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Sunday Mornings

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

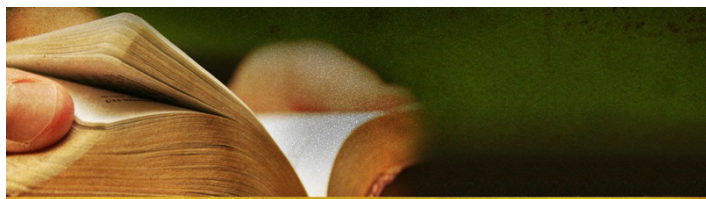
PREPARING FOR VISIONING SESSIONS

When The Reverend Marie Mickey retired, eff. May 15 (and after vacation, June 15), many members expressed a desire that FPC not “drag out” a process of “what’s next.” On June 25, Session elders met with The Reverends Judy and David Fletcher for 2½ hours of preliminary inventory-taking and visioning related to FPC-Bryan’s past and current ministries. This process continues with you, the congregation, on two upcoming Saturdays with participants being able to choose between a morning or afternoon opportunity. These sessions in Fellowship Hall are a time for the congregation to come together to consider where we are and where God is calling us to be. Leaders are The Reverends Judy and David Fletcher, Presbyterian ministers from Carrollton, Texas.

VISIONING: STEP ONE. Sessions – SAT, AUG 12: 9:00am-11:45am (Option 1); 1:00pm-3:45pm (Option 2) – will help the congregation articulate where we are currently and what words best describe this church today. We will look at strengths and needs. **PREPARATION:** Be thinking about your responses to the above sentences. In addition, be reviewing Bible stories from Old and New Testaments. The stories can be long or short.

VISIONING: STEP TWO. Sessions – SAT, SEP 9: 9:00am-11:45am (Option 1); 1:00pm-3:45pm (Option 2) – will consider where God is calling this congregation to be. We will articulate some possibilities for the next steps for the life and ministry of this congregation. **PREPARATION:** Be looking at some of your favorite hymns and read the words to these hymns.

Future staffing designs (Associate Pastor full-time or part-time, etc.) depend on congregational consensus and buy-in. Be involved to discern together!



CHURCH OFFICERS

In the very near future, the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee (moderated by David Sahm) will gather to begin the process of identifying elders for the Class of 2019.

The Nominating Committee needs your participation in nominating candidates to serve as Elders (12) and members-at-large for the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee (5). Please prayerfully consider potential service as a church elder yourself or the potential eldership of other church members who have valuable gifts for serving Jesus Christ, then submit those names to the Nominating Committee. The committee values your suggestions and is grateful for your input.

(See insert this issue for Church Officers Nominating Form.)

EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!

We are celebrating Everybody’s Birthday on SUN, AUG 20, in Fellowship Hall following worship with a salad and sandwich lunch followed by birthday cake. To make the luncheon complete, we need fourteen volunteers to provide one cake each with one of those being sugar free.

Dig out your favorite recipe, family recipe, or try out a new recipe. If you are not a baker, bring one from a local bakery.

Email Briana Criaco, bri.criaco@utexas.edu, if you are able to provide a cake for the birthday luncheon. If you would like for your cake to be featured on a particular birthday month table, please indicate so in the email.



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“HELPING HANDS”

At First Presbyterian Church-Bryan, SUN, AUG 6, and the first Sunday of each month are “STOCK THE PANTRY” Sunday. (And . . . if you miss it, you can bring non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) and personal hygiene items (in high demand) for The Pantry.

A round of applause to all of you who give so generously to The Pantry!

PRIME TIMERS GATHER IN AUGUST



The Prime Time (60+, big-hearted and spirit-filled folks) beat the heat with lunch and fellowship on THU, AUG 10, at 11:30am in the Church Library and Parlor. We'll keep the dishes cold with a picnic lunch of sandwiches, sides, and dessert. Following lunch will be a time for sharing a favorite vacation memory or souvenir and/or memory or story of your most beloved canine. So, come on inside where it's cool. For more information, contact the church office, 979.823.8073 or office@fpcbryan.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR 2017-2018



Presbyterian Women of New Covenant Presbytery and First Presbyterian Church of Conroe invite you to an overview of this year's study entitled *CLOUD OF WITNESSES: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Bane Sevier. On FRI, AUG 4, the day begins with Registration at 9:45am followed by the Overview presented by Laura Grice & Mary Marcotte at 10:00am. Lunch follows. (Donations appreciated.) The church is located at 2727 N. Loop 336 W, Conroe, TX. Register with Sharon in FPC-Conroe's church office, 936.756.8884 or sharonv@fpcconroe.org. To carpool, contact Janice Bradshaw, 979.777.5475 or janicebradshaw@suddenlink.net

All overviews are free! Pre-registration requested one week prior to the event.

Children's Center News

First Presbyterian Children's Center (fpcc@fpcbryan.org)

FAREWELL TO CASEY BARONE

thank you...
...AND good-bye

First Presbyterian Children's Center and the Children's Center Committee say “thank you and goodbye” to our Director of the past two years, Casey Barone.

She is taking a work position with CSISD. The Interim Director will be Kaity Gillispie.

We are grateful to both Casey and Kaity for their faithful and diligent work among us promoting the well-being of the Children's Center youngsters and FPCC's work with Brazos Valley families!

SHOP FOR CASA (CLOTHING DRIVE)



Voices For Children, a nonprofit organization serving Brazos, Burleson, and Grimes Counties, trains volunteers from the community to be a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for one child or sibling group who has been

placed in the state's custody because of abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers follow their child/ren through the child welfare court system and advocate for them every step of the way, providing continuity and the time invested to ensure that their child doesn't fall through the cracks. You can help outfit foster kids with new back-to-school clothes through Shop for CASA (formerly Skirting the Issue) Clothing Drive! You may send a monetary donation directly to CASA or FPC-Bryan (NOTE: CASA) to have the shopping done for you. Visit: <http://voicesforchildreninc.org/> to learn more or donate online. The Mission Committee thanks you in advance for your generosity to this outreach! For details, contact Eric Peterson at youth@fpcbryan.org.

Please send your check before AUG 1 to: Tricia Campos-Brenner, Voices for Children, 115 N Main St, Bryan 77803

SUMMER BOOK CLUB



For their last meeting, Summer Book Club reads *The Uninvited Guests* by Sadie Jones for their August 8 meeting. A grand old manor house deep in the English countryside will open its doors to reveal the story of an unexpectedly dramatic day in the life of one eccentric, rather dysfunctional, and entirely unforgettable family set in the early years of the twentieth century.

Catherine Ezzell facilitates and hosts the discussion at her home located at 1525 E 29th Street, Apt 901, Bryan. The group meets at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Catherine, 979.218.1337 (cell), 979.846.1683, or email her at cezell24@gmail.com.



YOUng Adult News

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

DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR

YOUNG ADULT (22-39) WEEKEND
AT MO-RANCH
SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017

“Improvising with God:
God’s Work in an Imperfect World”

Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Mary Ann McKibben Dana

For details, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/hwch8ja>



Recharge. Relax. Retreat.

Space is limited! Registration deadline is August 13.

FPC young adult ministry offers subsidies for the registration fee. For more information, email Eric Peterson, youngadults@fpcbryan.org.

YOUTH Haps



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

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

FPC youth continue to participate in the Summer Inter-generational Church School Class focusing on topics related to FPC’s 150th Anniversary meeting in the Church Parlor.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

In Room 401 at 7:00pm is the place for youth to be **EVERY WEDNESDAY** through August 30 for bible study. Study leaders alternate between **ERIC PETERSON** and one of our youth, **RACHEL PRATT**.

“MEET & GREET” DINNER



MEET & GREET

An informational dinner for all **youth entering Grades 7-12 and their parents** will be held in Carter Creek Foyer on **SUN, AUG 27**, at 6:00pm.

This is a chance for youth and their parents, both new and returning, to get to know one another and preview what the youth will be engaged in this fall. Dinner will be provided. For any questions or inquiries, please email Eric Peterson, youth@fpcbryan.org.

CARING & SHARING

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

- **RON DARBY** following his death on July 14. Expressions of love and care may be sent to his son, Charles Darby, 2056 W Grand Teton Drive, Meridian ID 83646 or his daughter, Ann Echols, 181 Winesap Drive, Port Matilda PA 16870
- **BARBARA HAWKINS** following her death on July 7 in Columbia, MO. Expressions of love and care may be sent to her son, David Hawkins, 308 Arbor Drive, Columbia, MO 65201-6549, or her daughter, Kathryn Seibert, 1111 Apache, Brenham, TX 77833

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

New address for **REV. MARIE MICKEY**: 1410 Tanglewood Rd, Abilene TX 79605, and email at mmickey290@gmail.com.

Friends, I want to thank our FPC family for your support and prayers for me and my family as I went through my recent hospitalization ~ the whole episode is still a blur. It came out of the blue, and now it is in the rear view mirror and receding quickly. Your prayers and support during those ten days meant so much to me and our family. It took us several days for the initial shock of the situation to sink in. Then waiting for diagnosis, waiting for the first medical procedure, waiting for the second procedure days later, and then, finally the healing process beginning. I was and still am aware of your presence through it all, thank you.

God bless you and yours, Don Spencer

CARE TEAM SPONSORS BOOK STUDY



In August, the Care Team will be begin study of the book *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. In the author’s own words, this “is the book I wish someone had handed me decades ago. My hope is that by sharing my some-times cringe-worthy

struggle to under-stand racism and racial tensions, I offer a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As I unpack my own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, I reveal how each of these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated my ill-conceived ideas about race. I also explain why and how I’ve changed the way I talk about racism, work in racially mixed groups, and understand the racial justice movement as a whole.”

The group meets the third Wednesday of each month and begins this study on **WED, AUG 16**, in the Church Library at 3:30pm. To order a copy of the book (\$18.00), contact Karen Berg, office@fpcbryan.org or 979.823.8073.

Join us for lively discussions and new insights in exploring race and personal identity.



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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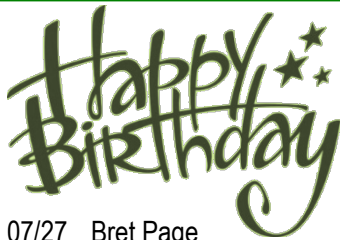
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



07/27 Bret Page
07/28 Judy Jordan
07/29 Gladys Wilding
07/31 Bob Leslie
07/31 Myra Rhodes
08/01 Jennifer Hobbs
08/01 Kim Miller
08/02 Paul Van Dyke
08/03 Tom Veters

08/04 Marlee Criaco
08/04 Jay McKay
08/05 Russell Cochrane
08/05 Cullen Turney
08/05 Julie Wattenbarger
08/06 Chet Harris
08/08 Annell Schoenvogel
08/08 Cindy Wingert
08/11 Isidro Gonzalez
08/12 Nelda Green
08/13 Carrie Martin
08/14 Ella Black
08/15 Ben Berg
08/15 Hayes Robertson
08/16 Dorothy Anderson



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



- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

covering news and events from Aug 17-30,
and the August Calendar
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,
The Chimes, is NOON, SUN, AUG 6.
Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



JULY 30
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
AUGUST 6
Isaiah 55:1-4
AUGUST 13
Matthew 14:13-21