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Sunday Mornings

9:20am Church School * | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary * (* Child care provided.)

FPC CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

The initial celebratory event of FPC-Bryan's Sesquicentennial Celebration, is an organ concert featuring Dr. Jungjin Kim in our sanctuary for FPC and the larger community on TUE, OCT 17, at 6:30pm. Dr. Kim is the church organist at A&M United Methodist Church and a member of the A&M Korean Fellowship which meets at FPC-Bryan. She obtained her Master's degree in Music History at Yonsei University (Seoul, South Korea) and received her Ph.D. in organ performance from the University of Texas-Austin. This recital is co-sponsored with the Brazos Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. It also represents Dr. Kim's gift to FPC for our partnership with her in preparation for her upcoming international recitals.

FPC's "historic" 150th Anniversary T-Shirts are here! Orders will be received with payment on SUN, OCT 8 & 15, on the Patio before and after worship. Cost: Adults (\$15); Youth (\$10). The FINAL opportunity to order t-shirts will be at the 150th Anniversary Concert on TUE, OCT 17. Also available for purchase (\$15 each) during these times will be 150th Anniversary Note Cards packets (12 cards [blank inside] with pictures of our beautiful stained glass windows and the 31st St. Sanctuary entrance window and an ink pen/stylus.

REFORMATION

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

FPC-Bryan welcomes as guest preacher The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Leslie, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*, on SUN, OCT 29. Dr. Leslie served this congregation from 1981-1999.

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 22, 2017 to NOVEMBER 12, 2017



TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.

The "ramp-up" for the 2018 Stewardship & Finance Campaign is underway, co-ordinated by the committee of the same name and authorized by the Session Elders. Our campaign theme is "TIME. TALENT. TREASURE." and the campaign is linked both (1) with 2018 being the 150th year of this church's life in ministry since being chartered in 1867, and (2) with the Biblical themes of Stewardship calling us to serve Jesus Christ with God's gifts – in "time, talent, and treasure." Packets of information will be available for pick-up and distribution beginning SUN, OCT 29. Elders Jay McKay and Ernie Wright serve with Glenn Mathews, Molly McDaniel, Ervin Linnstaedter, and Cheryl Page on the Stewardship & Finance Committee. Church Treasurer is Rick Page and Church Bookkeeper is Donya Ragle. Please remember in your prayers Christ's ministries which are financially underwritten by the generosity of members and participants who share in the care, evangelism, worship, study, and service which serve God among God's people near and far.

2nd Annual

CHILI
COOK-OFF



CALLING
ALL COOKS!

Contestants Needed!

PRIZES FOR TOP 3 WINNERS!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

following worship in Fellowship Hall

To enter the contest or for other inquiries, contact Eric Peterson, youth@fpcbryan.org.

Non-contestants are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to complement the chili.

FPC youth will provide a short program as a way for the youth to thank the congregation for their amazing stewardship of the youth ministry.

This FPC Youth-sponsored event raises funds for youth participation in 2018 summer conferences at Mo-Ranch.

Preaching Christ | Teaching Discipleship | Reaching Others

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER

Throughout October Habitat for Humanity/Faith in Action is hosting its Annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser next to Hillier Funeral Home on 29th St in Bryan. This fundraiser will help Habitat build a home for a family within the next year. The pumpkin patch is open Sun-Fri, 12:00pm to 8:00pm and Sat, 10:00am-8:00pm. If you love pumpkins, come on out and support this cause!

CROP HUNGER WALK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The CROP Hunger Walk is SUN, OCT 29, at 3:00pm at Veteran's Park in College Station. The event supports Church World Service relief and development programs www.cwsglobal.org, and locally where 25% of the funds raised go to the Brazos Church Pantry. To be a walker and/or support a walker with your donation, contact Eric Peterson, youth@fpcbryan.org.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our church adopted ANSON JONES SCHOOL in 1994 because the school had no PTA. In that role, FPC has done many things for the school and the children. One of the programs that we have continued to support is Box Tops for Education. Small coupons are found on many General Mills products as well as other manufactures. Each coupon is worth ten cents for Anson Jones School. Please clip and trim the coupons and put them in the container located on the ledge of the sliding glass window of the church office. A list of participating products are posted by the container. These coupons are bundled/sent to General Mills twice a year. The school receives a check twice a year. Each coupon is important. It takes only 10 coupons for \$1 credited to our school. Jones school has received thousands of dollars from this program. Thank you for participating.

THANK YOU, FPC!

Thirty-five more hygiene kits (\$15 value) for survivors in the affected areas following Hurricane Harvey were delivered to New Covenant Presbytery on September 30. Heartfelt thanks!

CALLING ALL "PLAY-FUL" CHICK FLICKS



Chick Flicks will see the PLAY, "The Desk Set," on the THIRD FRIDAY, OCT 20! We'll meet for dinner at 6:00pm at C&J's BBQ, 1010 Texas Ave, Bryan, before heading to the Stage Center Theatre comedy play, directed by our own MOLLY PAINTER! Stage Center Theatre is located at 201-B W 26th St, Bryan (if you plan to meet us there). So we can reserve enough space to sit together in the theatre, please purchase your tickets in advance, \$15 (Adults) or \$12 (Senior), online at www.stagecenter.net or call 979.823.4297. Then notify Sherry (travelbugsherry@yahoo.com) by Wed, Oct 18.

Hope you can come "play" with us and bring a play mate if you wish!

Growing Disciples *Christian Education Ministries* (education@fpcbryan.org)

NEW! CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

On Oct 15, The Library Class concludes Max Lucado's *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*, and begins the book and DVD Series *What's So Amazing about Grace?* by Philip Yancey on Oct 22. Lessons are as follows:

OCT 15. Thank You.

OCT 22. The Missing Ingredient:

A Beautiful Word, a Powerful Concept

OCT 29. Letting Grace Soak In:

God's Love for the Undeserving

Jerry Norris, class organizer, will facilitate class discussion and invites class participants, if desired, to facilitate lessons of choice. For more information, contact Jerry Norris, 979.777.0082 or jgnorris1@suddenlink.net.

The class meets on Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am) in the Church Library. All are invited!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am); 3 Years Old thru GR 4 meet in Room 13. Beth Morris, Claire Schmidt, and Amber Fattig teach this class. GR 5-6 meet in Room 10. David Sahn teaches this class.

OCT 15. Come to the Party. Children are invited to God's party and respond with joy.

Read with your children: Matthew 22:10-14.

OCT 22. Paul Gives Thanks. Children, following Paul's example, thank God for their congregation.

Read with your children: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

OCT 29. The Greatest Commandment. Children explore the greatest commandment and its roots in the Hebrew Scriptures. Read with your children: Matthew 22:34-46.



YOUng Adult News

Eric Peterson, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
(youngadults@fpcbryan.org)

FPC young adults BRIANA CRIACO, PAYTON FOOTE, CHELSEA KINDRED, & ERIC PETERSON, attended the Young Adult Retreat at Mo-Ranch (Sep 15-17). In their own words: Briana: ... we learned to "improvise with God." ... we practiced saying "yes, AND." This ... sets the stage for confronting opportunities, challenges, crises, etc., moving past simply "accepting" what is happening around you, and actively living within your circumstances. Our call to be present in the moment is also a reminder of how God is present in the moments of our lives, not serving as a puppet master from above. Payton: As much as we try to have a plan for everything, things just don't always go our way. We learned to accept the new situations we're given and to not only just "deal with them" but to say "yes and..." to them ... look at life with God and accepting new challenges as they come your way without warning ... there was time for rest and relaxation ... I left feeling refreshed and ready to see what else life could throw at me this fall for me to say "yes, and" to. Eric: ...we improvise with God on a daily basis in our faith journey. All of us handle situations in life in different ways whether it is ignoring, accepting, and/or embracing the issues that get thrown at us. Despite how we handle and improvise the situations that we come across, we have faith that God is ever present in the calm and chaos of our lives.

YOUth Haps



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Room 401 at 7:00pm. Study leaders alternate between ERIC PETERSON and one of our youth, RACHEL PRATT.

DINNER, FELLOWSHIP, ACTIVITIES



SUN, OCT 15, 4:30pm. Aggie Youth Fellowship. Youth depart in the church van to Covenant Presbyterian Church in College Station for supper hosted and provided by United Campus Ministry of Aggieland.

SUN, OCT 22, 6:00pm. "Why does God seem so different between the Old Testament and New Testament?" by *Thoughtful Christian*. Meet in Room 403.

SAT, OCT 28, 9:00am-11:00am. Set up for Chili Cook-off (following worship), Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

SUN, OCT 29, 8:45am. Set up/prepare for Chili Cook-off, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

On October 1, the following were received into membership:



ANJULI "AJ" RENOLD comes to us by reaffirmation of faith pending letter of transfer. AJ has two sons, Ari (5th Grade) and Ronen (4th Grade). AJ is Executive Director of Voice for Children. She participates in The Word Church School Class and is interested in choir and mission opportunities. They live at 2203 Lobo Drive, Bryan 77807. She can be reached at 979.412.9609 or anjulirenoldatx@gmail.com.



JACKIE & STEVE ZIMMERMAN come to us by reaffirmation of faith pending letter of transfer. Steve is Assistant District Attorney for Brazos County; Jackie is a software instructor at Blackbaud. They are active in FPC's Young Adult Ministry. Their address is:

5800 Sheffield Terrace Lane, Bryan 77802. Steve can be reached at zimmerman.stevea@gmail.com; Jackie can be reached at jackiearmstrong@gmail.com.

A warm welcome to each of you!

CARING & SHARING

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the families of:

- ULONDA ROGERS following the death of her father, JR McCraw on September 29 in Houston.
- ROY GREER following his death on September 28. Expressions of love may be sent to: Hal Greer, 3712 Sunnybrook Lane, Bryan TX 77802.
- NELL PALMER following her death on September 23. Expressions of love may be sent to: John Palmer, 8504 Oakdale Drive, Woodway TX 76712.

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord. —John 11:25

Dear Friends, We want to express our deeply-felt gratitude for everything you did for us during our recent family crisis: the food, the calls and notes, and especially your compassion and concern, and your prayers. We can never thank you enough!

May you all be blessed.

The Isidoro Gonzalez and Henry Schmidt Families

Congratulations to KEITH HALSELL who was recently named an honoree at the Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas at a ceremony and lunch held on September 14.

Congratulations to ULONDA ROGERS on the birth of her granddaughter Peyton Joan on September 19 to Hilary & Paul Rogers in Garland, Texas.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made . . ." – Psalm 139:14



Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.

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BIRTHDAY
WISHES
TO ...



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| 10/23 | Lynette Schlandt |
| 10/24 | Jenny Black |
| 10/24 | Lorne Dunham |
| 10/25 | Ulonda Rogers |
| 10/25 | Randy Gholson |
| 10/26 | Joanie Foote |
| 10/27 | Jake Fattig |
| 10/28 | Rick Avery |
| 10/28 | Burney Hamlin |
| 10/29 | Brittany Norris |
| 10/30 | Lonna McKay |
| 10/31 | Gary Fry |
| 10/13 | Carol Anderson |
| 10/14 | Ruby Cole |
| 10/16 | Jackie Zimmerman |
| 10/17 | Jerry Norris |
| 10/21 | Amber Fattig |
| 10/22 | Ray Hinnant |
| 10/22 | Pam Geishauser |
| 10/22 | Sharon Bowling |



- ♥ Ron Douglas
- ♥ Nelda Green
- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Haskell Monroe
- ♥ Gladys Wilding
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe



ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



OCTOBER 15
Matthew 4:21-22

OCTOBER 22
Romans 16:1-20; Galatians 3:26-28

OCTOBER 29
I Kings 8:5-8; John 21:18-22

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

covering news and events from NOV 2-15,
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,
The Chimes (incl. the November Calendar),
is NOON, SUN, OCT 22.

Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.