

Devotion, Week of October 12, 2025

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Well, they came, almost 200 of them, they worshipped, they feasted, and they visited. What a day our 200th Homecoming Celebration was! It was a beautiful day and everything was decorated so wonderfully. When I looked out at that completely full sanctuary with the organ blasting away, I almost couldn't go on. I've thanked the folks individually who helped, but let me just say that the Rohrbachs could be event planners (and also Army Sargents!). And Barbara Barlow and Connie McWilliams could be too! So here's the folks who did so much work to make this happen. And of all things, Beverly Johnson woke up sick Sunday morning after all her hard work on Saturday and missed it in person!

Cindy & Ed Adair	Connie McWilliams
Kathy & Hal Banke	Danny & Cathy Morris
Van Banke	Tom Murphy
Barbara Barlow	Rick & Kathie Pierce
Dinah Bingham	Blake Phillips
Debbie Bray	Jim & Nancy Phillips
Andrea Briggs	Erin Randolph
Leslie Cannon	Fred & Jennifer Rohrbach
Xavier Carteret	Fred Rohrbach Jr.
Greg & Debbie Durden	Rachel Rohrbach
Sharon Goza	Pam Rountree
David Hatch	Glenda Taylor
Beverly Johnson	Thomas Thigpen
Diane Kemper	John Westlund
Alisa Kirk	Fran Youngblood
Janice Lockhart	

Many thanks to Verena Anders for an incredible anthem and heartfelt message; Michael Poulis and Julie Lehman who gave us a pottery communion set that Julie made; and proclamations from Dr. Alieka Anderson-Henry, Chairwoman of the Clayton County Commission, and Victor Aguilar, City Clerk of the City of Morrow. We had Presbytery staff, PW staff, folks from Calvary Refuge Center, two former student interns, the first female elder (Lena Lou Thomas), and Ethel Lynn Huie Keaton, all the way from Salt Lake City. We missed Angie Tharpe though, our oldest member. The Ashmores took over the session table in my office and had a mini reunion! And John's message brought back incredible memories of all the people who made the church so successful in his life. I think the youth groups back then had to be pretty rowdy, but it sounds like Erwin Gettys kept them straight! Did you know that Erwin is the one who was brave enough to get up on a crane and put the fleur de lis on top of the steeple? Isn't it wonderful the new things you discovered Sunday and the new friends you made?

Thank you all for being gracious hosts and making all these families so glad to be home for a day.

Jeanne