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Sunday Mornings

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

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, will be held on SUN, FEB 4, following worship during a soup-and-sandwich lunch in Fellowship Hall. Annual Meeting booklets will be accessible on the church website at www.fpcbryan.org by 4:00pm, Wed, Jan 31. Paper copies will be available at the church office by noon on Thu, Feb 1.



Two recommendations to the congregation:

(1) from the Session on a proposed change to the Pastor's respective terms of call, from 2017 amounts to new levels for 2018 (1.5% increase to salary and housing), will be on the docket for a congregational vote. The details of this change will be posted in the meeting booklet.

(2) The congregation will also hear a report and recommendation from the Nominating Committee to elect the five members-at-large to serve on the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee. Nominees are: **KATHRINE MACNEIL, MICHAEL MARTIN, JASEN PETERSEN, and ROGER REESE.**

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a Presbyterian youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food and raise money to



help feed those in need. In 2014, Souper Bowl of Caring broke the \$100 million milestone for local charities across the country.

Following worship on **SUN, FEB 4**, youth from our congregation will be at the doors with soup pots and pans to receive donations. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. All monies received will be given to the Brazos Church Pantry.

LENTEN WORSHIP & STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



Ash Wednesday (**FEB 14**) observances this year begin with a devotional service, the Lord's Supper, and the imposition of ashes (optional) at 7:20am, 12:20pm, and 5:20pm. Each service will be held in the sanctuary and will be less than 20 minutes in length. Each service will be similar to the other two.

On Wednesdays—February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21—during the noon hour, a bring-your-own-lunch discussion group will convene in the church library. Lunch will begin at 11:50am with discussion from 12:10pm to 12:50pm on *The Gospel Next Door: Following Jesus Right Where You Are*. With stories from his own city of Houston, Texas, author Marty Troyer introduces a theology of place that empowers us to truly see the work of God where we live, work, and play. Several copies of the book (\$16⁰⁰ each) are available for purchase from the church office. Feel free to contact Karen or Ted at the church office (979.823.8073) to reserve your copy of the book.

May this set of weeks themed “Thy Will Be Done” assist your remembrance of and growth in discipleship following Jesus Christ from each one's first call to serve with faithfulness all the way to his crucifixion, resurrection, and beyond!

(See the insert in this issue for the 2018 Lenten Season Schedule.)

Preaching Christ | Teaching Discipleship | Reaching Others

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MINISTRY on the *Move*

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

PRIME TIME SHARE STORIES OF LOVE



Lively and spirit-filled adults (60+) gather on **THU, FEB 8**, at 11:30am in the Church Library and Parlor for a meal and fellowship sharing "Love Poems, Love Stories."

An old-fashioned and cold weather dish -- chicken and dumplings -- is the provided entrée. Bring a complementary side or dessert and be ready to share a favorite love story or poem. Questions? Please contact February's Prime Time coordinator Nancy Self, nancyself42@gmail.com or Karen in the church office at 979.823.8073 or office@fpcbryan.org.

SECOND FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to Chicken Oil Co. in Bryan at 6:00pm on **FEB 9** (the second Friday of each month). This gathering is an opportunity for you to get to know one another over good food.



To be added to the email list or be notified, contact Kathryn Nachlinger, knachlinger@gmail.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On **FEB 1** (and the first Thursday of each month), all men are invited to Carter Creek Foyer at 6:30am for breakfast and fellowship. For more information, contact Allyn Jordan, allyn@jordanhome.net.

CONCLAVES MISSION PROJECT

Every year at Conclaves at Cho-Yeh (this year, March 2-4), attending youth and adults participate in a mission project to meet the needs of different charity organizations. This year's project is making dog toys and pet care packages for local animal shelters that house animals displaced during Hurricane Harvey.



During the month of February, FPC youth invite the congregation to donate **dry and wet cat food or dog food and old t-shirts** to make dog toys. Donations will be received until **Sun, Feb 28**. Please place your donations in the marked blue container in the Patio.

Email Eric Peterson, youth@fpcbryan.org, for any further questions.

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.

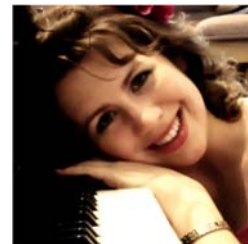
FEB 4 Caring Acts. Children identify with Jesus' loving acts as they recall their own experiences of caring acts. **Read with your children: Mark 1:29-39.**

FEB 11 A Little Quiet Time. Children extract a special message about Jesus from the story of the transfiguration. **Read with your children: Mark 9:2-9.**

WITH GRATITUDE TO GOD . . .

During worship on FEB 4, First Presbyterian will give special thanks for the three years STEVE GENTRY has served as our pianist and, often, as our primary worship musician. We are immensely grateful to God for Steve's ministry among us, and we are excited that he will join new pianist MICHELLE LASSITER and part-time organist Kathrine MacNeil to lead the worship music again on this February's first Sunday.

In her own words, "Thank you all for the privilege of allowing me to play at your beautiful church. After receiving a B.M. and M.M in Performance and Pedagogy as well as studying in Europe, it is such a blessing to be able to use the gifts and training that God has blessed me with for His service! Thank you again for the opportunity, I look forward to meeting you all and playing for the Lord at First Presbyterian Church!"



YOUTH HAPS



Eric Peterson, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
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YOUNG ADULT NEWS



Eric Peterson, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
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FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE

SUN, FEB 4, following worship. Youth participate in **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**, an organization tasked to fight hunger and poverty and is hosted by youth across the nation in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. Youth will be holding "soup" pots and pans to receive donations after worship. (*See front page*)

A **SUPER BOWL PARTY** starts at the time of kick-off until the start of half-time. Eric Peterson and Chelsea Kindred will host and food will be provided. Youth and adults attending are encouraged to bring their favorite side dish, snack, or drink to share with everyone.



SUN, FEB 11, 6:00pm-8:00pm. Dinner followed by bible/faith discussion about "Why Do We Have Only Two Sacraments When Some Churches Have Seven?" from "Faith Topics" by Thoughtful Christian and game activities.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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

AGGIELAND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The students of UCM at A&M are hosting an Aggie supper for the youth groups of FPC, Covenant PC, and Friends UCC on **SUN, FEB 18**, from 5:00-7:00pm at All Faiths Chapel, on the Texas A&M campus. Dinner will provided by UCM and bible/faith discussion and activities conducted by the UCM students. We will meet at 4:30pm in the FPC parking lot by the church van and carpool to All Faiths Chapel.

Scheduled for every other Thursday, the **ECUMENICAL YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will be held on **THU, FEB 8**, 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.

CARING & SHARING

On January 21, First Presbyterian Church joined **HALY & CLARK NEELY** in reaffirming personal and community baptismal vows asking God's help and blessing in the care and nurture of their daughter, Olivia Lucille.

"God's promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls."

— Acts 2:39

Dear Pastor Ted and FPC Family,

We wish to thank you for your prayers, cards, presence and thoughtful kindness at a time when it was deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely

Mary Ann Baker, Alison Waters, and Family

Let all that
you do
be done
in *love.*

1 Corinthians 16:14



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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Number of pounds of food received and delivered to the Brazos Church Pantry in January. Thank you!!!
PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS ARE BACK ON THE LIST and IN HIGH DEMAND!



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| 02/01 Will Johnson | 02/05 Scott Shafer |
| 02/01 David Kipp | 02/06 Caroline Wertz |
| 02/10 Christ Watson | 02/07 Abby Johnson |
| 02/03 Georgianne Bigam | 02/07 Sarah Johnson |
| 02/03 Barry Burdett | 02/07 Julia Young |
| 02/03 Jasen Petersen | 02/09 Libby Dempsey |
| 02/03 Ashley Wesp | 02/10 Lana Wesp |
| 02/04 Pam Hayenga | 02/11 Peggy Telg |
| | 02/12 Angela Criaco |
| | 02/12 Lael O'Brien |
| | 02/13 Mary Graddy |
| | 02/13 David Sahn |
| | 02/14 Susan McGrail |



- ♥ 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 15-28.
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,
The Chimes, is **NOON, SUN, FEB 4.**
Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



FEB 4: Matthew 13:52
FEB 11: Mark 9:2-10