

# the chimes

## Sunday Mornings

9:00am Prayer Partners in Church Library | 9:20am Church School \* | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary \* (\* Child care provided)

### HATS OFF TO OUR GRADUATES!

On Sunday, May 21, four high school graduates from First Presbyterian Church were recognized during worship and at a reception in their honor held on the Patio following worship. Graduates and their plans are:



**AIDAN MARTIN**, Summer employment, undecided

**AMANDA MOEHRING**, Texas A&M University majoring in Animal Science, then on to veterinary school

**SABRIEL VINSON**, PT job and some trips this summer; Blinn College

**MELANIE WERTZ**, Northwest Mississippi Community College, then University of Mississippi

Congratulations to these young adults and their bright futures!

*(Pictures of high school graduates are displayed on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the church office)*

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, JUNE 4

The 2016-2017 Confirmation Class will be received into full membership of the church during worship on **SUN, JUNE 4**. Confirmation Class members and their mentors are as follows:

CONFIRMAND	MENTOR
LUNA CURTISS	DIANE NORMAN
TABITHA CURTISS	TRISH BURK
JAKE FATTIG	JAY MCKAY
HANNAH WERTZ	PAT DAVIS

Gifts bags with a teen study bible and a cross will be presented to the confirmands during worship. Following worship, all are invited to the Patio for cake and punch reception to welcome these youth into the full membership of the church.

These gift bags will be in the Patio until worship on Sun, June 4, and available to the congregation and friends to add their congratulatory expressions and gifts.

### PENTECOST, WORSHIP, AND YOU!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, Day of Pentecost** ends the season of Easter and celebrates the zeal that the disciples experienced upon being filled with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is a time of red—a color of fire, zeal, passion, and heat.

The **PENTECOST OFFERING**, one of four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), helps the church develop and support its young people and also address the needs of at-risk children. Gifts to this offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their

*For the promise  
is for you, for  
your children,  
and for all who  
are far away . . .*

*—Acts 2:39*

faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$11 million for these ministries that benefit young members of God's families. In 2016, the 40% of FPC-Bryan's donations totaling \$250 remained local and benefitted Presbyterian Children's Home & Services.

Here are four ways you can give:

- In worship **SUNDAYS, JUNE 4 & 11**
- Text YOUNG to 20222 to give \$10
- With your smart phone, click on the QR code to your right
- Go to:  
<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/PC999999>



Again this year, forty percent will stay with our church to be used to support ministry with children at risk in our area. Give generously!

The Worship Committee invites you to show your Pentecost spirit—**wear SOMETHING RED—a dress, a shirt, a hat, a scarf, a bow, shoes**—to symbolize we are the church on fire with the spirit of Jesus Christ!

Preaching Christ | Teaching Discipleship | Reaching Others

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## BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY



**SUN, JUNE 4** (the first Sunday of each month) is "STOCK THE PANTRY" Sunday (and . . . if you miss it, you can bring non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) at any time.

Personal hygiene items and diapers are in high demand for The Pantry. A BIG round of applause to all of you who have given generously to The Pantry!

## Volunteer Opportunity

Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network (BIIN) will hold a new volunteer informational and orientation on **MON, JUNE 5**, from 7:00am to 8:00pm at the BIIN office, located at 107 Williamson in Bryan (just behind St. Michael's Academy). This is a great opportunity to learn more about BIIN—how they started, what they do, and how they aim to serve the immigrant community. You can also get information about the various volunteer opportunities. For more information, call 979.393.8264 or email [biinfo@gmail.com](mailto:biinfo@gmail.com).

## PRIME TIMERS GATHER



**THU, JUNE 8**, is National Friendship Day, so Prime Timers (60+, big-hearted, spirit-filled folks), bring a friend and enjoy lunch at 11:30am. Since it is also National Gardening Week, featured main dishes being provided will be spinach and tomato lasagna and lentil chili. If you are able, please bring a veggie or fruit dish or dessert to share.

Following lunch, you are invited to share stories about your "joys or woes" of being a gardener to celebrate National Gardening Week. For information, please contact Nancy Self, 979.693.8705 or [nself42@gmail.com](mailto:nself42@gmail.com)



## CHICK FLICKS GATHER IN JUNE



On **FRI, JUNE 23**, Chick Flicks make their annual outing to StageCenter Theatre (downtown Bryan) to see "The Dixie Swim Club." This comedy begins at 7:30pm) is about five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, who set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. It is the story of these five unforgettable women, an hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever. To purchase your theatre ticket, go to StageCenter's website, [www.stagecenter.net](http://www.stagecenter.net). After you have done so, please notify Nancy Self, [nself42@gmail.com](mailto:nself42@gmail.com) or 979.693.8705. Nancy is arranging for the group to be seated together. We will also be eating at a restaurant (TBD).

## MEN'S BREAKFAST, JUNE 1

On the first Thursday of each month, all men of the church are invited to Carter Creek Foyer at 6:30am for a delicious homemade breakfast by Allyn Jordan his trusty volunteer assistants. If you are not currently on this email list and would like to be added, please notify Allyn, 979.690.6170 or [allyn@jordanhome.net](mailto:allyn@jordanhome.net).

## Growing Disciples *Christian Education Ministries* ([education@fpcbryan.org](mailto:education@fpcbryan.org))

### Summer Book Club

Summer Book Club returns! Books are:



**JUNE 13**  
*Ordinary Grace*  
by William Kent Krueger

**JULY 11**  
*Have a Little Faith*  
by Mitch Albom

**AUGUST 8**  
*The Uninvited Guests*  
by Sadie Jones

The group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of June, July and August at 7:00pm at the home of Catherine Ezzell: 1525 E. 29th Street, Apartment 901, Bryan. For more information, contact Catherine, 979.218.1337 (cell), 979.846.1683 (home), or email her at [cezzell24@gmail.com](mailto:cezzell24@gmail.com).

### IN THIS ISSUE

2017 SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**BUMPER CROP**

Carpenter's Kids Schedule

Full information packets for VBS and Carpenter's Kids containing Registration and Medical Release forms will be mailed to parents and are available online at [www.fpcbryan.org/children](http://www.fpcbryan.org/children) and at the church.

## CHOIR-LED PATRIOTIC WORSHIP SERVICE PLANNED

The Worship Committee is planning a choir-led worship service on **Sunday, July 2**, for those who serve in our military, as well as those who serve in our local community through teaching, community service, law enforcement, and as first responders. While your routine schedule might prevent your participation on a regular basis, Director of Music Ministries David Kipp encourages you to join us if you can for this special summer opportunity. Weekly rehearsals will begin **WED, MAY 31**, at 6:00pm. To learn more and/or to let David know of your interest, please contact him at [music@fpcbryan.org](mailto:music@fpcbryan.org).



## YOUTH Haps



Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*  
([youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org))

### YOUTH (GR 7-12) ACTIVITIES CONFIRMATION CLASS

**SUN, JUNE 4 is CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!** Confirmands will be recognized and received into full membership of the church during worship in the sanctuary. Reception follows on the Patio.

*(see article, front page)*

### PRESBYTERY YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO HEIFER RANCH

Three FPC youth, **LUNA CURTISS, TABITHA CURTISS, & HANNAH WERTZ** and two adult sponsors (**ERIC PETERSON**, female sponsor (TBD) with nine other youth groups from New Covenant Presbytery will be going to Heifer Ranch near Perryville, AR, June 11-17. Heifer Ranch is one of three learning centers operated by Heifer International. Heifer's Learning Centers provide experiential education aimed to inspire, challenge and engage people to end hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

Our group will be participating in Heifer Ranch's **Alternative Break Program** which focuses on the core components of an introduction to Heifer International, service learning, educational activities, and taking action. This is obtained through a variety of experiential activities such as teambuilding development, educational sessions, overnight village experience, and hands-on service projects like milking a goat or harvesting vegetables – in Heifer's Garden, Maintenance and Livestock Departments. All are designed to increase our group's understanding of the global hunger and poverty issues that Heifer International encounters in the field. By experiencing these activities, not only will our group grow and develop together, but they will gain a greater understanding of how Heifer creates lasting change in communities around the world.

## YOUNG Adult News



Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*  
([youngadults@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcbryan.org))

### YOUNG ADULTS

Summer **KICKBALL SEASON** in College Station is happening! Our team "Kicking it with Calvin" invites and encourages you to cheer us on as we play through early July. All of our games will be on the softball fields at Veteran's Park in College Station. Our next game is **WED, JUNE 7**, at 8:15pm on Softball Field #4. Email Eric Peterson, with questions. Join us for a kickin' good time!



### CARING & SHARING

**MARTHA & LEON RUSSELL** have moved. Cards and well wishes may be sent to them at: Clear Brooke Crossing, 10800 Flora Mae Meadows Road, Houston, Texas 77089.

Dear Friends,

Candace and I recently moved to a retirement community in Georgetown, Texas, The Wesleyan at Estrella. It's an adventure for us as we learn a new place and meet scores of new people. It was also a happy adventure when we moved to Bryan and First Presbyterian Church. Words are inadequate to express the fulfillment and love we experienced both then and now because of you. First Church will always be within us.

Our address is 257 White Heron Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78628. Our telephone number is 512-943-8370. The Wesleyan is about 2 miles west of I-35 on Williams Drive.

Christ brought us together and will sustain us.

Love, Candace and Bob



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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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 06/01 Karen Berg       | 06/08 Ryan Simpson    |
| 06/02 Eileen Peters    | 06/10 Riley Berg      |
| 06/03 Abigail Byrnes   | 06/10 Megan Giebert   |
| 06/04 Jim Ewing        | 06/10 Wilson Wood     |
| 06/04 David Haverland  | 06/11 Chelsea Kindred |
| 06/05 Rick Page        | 06/11 Cindy Putz      |
| 06/06 Caroline Simpson | 06/14 Haly Neely      |
| 06/07 Keenan Rogers    |                       |



- ♥ Madison Hodges  
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ George McArthur
- ♥ Erna McCollum
- ♥ Haskell Monroe
- ♥ Landon & Nell Palmer
- ♥ Gladys Wilding
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

- ★ Jason Morris
- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

### ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

**JUNE 4**

Acts 2: 1-21

**JUNE 11**

Genesis 1:1-5;  
II Corinthians 13:11-14



### NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

covering news and events from **JUNE 15-28**,  
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,  
The Chimes, is **NOON, SUN, JUNE 4**.  
Submit content to: [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).