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Sunday Mornings

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

STAFF VACANCIES AND UPDATES

ASSOCIATE PASTOR. Within ten days of The Rev. Marie Mickey's final payroll days (June 15), Session Elders began a visioning process related to ministry needs, church talent, gifts, opportunities, and challenges. This process now moves to the phase of congregational participation on the Saturdays of August 12 and September 9. Everyone's participation is crucial for deciding if FPC will search for an associate pastor fulltime or part-time or pursue a future staffing arrangement without an associate pastor.

BOOKKEEPER. With the resignation of Bonnie Chandler on July 27, interviews of candidates are being conducted by the Administration Committee in partnership with the Church Treasurer.

ORGANIST/PIANIST. Since the news of Steve Gentry accepting another position locally, the Director of Music and Pastor are engaged in contacting/networking with professional colleagues and musicians for a candidate interested in and capable of serving in this role.

CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR. Children's Center Ministry Committee has invited applicants and began interviewing candidates. For now, Kaity Gillispie serves as Interim Director.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Kathryn Nachlinger currently works part-time on a contract basis to assist FPC with limited seasonal Christian Education ministry leadership needs. While this position is currently "open" and is not staffed by a "permanent hire," this ministry is included in the overall ministry assessment inventory undertaken by Session and congregation in relation to the vacant Associate Pastor position.

EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!

All are invited to Everybody's Birthday Luncheon on SUN, AUG 20, in Fellowship Hall following worship with a salad and sandwich lunch followed by birthday cake. Only THREE volunteers are needed to provide one cake each. The Peru Mission Partnership Team will give a report on their summer mission trip experience.

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.



All Women of the Church
are invited to

FPC'S FALL GATHERING

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Please bring a salad or dessert to share AND . . .
composition books (not spiral), backpacks,
and # 2 pencils supporting Anson Jones School.

*Introduction of Presbyterian Women's
new officers and an overview of the
fall bible study will be presented.*

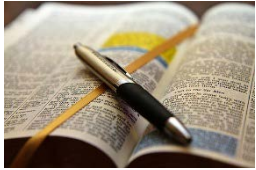
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CHURCH LADIES GATHER

Napa Flats (a favorite) in College Station is where Church Ladies gather on WED, AUG 17, at 11:30am for fellowship and delicious food. Reservations are required. For more information or to RSVP, contact Becky Alter, alter@suddenlink.net.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY



Are you yearning to be part of a small group of caring adults? Would you like others who are open to all opinions, willing to ask questions, and with whom you can study the Bible? If you answered “yes” to either one of these questions, then this small group Bible study might be just what you need.

The group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at church starting in September. Our fall bible study will be using Shepherd’s Notes on 1st & 2nd Peter & Jude.

To get to know one another and begin our journey together, a kick-off fellowship dinner is set for THU, AUG 24, at 6:00pm at the Koppe Bridge located on Highway 30, College Station.

If you're interested in knowing more about this small group, please contact Diane Norman, diane.norman@gmail.com or 979.229.9102. We look forward to having you join us!

CHICK FLICKS GATHER IN AUGUST



Chick Flicks gather on FRI, AUG 25, at 6:00pm for dinner and the movie “The Choice” starring Benjamin Walker and Teresa Palmer. From Nicholas Sparks, the best-selling author of *The Notebook* and *Safe Haven*, comes this heart-lifting tale of how far we go to keep the hope of love alive. Travis is a fun-loving, smooth-talking bachelor who's never considered a serious relationship—until he falls hard for his beautiful new neighbor, Gabby. But when fate threatens Travis and Gabby's love, Travis must make a choice that will alter their lives forever in this unforgettably moving romance. Bring potluck food featuring North Carolina cuisine. Bring a friend! Please RSVP to Sherry Hinnant, 979.229.8107 or travelbugsherry@yahoo.com.

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

150TH ANNIVERSARY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS; OBSERVATIONS (1867-1914)

Related to the 150th anniversary year of FPC-Bryan (which is now!) . . . A review of the minutes of Session and of a few congregational meetings from the church’s chartering in 1867 until the 1914 dedication of the 1906 building yield impressions such as:

1. This was an “old school” Presbyterian congregation, meaning that the elders, pastors, and members (generally-speaking):
(a) trusted the Holy Spirit to have inspired the Bible as God’s Word; and (b) trusted individuals and the elders to judge and evaluate the leadership of God’s Spirit by outward relationships and conduct.
2. Advocated moral behavior in the community, and the elders were willing to investigate and censure “immoral” behavior.
3. Took seriously requests from other churches and individuals in the community, including a request from former slaves who desired to have a Presbyterian minister preaching among them.
4. Was open to those willing to serve the church even before a person might become an official member.
5. Did not dedicate the building built in 1906, until the building mortgage was paid in 1914.

Just a few observations from “back in the day . . . “

THANK YOU, FPC!

From HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

Home is the foundation for our lives. It should provide an atmosphere where individuals can thrive. But for many of our neighbors, home has become a place they need to escape from, rather than escape to. That's why we are so grateful for your recent gift for the Fall 2017 Interfaith Build. Your gift goes directly toward constructing a decent, affordable home in partnership with one of our eligible homebuyers. Your gift is giving them a hand up and placing them on a path toward better health, more stability, and greater possibilities. None of this would be conceivable without supporters like you. Thank you again for your generosity!

Andy York, Executive Director

Two hundred thirty six pounds of food were delivered to the BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY on July 26. Your generous donations are providing Brazos County families with much needed food. If you would like to expand your serving, The Pantry is always looking for people with the desire to serve the Lord by volunteering their time. To find out more, contact The Pantry, info@brazoschurchpantry.org or 979.822.2660. Because The Pantry’s distribution is limited to food, your donations of personal hygiene items are always welcome.

Gratefully, Mission Committee

Notes

by David Kipp, Director of Music Ministries (music@fpcbryan.org)



YOUng Adult News

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

SINGING AND RINGING OPPORTUNITIES

SING UNTO THE LORD!

The 2017-2018 music season is upon us! Warm up those voices . . . weekly Chancel Choir rehearsals begin, WED, AUG 23, at 6:00pm in Choir Loft in Sanctuary. All singers, high school age through adult, are invited to be a part of singing God's praises during worship (10:45am) on Sundays.



Come and find out how to ring handbells on TUE, AUG 29, at 7:00pm. Youth and adults who are interested in discovering the fun and challenges of ringing bells are welcome. No commitment (but we hope you'll be hooked). Current ringers are also welcome. We'll work on basic ringing techniques and explore the different ways to make music with bells. The ability to read music is a plus. Weekly rehearsals begin on Sep 5 (Tuesdays) at 7:00pm in the Bell Room. We usually play about one Sunday a month. Contact Ulonda Rogers, ulondar@yahoo.com, if you have any questions.

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

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.

Youth and their parents, both new and returning, 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.



DEADLINE EXTENDED 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>

Gather with like-minded young adults at Mo-Ranch for a spiritually renewing weekend with thoughtful conversations, recreation, new friends, and fun.

RECHARGE. RELAX. RETREAT.

Registration deadline is Sunday, August 20.

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



PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULED

On TUE, SEP 5, at 6:30pm, young adults will be having a planning potluck meeting hosted by Jackie & Steve Zimmerman, 5800 Sheffield Terrace Lane in Bryan. We will be discussing events that we want to do as a group for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. All attending are encouraged to bring food and/or drinks. All young adults are welcome to come to this meeting for some fellowship and planning.

CARING & SHARING

MEMBER UPDATES. SHARON BOWLING has new contact information: her home phone number is 979.704.2579 and her email address is bowlijd@gmail.com.

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

- former member SUE DURDEN and family following the death of her husband Jim on August 2. Expressions of love may be sent to Sue at: 1221 Graham Drive, Apt 202, Tomball, TX 77375-6540.
- the family of ERNA McCOLLUM following her death on August 4. Expressions of love may be sent to her daughters: Judy Hart, 1104 Glade St, College Station TX 77840 and Joyce Allin, 22841 Leonora Dr, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

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



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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| 08/17 Frank Anderson | 08/20 Milton Thompson |
| 08/17 Audrey Donald | 08/21 Bob Anderson |
| 08/17 Aidan Martin | 08/21 Jane Anderson |
| 08/19 Robin Berg | 08/21 Shayleigh Vinson |
| 08/20 Mary Kathryn Briggs | 08/23 Pam Lawrence |
| 08/20 Lila Cashion | 08/23 Hal Rhodes |
| 08/20 Harriet Elliott | 08/24 Carolyn Windham |
| | 08/26 Lois Basenfelder |
| | 08/26 Steven Moehring |
| | 08/26 Pat Vinson |
| | 08/27 Ester Hubacek |
| | 08/29 Charles Keese |
| | 08/30 Rose Van Arsdell |



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

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
IN THE
MILITARY**

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



AUGUST 20
Job 1:6-12, 2:1-10

AUGUST 27
Romans 12:1-8

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

covering news and events from Aug 31 – Sept 13,
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,
The Chimes, is NOON, SUN, AUG 20.
Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.