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Sunday Mornings

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

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

FPC's Session has nine (9) ministry committees—Administration, Caring Support, Children's Center Ministry, Christian Education, Membership Building & Evangelism, Mission / Outreach, Property, Stewardship / Finance, and Worship—in order to accomplish the work of the church. As extensions of the Pastoral and office staff, these committees help support the week-to-week operations of our church-life. With the start of the New Year, Session committees are re-organizing.



Each committee is led by an Elder, and every session elder serves on one of the committees. In addition to session elders, each committee is comprised of other members of the church. Serving on a Session committee

extends one's involvement beyond personal interaction to the kind of ministry that strengthens our church and is one way you can serve the church. All are encouraged to think about what gifts they have to offer to the work of our community of faith. Information about each of the Session committees and their moderators will be included in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, if you have questions about any of the committees, please contact Ted (979.823.8073 or tfoote@fpcbryan.org).

Be prayerfully considering if God is calling you to serve in one of these areas of FPC's ministry.

CARETEAM BEGINS ANEW

*Wherever
you are,
be all there*

Happy New Year! CareTeam resumes meeting on WED, JAN 17, 2018, at 3:30pm in the church library. In this meeting, we'll take a look at how as caring people, we can best reach out and be a friend to those in our congregation who are not able to fully participate in the life of the church. Perhaps this interests YOU. Trust us, this friendship will enrich your life. We will also discuss helpful reading that will benefit us in all of our relationships. If caring for others is on your heart, come and share your ideas! To learn more, contact Sharon Bowling, bowlijd@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE – FEBRUARY 4!



The ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, is tentatively scheduled for the FIRST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY (4th), following worship and during soup-and-sandwich lunch in Fellowship Hall. A list of action items for consideration will be posted following the Jan 13 Session meeting. Annual Meeting reports will be available for pick-up beginning Sun, Jan 28.

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting is our participation in the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.



NOMINATE THE 2017 "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"

Submit
your
Nominations



Volunteers are essential to the ministry of FPC-Bryan. They contribute countless hours to the work of this congregation in so many ways – serving on the session, singing in the choir, ringing bells, ushering, greeting, teaching church school, answering telephones, special projects, and more! Each year, the Volunteer of the Year is honored for his/her contributions to the church at the annual congregational meeting. Previous recipients are: HELEN TELG, JACK CURRIE, MICHAEL WESP, DIANE NORMAN, RUBY JAMES, EUGENE VOELKEL, JOHN HALSELL, KATHRYN NACHLINGER, KATHRINE MacNEIL, CHERYL MORENO, PROPERTY COMMITTEE, CHANCEL & HANDBELL CHOIRS, KATHY BURDETT, and ALLYN JORDAN. If you know an exceptional volunteer who has served the church well in 2017, please nominate him/her for this award. Send your nomination by Sun, Jan 21, to Karen Berg (office@fpcbryan.org or 1100 Carter Creek Parkway, Bryan).

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MINISTRY on the *Move*

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

THANK YOU, FPC!

The total donations given for the 2017 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is \$1,383. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Thank you for your immense generosity to this ministry and lives that are developed and improved in positive ways as a result from these offerings.

WITH GREAT APPRECIATION

Thanks to the bigheartedness of many individuals at First Presbyterian Church, FORTY boys and girls in the Bryan/College Station area had a very happy Christmas morning! Our congregation's response to THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE was overwhelming, and certainly heartwarming. These boys and girls were from families who could not afford to buy gifts for their children at Christmas time, and thanks to YOU, these families were able to celebrate the love and caring of our community. On behalf of The Salvation Army and the 40 fortunate boys and girls who were recipients of your generosity, we say THANK YOU for being an ANGEL!

Keith Halsell and Imogene Veters

CHURCH LADIES

Abuelo's on University in College Station is the place that church ladies will gather for lunch and fellowship on WED, JAN 21, at 11:30am. This group usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month. To receive notifications and be added to the email list for this group, contact Becky Alter, alter@suddenlink.net.

CHICK FLICKS GATHER



The Chicks will begin the New Year on FRI, JAN 26, with a "Simple Soups Supper" followed by the movie *All Saints*—based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

As usual, we'll eat in the Coop (Church Library) at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Sherry Hinnant, travelbugsherry@yahoo.com, with the food dish you plan to bring.

We're looking forward to gathering the Flock for Food, Fun & a Flick! Sherry, Vicki, Eileen

AN INVITATION TO SPONSORS FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Flowers in the chancel are gifts from church members and friends and enhance our worship space. To participate in this ministry, you may reserve your Sunday on the Flower Calendar next to Pastor Ted's office. The Chancel has space for two arrangements each Sunday to honor a loved one or a special occasion. The cost is \$50.00 per arrangement. On the Sunday that you provide flowers, you may take them with you to share with others.

Make your check payable to: First Presbyterian Church (MEMO: Flowers and the sponsorship date).

Thank you! The Worship Committee



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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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.

JAN 21. *Another Call*. Children observe how the first disciples came to follow Jesus and discover what following Jesus means for them. Read with your children: Mark 1:14-20.

JAN 28. *Praise God!* Children, join the psalmist in praising God. Read with your children: Mark 1:21-28.



YOUng Adult News

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

Scheduled for every other Thursday, the ECUMENICAL YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP will be held on THU, JAN 25, at 8:00pm at Carney's Pub and Grill in Bryan. Young adults from various churches in the Bryan-College Station area gather for fun and recreation.

YOUTH Haps



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(youth@fpcbryan.org)

FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE

SUN, JAN 21, 2018, 6:00pm. "What is the big deal about the Sacraments?" is the Bible/faith discussion topic from "Faith Topics" published by *Thoughtful Christian* interspersed with game activities. Come ready for an evening of learning and fun!

SAT, JAN 27, 10:00am-11:30am. In lieu of Fellowship on Sun, Jan 28, youth are heading in the church van (departing at 9:20am) to the Brazos Church Pantry for a morning of service in helping others. *Fun Fact: FPC-Bryan was one of founding churches of The Pantry.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Bible study is held from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in Room 401. Leaders alternate between Eric Peterson, who will be using the *So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: A Survey of Church History* curriculum, and Youth RACHEL PRATT who will be using the *With All Boldness and Freedom: A Survey of the New Testament* curriculum.

RECREATION

CONCLAVES AT CHO-YEH is right around the corner! Our Presbytery's Youth Connection Council (PYCC) plans two retreat weekends that enable our youth to grow closer to one another, connect with other youth from all over our presbytery, engage in small groups, experience dynamic worship, and of course, have a blast playing games and making new friends! FPC Youth are scheduled to attend the 2nd weekend — MAR 2-4.

For any youth wanting to go, provide \$50/person deposit, signed forms, and t-shirt size to Eric by WED, JAN 24. Forms have been emailed to parents and youth. Check your calendars and see if you can attend! Email Eric Peterson, youth@fpcbryan.org, for any questions or concerns.

Concerts on CARTER CREEK



Concerts on Carter Creek presents The NEAVE TRIO on SUN, JAN 21, at 5:00pm in our sanctuary. One of the finest emerging young chamber ensembles, the Neave Trio has been enjoying tremendous international success on concert series and at festivals worldwide. The ensemble members hail from the United States, Japan and Russia, and include violinist Anna Marie Williams, cellist Mikhail Veselov, and pianist Eri Nakamura. The program will feature selections from composers Haydn, Brahms, and Piazzolla. The concert is free and loving child care is provided. A reception follows the concert.

HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITY! For the reception, Cheryl Page is looking for volunteers to bring light refreshments (cookies, cheese, etc.), and to help set up and/or clean up. To give Cheryl a helping hand, contact her at. 979.219.1505 or cpage8@suddenlink.net.

CARING & SHARING

The church administered the Sacrament of Baptism to Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Hendler, daughter of SARAH & BJ HENDLER on January 7.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made . . ."
—Psalm 139:14

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to JOANIE & TED FOOTE following the death of Joanie's brother Allen Ray Darbonne, Sr. on December 28, 2017, in Youngsville, LA.

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

ON THE MOVE . . .

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Dear Friends, Thank you FPC friends for coming to my apartment and singing the wonderful Christmas carols – and giving me the beautiful poinsettia plant. It was such a great surprise! I loved it. Thanks again. Always, Dee Goff



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

STOCK THE BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY

104

Number of pounds of food received and delivered to the Brazos Church Pantry in December 2017.
Thank you!!! INFANT and ADULT DIAPERS are especially welcome in January!

happy birthday

01/18 Olivia Neely	01/23 Celeste Harris
01/19 Walter Buenger	01/23 Laura Lawrence
01/19 Pat Davis	01/23 Bill Watson
01/19 Justin Sanders	01/28 Mary Nan Linnstaedter
01/20 Gretchen Schmidt	01/28 Rebecca Von Gonten
01/21 Rowan Martin	01/30 Ray Lawrence
01/22 Heidi Linder	01/30 Jane Voelkel
01/22 Robert Linnstaedter	01/31 David Fattig
01/22 Mack Prescott	



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

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
IN THE
MILITARY**

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

covering news and events from FEB 1-14.
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,
The Chimes (incl. the February Calendar,
is NOON, SUN, JAN 21.

Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



JAN 21: Jonah 3 & 4

JAN 28: Mark 1: 21-28