at home has made a success out of this program. Wendy will be making a presentation at the Deacons meeting on September 13th at 4:30 p.m. to hopefully get enough interest to try this project at Holy Way.

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

What's in a Gift Ark?

2 CAMELS
to help families in Tanzania transport water and earn income

2 PIGS
to help families in the Dominican Republic attain greater self-reliance

2 COWS
to bring milk and income to families in Kosovo

2 TRIOS OF RABBITS
to provide food and income to families in Vietnam

2 WATER BUFFALO
to help families in the Philippines increase rice production through animal draft power

2 TRIOS OF GUINEA PIGS
to help families in Peru add protein to their diets and earn income

2 TRIOS OF DUCKS
to help families in Thailand generate income through the sale of eggs and birds

2 FLOCKS OF CHICKS
to help families in Cambodia improve nutrition and replenish their land

2 OXEN
to families in Cameroon to help pull plows and carts

2 GOATS
to help families in Poland provide milk for their children and earn extra income

2 FLOCKS OF GEESE
to help families in China better their nutrition and income through the production of eggs and meat

2 DONKEYS
to supply animal draft power to families in Zimbabwe

2 BEEHIVES
to help families in Mexico earn money through the sale of honey and beeswax

2 SHEEP
to help families in the United States produce wool

2 LLAMAS/ALPACAS
to improve livestock bloodlines and produce wool for families in Bolivia



A gift to Heifer International is an extraordinary opportunity for you to change the world.

To help the greatest number of families move toward self-reliance, Heifer does not use its limited resources to track individual animals from donation to distribution to specific families. Instead, your gift supports the entire Heifer Mission. We use your gift where it can do the most good by combining it with the gifts of others to help transform entire communities. Heifer's unique community development model assisted more than 287,000 families last year with gifts of animals, training and passing on the gift. In addition, members of more than 423,000 additional families received special training in sustainable farming techniques and another 812,000 received significant benefits indirectly. Heifer International is a 501(c)(3) organization.