

the chimes

Sunday Mornings

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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH (NOMINATING) PROCESS

FPC-Bryan has been preparing for the Associate Pastor search process since June 2017. Two opportunities are upcoming for the congregation to review the Ministry Information Form (MIF) narrative related to this effort which has been prepared by the Session's MIF Writing Team (Vickie Buenger, Cheryl Page, Roger Reese, and Bill Watson). Meetings are scheduled for: (1) **SUN, APRIL 15, following worship with a sandwich lunch provided** in Fellowship Hall; and (2) **SAT, APRIL 21, at 9:00am, with pastries provided** in Carter Creek Foyer. The MIF narrative paragraphs for the congregation's review will be available online at www.fpcbryan.org and will be emailed and mailed to the membership on Wednesday, April 11. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for this process and the ministry of Jesus Christ through FPC-Bryan.

A next phase of the Associate Pastor search process is the election of a search committee (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee – APNC). The congregation's meeting to elect the search committee follows worship in the sanctuary on **SUN, MAY 6**. Suggested names of members to serve as the actual search committee can be given to Karen Berg in the church office or to a member of the task force to submit a slate of potential nominees for the APNC. Task force members are Vickie Buenger, Cheryl Page, Roger Reese, Bill Watson, and Cindy Wingert. Deadline for suggestions is Sunday, April 22.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

JENNIFER HUGGINS, Director of Children's Center

The Children's Center Ministry Committee and the Session Elders of First Presbyterian Church-Bryan are pleased to announce the hiring of Jennifer Huggins as Director of First Presbyterian Children's Center (FPCC), eff. April 9.



Jennifer writes, "Originally from Destin, Florida, I made Texas my home after attending Texas State University for Child Psychology. I have worked with children in many different capacities from a church setting, teaching and mentoring, to social services, but my greatest experiences have derived from my role as director at my previous learning center. Through many years of experience and countless hours of training, I have grown a passion not only to help guide child growth and development, but love working with the families and staff as well. I am honored to be welcomed to the FPC-Bryan Children's Center as the director and am looking forward to having new experiences and making memories with my new school family!"

Welcome, Jennifer!



Get ready to have some fun . . .

All ages are welcome!

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Fellowship Hall

An assortment of games will be available for everyone to play and enjoy fellowship with one another. You are also invited to bring a favorite of yours! Bring friends to join the fun! Bring a savory snack or light hors d'oeuvres to share. Water and tea provided. *Child care will be provided.*

For any inquiries, email

Eric Peterson, youth@fpcbryan.org.

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

MISSION EVENT RESCHEDULED

The Rise Against Hunger mission event (set for April 15) has been rescheduled (TBD). Watch the newsletter for details!

VOICES FOR CHILDREN FESTIVAL

On **SAT, APRIL 28**, 3:00pm-8:00pm, Henderson Elementary and Voices for Children (VFC) host the 1st annual CASA Familia Street Fest to raise awareness of VFC and to provide a free, family-friendly event for Bryan ISD children and their families. Since Henderson is the BISD elementary school closest to FPC, members are encouraged to volunteer or attend. Contact Marycruz Morales, mmorales@vfcbrasos.org.

CHURCH LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Blue Baker on University Drive in College Station is the location for the **APRIL 18** (Wed) monthly gathering of Church Ladies. Arrive about 11:30am for a time of lively conversation over good food. For more information or to be added to the email notification list, contact Becky Alter, alter@suddenlink.net.

CHICK FLICKS GATHER IN APRIL



All women are invited to Chick Flicks on **FRI, APRIL 27**, at 6:00pm in the Library/Parlor. Following a potluck meal of foods remembered from school lunches of elementary days (or better versions of them), Chicks will view the movie "**Wonder**" starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, and Jacob Tremblay, based on R. J. Palacio's book of the same name. This inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman is about a young boy who has a rare medical facial deformity. He was home-schooled until fifth grade, when his parents enroll him in a main-stream private school. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey unites them all. For more information, please contact Nancy Self, nself42@gmail.com.

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Children and Staff THANK those who volunteered for the Easter Sunday morning activities and worship!

THANK YOU to **BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS** who brought food!

THANK YOU to **MARLEE CRIACO** for reading Easter stories!

THANK YOU to the **CONGREGATION** for donating the candy for the eggs!

THANK YOU to the **EGG STUFFERS** (youth)!

THANK YOU to the **EGG HIDERS** (youth and adults)!

THANK YOU to **BETH MORRIS** and **CRAFT ASSISTANTS** who helped the children with their Easter crafts!

THANK YOU to **TERRI SUE PRATT** for all her work behind the scene.

A huge THANK YOU to the **EASTER LILY PROCESSIONAL PARTICIPANTS** (children and adults)! It was a joy

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Are you enthusiastic about Habitat for Humanity? Do you have a passion for babies? Would you be willing to share your talents with an organization that helps people get affordable health care? The community benevolences side of the Mission Committee is looking for volunteers. If you are looking for a way to be more involved with both First Presbyterian and its partnering community organizations, become a member of the Mission Committee! To learn more, contact elders Murray Milford (mmilford@suddenlink.net) or Hap Wert (djanewert@suddenlink.net) or let Murray or Hap know of your interest next time you see him.

to watch every one and every thing come together as FPC prepared for the Easter Worship Service!

We appreciate each and every one of you!


Kathryn Nachlinger

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.

APRIL 22 Caring Shepherd. Children compare the work of shepherds with how Jesus cares for them.
John 10:11-18

APRIL 29 Philip the Evangelist. Children discover, through the story of Philip and the Ethiopian official, that everyone is included in God's plan. **Acts 8:26-40.**



All women of FPC
are invited to
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
BIRTHDAY TEA & OFFERING**
SUNDAY, APRIL 22
3:00pm—4:30pm on the Patio

- 🌸 Installation of PW Coordinating Team Officers
- 🌸 Announcement of HONORARY LIFE MEMBER
- 🌸 Delicious Birthday Refreshments

The 2018 Birthday Offering benefits Cottage Village (OR), Village of Grace for Physical and Spiritual Health (Honduras), The Dwelling Place (MN), and Brazos Church Pantry's "Homeless Food Box." Suggested items are: fruit cups/small canned fruit with pop-tops, tuna or little sausages with pop-tops, snack size packages of crackers (cheese or peanut butter) or cookies, and bottled water.

YOUTH HAPS



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FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, STUDY

SUN, APRIL 22, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Carter Creek Foyer. Dinner and bible/faith discussion from *The Thoughtful Christian's* "Faith Topics" "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

SUN, APRIL 29, 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Meet by the church van at 2:20pm to depart for an afternoon retreat at the farm of Peggy & Ken Telg. Food and indoor/outdoor games will be provided for youth to have fun and relax in the country.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, 7:00pm to 8:00pm, Room 401. Alternating weeks, ERIC PETERSON, uses *So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: A Survey of Church History*, and Youth RACHEL PRATT uses *With All Boldness and Freedom: A Survey of the New Testament*.



YOUNG ADULT NEWS

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

MISSION DAY. Young adults will be volunteering at the Brazos Church Pantry on SAT, APRIL 21, 10:00am-11:30 am. Meet at The Pantry (304 W 26th St, Bryan) at 9:45am.

GAME NIGHT. Young adults gather at Murphy's Law (107 N Main St, downtown Bryan) on FRI, MAY 4, at 7:00pm with games provided by Jackie and Steve Zimmerman.

CARING & SHARING

Dear Friends, Thank you to all who have supported me as I faced the loss of my younger brother David on March 15th. I am so grateful to my church family for the support you have given myself and my family over the last three years as David fought cancer. Thank you and may God bless you. Sincerely, Catherine Ezzell

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family of ARLAN McSWAIN following his death on April 3.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



LINDA & RON ELLIFF come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They are both retired. Ron & Linda are active in FPC's small group Bible study. They live at 3704 Williams Trace Drive in Bryan. You can reach Ron and Linda by phone (936.855.2334) or email: Ron (ron2334@gmail.com); Linda (lindaelliff38@icloud.com).

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

"Thank you" to each of you for your financial commitment supporting the life and ministry of Jesus Christ with and through FPC-Bryan. The goal of FPC's Business Office is to make sure that Statements of Giving are accurate and distributed in a timely manner. Here's how you can help, when paying by check:

1. For **Personal Check**, include a MEMO on the check with your **Full Name and/or Giver #**. If you intend to contribute for multiple items (*i.e.* Brazos Church Pantry, pledge, special offering, etc.), please write a separate check for each item.
2. For **"Automatic Payment"** Check processed via a third party, (*i.e.* financial institution's automatic pay system or retirement distribution), please be sure institution is including a MEMO on the check with your **Full Name and/or Giver #**.

To save postage and complications from postal issues, FPC will offer the option to givers to receive quarterly statements via email, **beginning with 2018 2nd Quarter Statements of Giving**. Please confirm your email address on file in church records with Karen (979.823.8073 or office@fpcbryan.org) or Donya (979.823.8073 or bookkeeper@fpcbryan.org). To continue to receive a paper copy of your giving statement, notify Donya, bookkeeper@fpcbryan.org or 979.823.8073.

(NOTE: The Statements of Giving for 1st Quarter will be mailed the week of April 16.)



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

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS are especially welcome in April! Thank you for your generosity!



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

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| 04/15 Lennon Dempsey | 04/26 Annabelle Hicks |
| 04/16 Mary Nelle Armstrong | 04/26 Hannah Wertz |
| 04/16 Harry Green | 04/27 Ari Renold |
| 04/17 Julie Young | 04/28 Megan Pratt |
| 04/18 Jeannie Miller | 04/29 Linda Witherite |
| 04/19 Johanna Krauter | 05/01 Nicole McKinley |
| 04/21 Brent Vinson | 05/02 Sam Humphries |
| 04/26 Trish Burk | 05/03 Andrew Humphries |

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
IN THE
MILITARY**

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes (incl. the May Calendar), is **NOON, SUN, APRIL 22**, (covering news and events from **MAY 3-16**).
Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



- APRIL 22 Psalm 23:1-3a
- APRIL 29 John 15:1-8