

the chimes

Sunday Mornings

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

First Presbyterian Friends,

The new Session convenes for an orientation and planning meeting on SAT, JAN 12. While we discuss the July 2018 (early) completion of paying off the loan on the HVAC system, installed in 2015, and our celebrating that financial obligation being put behind us, more challenges await, as they do each month and year. As the new Session, we will "raise our eyes" to the "horizon" of challenges which we can anticipate in terms of FPC-Bryan and ministries together and with others.

Session, Class of 2018: Rick Avery, Rachel Cochrane, Briana Criaco, BJ Hendler, Alice Hickerson, Marcia Miculek, Nancy Robertson, Harold Wert, Andrew Weichert, Ernie Wright. When you see them, please thank them for their service.

Session, Class of 2019: Marlee Criaco, Libby Dempsey, Pam Geishauer, Randy Gholson, Chet Harris, Tammie Keese, Murray Milford, Kim Miller, Cheryl Page, Eileen Peters, Peggy Telg, Cindy Wingert. Session, Class of 2020: Lois Basenfelder, Dave Haverland, Phyllis Lee, Jo Monroe, Jerry Norris, Beth Pennebaker, Jasen Petersen, A.J. Renold, Don Spencer, Rod Thornton, Julie Young. When you see them, please inform them of your prayers and support.

Yet the ministries of any church include more than a Session, Vestry, Administrative Council, Parish Council, or Board of Deacons. Ministries include all members and participants. One FPC member shared with a few lines from a website called "Jim's Daily Awakenings" (Jan. 07). These are wise words for us all as ambassadors, disciples, and servants of Jesus Christ: *"Negativity, apathy, fearfulness, distractedness, cynicism, hypocrisy, sarcasm, secrecy, callousness, entitlement, blaming, shaming, dishonesty, immaturity, impulsiveness, betrayal, hubris, passive-aggressiveness, unhealthy competitiveness, and phoniness are impossible to overcome. . . . Positivity, self-awareness, humility, integrity, belief, intentionality, generosity, gratitude, responsibility, respect, focus, empathy, encouragement, energy, communication, commitment, cooperation, accountability, hard work, self-discipline, and whole-heartedness are impossible to defeat."*

May God help us to go forward with that set of gifts which are impossible to defeat.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Ted*

**SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, NOON
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

2019 PERU MISSION TRIP MAY 17-27, 2019

Where is the 2019 Mission Team going?

Team members fly from Houston to Lima Peru, proceed to the ancient Andean capital of Cuzco and travel by private bus to their home base in Quillabamba ("The land of perpetual summer").

What will Mission Team members do?

- Learn about Peru's history and geography, see archeological treasures, experience its customs, culture, and foods;
- Assist with the delivery of health & wellness, and clean water workshops;
- Help with children's VBS (art, music, games and sports)
- Medical professionals: triage, medical assessments and delivery of services;
- Spanish speaking team members will help with translation.

Who can participate?

Individuals 18 and older who enjoy good health, have a servant's heart, a spirit for adventure and a desire to experience new cultures. To apply, contact Peru Mission Coordinator (below), visit <https://www.fpcbryan.org/mission-outreach>, or contact the church office at FPC-Bryan. Applications are available on the Mission bulletin board near the church office.

**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT
BY JANUARY 22, 2019**

What will it cost to go on this mission trip?

While FPC-Bryan covers the cost of in-country transportation, lodging and meals, for FPC members, all participants are responsible for approx. \$1,500 in expenses for:

- A \$250 deposit must accompany all applications to secure a place on the Mission Team;
- Round-trip airfare between Houston and Lima Peru (approx. \$1,000-\$1,200);
- Passports, required/recommended vaccinations, medications or emergency medical procedures (*trip insurance is recommended*);
- Personal purchases & side trips that may be taken after the mission work is completed.

For more information, contact:
Peru Mission Coordinator Trish Burk,
979.220.4955 or pagburk@suddenlink.net.

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WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

Thanks to the bigheartedness of many individuals at FPC-Bryan, 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!

Coordinators, Keith Halsell and Imogene Veters

We are so incredibly grateful for your generosity! Your donation (\$2,000) to **Still Creek Ranch** allows our kids to grow closer to the Lord in a safe place. Thank you for trusting God with your finances.

The Still Creek Ranch Staff

Friends, thank you for your gift (\$3,000) to Presbyterian World Mission for our mission partners Melissa & Charles Johnson in Zambia, Africa. God calls us to be faithful witnesses in our world and your support helps make this possible.

Together in mission, Rev. Jose Luis Casal, Director Friends, we are incredibly grateful for your monetary gift of \$2000 and gift of service to **Rise Against Hunger** (former Stop Hunger Now) in Oct 2018. Because of your gifts, attendance rates are nearly 100% and academic performance has increased for children in Nicaragua.

Warmest regards, Rod Brooks, President and CEO

Friends, your recent donation of \$2,000 for **Habitat for Humanity's** next Faith in Action Build will go directly toward constructing a decent, affordable home in partnership with a local family in need. Thank you for your generosity!

In grateful partnership, Andy York, Executive Director

CHICK FLICKS GATHER



The Chicks will begin the New Year on FRI, JAN 25, at 6:00pm for a Taco Soup Supper followed by a movie (to be determined). Chicks are to watch email for further details. All women are

welcome to come, watch a movie, and bring a side dish for the meal. If you would like to be on the monthly email notification list, contact Phyllis Lee (979.693.0845 or johnlee7@suddenlink.net).

NOMINATE A "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"

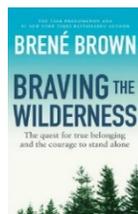


Volunteers are essential to the ministry of FPC-Bryan. They contribute countless hours to the work of this congregation in so many ways — serving on the Session or Foundation, teaching

Church School, ushering, singing in choir, ringing bells, answering telephones, and more! Each year, the Volunteer of the Year is honored for his/her contributions to the church at the annual congregational meeting.

If you know an individual who has served the church well in 2018, you can submit your nomination with a brief narrative supporting your nomination to Karen Berg in the church office, office@fpcbryan.org, or mail/hand deliver to First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Carter Creek Parkway, Bryan, 77802, by SUN, JAN 13.

CARE TEAM & PRAYER PARTNERS



Care Team and Prayer Partners meets on the 3rd Wednesday and begins a new study on WED, JAN 16, 2019, in the church library at 3:30pm. *Braving the Wilderness* by Brené Brown is about the quest for true belonging and the courage to stand alone. "True belonging

doesn't require us to change who we are, it requires us to BE who we are." Social scientist Brené Brown, PhD, LMSW, has sparked a global conversation about the experiences that bring meaning to our lives—experiences of courage, vulnerability, love, belonging, shame, and empathy. The cost of the book is \$17. To order a copy of this book and/or know more about this ministry, contact Sharon Bowling, bowlijd@verizon.net or 713.907.1406.

Growing Disciples

Christian Education Ministries (education@fpcbryan.org)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am); 3 Years Old thru GR 4 meet in Room 13. Beth Morris teaches this class. GR 5-6 meet in Room 10. David Sahn teaches this class.

JAN 20 In One Spirit. Children rejoice that they receive gifts from the Spirit.

Read with your children: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

JAN 27 God's Will and Ways. Children give thanks for God's law and those who teach it to them.

Read with your children: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10.



YOUng Adult News

Youth & Young Adult Ministries (youngadults@fpcbryan.org)

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES

Young Adults gather most weeks after worship on Sundays for fellowship and lunch at local restaurants! Following worship (on most Sundays), Tammie and/or Charley Keesee will be at the front of the sanctuary (near the chancel) to greet young adults (18-39). Come as often as your schedule allows!



JAN 20
Taqueria del Sol De Mexico, Bryan

JAN 27
Luigi's, College Station

For more information about the lunches or young adults, contact Tammie Keesee, tdsprott@gmail.com.



Youth & Young Adult Ministries (youth@fpcbryan.org)

YOUTH SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

Youth meet weekly on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:00pm for dinner in Carter Creek Foyer followed by games, activities, and study. For more information, call or text Youth sponsors Jessica Sahm Petersen (979.220.2513) and Jasen Petersen or email youth@fpcbryan.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Youth meet in Room 403, Sundays, 9:20am-10:20am.

JAN 20 A Gift of Diversity. Youth, feel freed to explore their diverse spiritual gifts in unity with Christian community. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

JAN 27 Worship Alive. Youth engage the transformative power of worship and scriptural interpretation through the story of the returning exiles' experience in Nehemiah 8. Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

CARING & SHARING

FPC-Bryan Carolers, Thank you so much for brightening my day (Dec 16) with singing, a beautiful poinsettia, and the prayer cloth and prayer stone. You and they mean so much to me. With love, Ester Hubacek

New email address for DOROTHY & BOB ANDERSON:
robert.j.anderson31@gmail.com

Concerts on CARTER CREEK



On SUN, JAN 20, all are invited to our sanctuary at 5:00pm when Concerts on Carter Creek presents Fandango! — a toe-tappingly spicy mix of Latin, Spanish, Sephardic, Balkan, and classical sounds founded by four multi-award-winning, globe-trotting virtuosi who hail from Spain, the USA, former Yugoslavia, and the UK. Eugenia Moliner, flute; Desirée Ruhstrat, violin; Denis Azabagic, guitar; David Cunliffe, cello, have played, separately and together, in the world's most prestigious concert halls and festivals. The concert is free. 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 capage1952@gmail.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

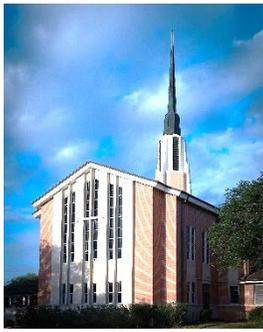


LEROY HOERMANN comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. He moved to Bryan in October 2018 from Corpus Christi. He is retired from Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He and Wanda shared 59½ years happily married until her death in 2012. They raised one daughter and one son. LeRoy has five grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. His address is 3801 East Crest Drive, Apt. 3204 in Bryan 77802. He can be reached at alhoermann@yahoo.com or 512.635.5022.



YUNIOR TORRES CAMARGO comes to us by profession of faith and baptism. Yunior is a senior at Bryan High School. You may have already met him as he serves as an usher from time to time and is active in Youth Fellowship. He lives at 2011 La Brisa Drive, Apt. 228 in Bryan 77807. He can be reached at yunior.torrescamargo@gmail.com or 979.329.0565.

Next time you see them, say "Hello" to LeRoy and Yunior and give them a warm welcome.



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 – SHARE THE GIFT
BRING GIFTS OF INFANT AND ADULT DIAPERS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY.**

Next time you're out shopping, please pick up a few extras for those in need in the Brazos Valley.



- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Leroy & Wanda Kipp
(parents of David Kipp)
- ♥ Rev. Marie Mickey
- ♥ John "Mack" Prescott
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

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| 01/17 Elizabeth Byrnes | 01/22 Mack Prescott |
| 01/18 Olivia Neely | 01/23 Celeste Harris |
| 01/19 Walter Buenger | 01/23 Laura Lawrence |
| 01/19 Pat Davis | 01/23 Bill Watson |
| 01/20 Gretchen Schmidt | 01/28 Mary Nan Linnstaedter |
| 01/21 Rowan Martin | 01/30 Ray Lawrence |
| 01/22 Heidi Linder | 01/30 Jane Voelkel |
| 01/22 Robert Linnstaedter | |

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe



ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

JAN 20

Isaiah 62:1-4

JAN 27

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a



NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, covering news/events from JAN 31 to FEB 13, is NOON, SUN, JAN 20.
Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.