

THE Penn Street LETTER

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth

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Fall at FPC!

Since we're tight on space, due to this issue publishing our Elder Class bios, below is a classifieds-style breakdown of reminders of what's happening at First Presbyterian Church in the coming weeks. As always, you're invited to learn more at FPCFW.ORG.

Fall Adult Church School

Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning September 9. For topics, visit fpcfw.org/adultcs
Alpha & Omega (60s-70s): Room 241
Bible in Depth (all ages): Room 237
Boomers (50s-60s): Room 102
First Connections (new members/visitors): Parlor
Geneva (70s): Room 304
Growing Families of Faith: Room 236
Journeys: Room 242
Just Matters: Registration required
Maj-Jo (seniors): Room 310
Maranatha: Bible study in Room 239
SYS (40s-50s): Room 305
Westminster (seniors): Room 238
YOMAC (seniors): Trinity Terrace
Young Adults: Room 240
Young Families: Room 230

Read the Bible in 9 Months

You are invited to read through the Bible in 9 months beginning Sunday, September 9. The *Reading the Bible in 9 Months* reading plan was developed by our own Dr. Michael Waschevski and has been used by over 200 First Presbyterian members and friends. The plan provides daily readings of scripture that foster connections between the various books of the Bible and theological themes that speak across the centuries. Copies of the reading plan are available from the church website (www.fpcfw.org/adultstudies) or by emailing Celeste (cfalter@fpcfw.org) in the church office.

Youth Music Opportunities

Youth Music Retreat: Glen Lake Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX. Friday, September 7 - Sunday, September 9 (concludes Sunday 11 a.m. service)
Youth Choir (6th-12th Grade) rehearses Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Room 244. This group participates in worship once a month.
Middle School Handbell Choir (6th-8th Grade) rehearses Sundays, 6 - 7 p.m. in

Room 245. This group will participate in worship 3-4 times each semester.

New this fall: WHAM

WHAM, a Worship Arts Program for children, begins September 9 and will include classes and experiences that prepare children to lead and participate in worship in new areas. All children, ages 4-5th grade, are included, and church membership is not a requirement to participate. For a complete description of classes and to register, visit fpcfw.org/wham

New Bible Study - Exodus

Join the Rev. Drs. Betsy Pense and Michael Waschevski in a study of Exodus this fall. Exodus is one of the most important and foundational books of the Bible. Exodus is rich with narratives and theology that shaped Israel and their covenant relationship with God and is an indispensable book for understanding the gospel narrative and the life and ministry of Jesus. Bible in Depth meets in two class sessions, either Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in room 237 or Wednesday mornings at 10:45 in room 237. Classes begin Sunday, September 9 or Wednesday, September 12. To register, contact Celeste in the church office. (cfalter@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231 ext. 261)

Team FPC Heroes for Hope

Team FPC - It's Race Time Again! Please join Team FPC for the Heroes for Hope one mile and/or 5K races on Saturday, September 15 at Acme Brick, 3024 Acme Brick Plaza (near the Clearfork Trailhead). The race benefits St. Jude's research for childhood cancer and honors current military and veterans. We'll meet at 7:15 a.m. prior to the race. The 1 mile walk starts at 7:45 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8 a.m. There will be superheroes and princesses to greet the children. After the race, there will be BBQ and beer (for adults!). The cost is \$23.95. You can register on Sundays September 2

or 9 in the Great Hall foyer from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or register online at fpcfw.org/wellness/#teamfpc

Busy Women's Bible Study

Gatherings are held weekly on Mondays, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (bring your lunch if you wish) in Room 310, beginning on September 17. We will fellowship together as we try to understand what God is telling us in the Gospel of John. Please come join us! Questions? Call or text Lisa Waldron 817.239.3807 or call Karen Steffler 817.313.5169.

PW September Gathering

PW Tuesday Together, September 18: We will begin our year together by gathering at Community Crossroads to learn about the many different programs offered to our neighbors in the Fort Worth community. Lunch will be served (cost \$7), followed by a tour of the facility. Transportation from church will be provided to those who need it. Please RSVP to Celeste (817.335.1231 or cfalter@fpcfw.org) and let her know if you will require transportation.

Grief Group

First Presbyterian Church is offering a six-week Grief Support Group. Led by the Reverend Jen Bluestein, this group offers a supportive and encouraging space in which to experience God's presence, comfort, and strength. The Group will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. in room 305. The six sessions (October 14 - November 18) are free and open to members and friends of FPC and the community. To register for the Grief Support Group, please call Celeste in the church office or email cfalter@fpcfw.org. If you have questions about the group, please feel free to speak with Michael Waschevski. Please also feel free to share this invitation with family and friends who would find the Grief Support Group personally helpful to them at this point in their journey.

PASTORS' LETTER



Dear friends,

This Friday 114 First Pres folk will jump into cars for the hours long journey to the Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly, near Kerrville in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. For those who stay behind, maybe you will attend the 2019 All Church Retreat. Either way, Mo-Ranch is a gem that all Texas Presbyterians can be proud of.

Dan Moran – then President of Continental Oil Company (Conoco) – bought the ranch in 1936. He dammed the Guadalupe River to create a small lake, installed a huge water slide still in use 70 years later, added a large swimming pool, a skating rink, and dorms for his visitors. The ranch takes its name from Moran: Mo-Ranch. When Moran died in 1948, his widow sold the ranch to the Synod of Texas for \$512,500 and Texas Presbyterians paid for the purchase with a hefty capital campaign. Mo-Ranch – known simply and affectionately as Mo – has since been a treasured place of respite and renewal for generations.

First Pres has a long history with Mo, with Mary Morgan Sullivan, Bob Adcock, and now Ellen Benson serving on its Board of Trustees through the years, among others. We have contributed financially and benefited in a thousand ways, sending children and teens to camp, taking church retreats, encouraging men to attend the annual Mo Men's Conference (the second largest gathering of Presbyterian men in the country), and our clergy using the facility for continuing education conferences and get-aways.

If you've never been, a visit to Mo will be a highlight for you. If you are a return visitor, you already know what makes Mo so special. Jaci and I are among the 114 headed to Mo for the Labor Day retreat, so I'll see you in church September 9.

Until then, Godspeed,

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the OCTOBER issue of the Penn Street Letter are due **Wednesday, September 19**. Submissions for the weekly Penn Street Online emailed newsletters are due the Wednesday prior to each week's issue.

Please send to Kathryn Breitbarth at kbreitbarth@fpcfw.org or bring by the church office.

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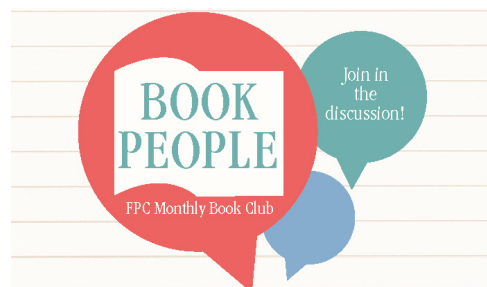


Jackie playing Bible Jeopardy with the 5th graders

A note from Jackie Taylor, one of our church school shepherds:

Thirteen years ago I retired after twenty-nine years as a sixth grade teacher. Retirement has been great, and I had time to do all the things I didn't have time to do when I was a professional teacher. One day I realized I no longer knew any of the children with whom I worshipped on Sunday morning. Soon afterwards, I read an appeal for shepherds to work with children during Sunday church school. Being a shepherd made me realize how very much I missed being with children. I've made a whole new age group of friends! I find I enter the sanctuary at 11 o'clock for worship

with a smile on my face and twinkle in my eye. As a "Golden Ager" shepherd in our church school, I feel I've discovered the "Fountain of Youth." How nurturing it is to spend one hour a week and once more view God's wonderful world through the eyes of a child! **Won't you join me in serving as a Shepherd? Contact Amy Parker at the church office or aparker@fpcfw.org for more information.**



Book People is a book club for members of the church and friends. Each of the fall books is set in Texas so not only will we have a good story, but we'll learn something about the events of our state's history. On September 10 (often the height of hurricane season) we will discuss Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson, the story of the 1900 hurricane which hit Galveston and killed 6,000 people. It is considered by some to be the greatest natural disaster in American history. This book is available from the Fort Worth library and in multiple formats from Amazon. Book People meets from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Room 226. Members of the church and friends are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Johnson Pense (ejpense@me.com)

Nominees for Elder Class of 2021

This issue of The Penn Street Letter includes the annual publication of biographies of members nominated for the next class of Elders, as well as at-large members of the Nominating Committee.



Lauren Dorough was born in Fort Worth, Texas. She was baptized at her grandparents' church, First Presbyterian Church Mount Pleasant and was confirmed at FPC. She is involved in youth group and has been a youth volunteer for VBS and Music and Arts Camp. Lauren has been on the youth group ski trip and the mission trips

to Mobile, Alabama and Corpus Christi. Both of her parents, D'Anne and Richard Dorough, are members of FPC. Lauren is a junior at Trinity Valley School where she has volunteered for school events including TVS's outdoor learning program and is involved in the school's dance program. Lauren spends a lot of time at Dian Clough West Dance studio where she has been dancing since she was two years old.



Kourtney Frohlich grew up in Tulia, TX and attended Tulia High School. Kourtney attended West Texas A&M University where she earned a B.A. degree in theatre education. After teaching speech and theatre for four years she obtained a Master's degree in special education from Texas Woman's University. She has been an

educational diagnostician for Northwest ISD for the last 8 years. Kourtney, her husband Zack, and their two kids joined FPC in 2017. Kourtney is on the Children's Committee and active in the Young Families group. Kourtney enjoys going to the theatre, creating a backyard habitat for honey bees, and taking naps.



Charlie Gibbs moved to Fort Worth when he was 3 years old and went to high school at FWCDS. After attending Trinity College in CT to study engineering he returned to TX and moved to Dallas to start a career in the technology industry. While in Dallas, Charlie met his wife Maren and they were married at 1st Presbyterian Ft Worth

in 2004. In 2005, after 13 years in Dallas, they returned to Ft Worth and joined FPC in 2010. Charlie is a proud father of three school age daughters: Alex, Nola and Annika. He has served on the Communications, Nominating, and Children's committees and has been part of the founding group for the Men's Retreat committee and continues to work with the Men's Ministry. In his spare time Charlie enjoys cooking and the outdoors. He currently works for a technology start up Mobilisk as VP of business development.



Pam Grossman was born, raised and lived in California until two and a half years ago when she moved to Fort Worth with her husband, Phil. Pam received a B.A. in Spanish from the University of California, Irvine and spent her junior year studying in Spain. She then obtained her M.A. in Latin American Development from the Monterey

Institute of International Studies in Monterey, CA, after which

she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic. During 30 years as a member of Irvine Presbyterian Church, she served as both a Deacon and Elder. Shortly after arriving in Fort Worth in 2016, she and Phil joined FPC. Pam volunteers at Formula & Diapers, bags groceries at Community Crossroads, is Program Co-Chair for PW, is a Circle leader, and recently took part in the Living Water Mission trip to El Salvador. Pam and Phil have two grown daughters, Kelly and Kristina. Pam enjoys TCU football games, the FW Symphony Orchestra, and loves to travel.



Emma Henry was baptized and confirmed at First Presbyterian Church. She enjoys being involved at FPC and in other church related activities. She has served on the fellowship committee for the past two years. She regularly attends Sunday school and youth group and has been a youth volunteer at Vacation Bible

School. She went on the youth ski trip and has volunteered on youth mission trips to Mobile, Alabama, and Corpus Christi, Texas. Emma also enjoys spending time at Mo-Ranch where she was a camper for six summers and attends the FPC all church retreat with her family. Emma is a junior at Paschal High School where she plays the clarinet in the marching band and concert band. She also writes articles for the Pantherette student newspaper. Outside of school, Emma dances at Dian Clough West Dance Studio, where she has taken classes since she was three years old. Emma's family at FPC includes her parents, Julie and Mike Henry, and her younger brother, Will.



Ann Hyun was born in Ponca City, OK and moved to Oklahoma City in the fourth grade. She graduated from Oklahoma State University. She moved with her family to Arlington, TX in 1996. She grew up in the Presbyterian Church and her parents were founding members of Good Shepherd Presbyterian in Bartlesville, OK. Ann has served as an

elder at churches in Baton Rouge, LA and Arlington, TX as well as serving on committees and teaching Sunday School. She is married to Joe Hyun and moved to Fort Worth in 2012. After joining FPC, she has been active in Evening Circle, Mission Outreach Committee, and also serves on the Community Crossroads Renovation Committee. Ann's mother, Janet Whitesell, is also a member at FPC. Ann is a Director, Human Resource Business Partner for Sodexo. When she isn't traveling for work, she loves to travel with her husband and adult children.



Jason Kennedy was born and raised in Bridgeport, TX. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry while competing on the Cross Country and Track teams at TCU. He met his wife, Lindsay in Fort Worth and they were married while he completed his medical degree at the University of Texas-Medical Branch in Galveston. After years of residency training and fellowship, at

JPS in Fort Worth and the University of Utah, he began practice as a Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon at Cook Children's Medical Center in 2010. He has served on the hospital Medical Board and currently serves on the Board of Cook Children's Home Health. He and Lindsay joined FPC in 2011 and have three sons, Reese, Graham, and Colin. Therefore, his current hobbies include watching a lot of Little League, coaching basketball, etc. but he does find time for running and playing guitar. Jason currently serves on the Wellness Committee. He and his family enjoy the Mo-Ranch retreats and the many fellowship opportunities at FPC.



Janeen Lamkin grew up in Wichita, KS and was the baby of her family. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran church and attended its grade school, attended Wichita Heights High School, and eventually moved to Fort Worth in 1981 for a job at Champlin Petroleum. Janeen has her B.S. in Finance from TCU and recently retired after a long career at Walsh &

Watts, Inc. Janeen and Bill have been married for 34 years and were members of University Christian Church before they joined First Presbyterian Church in 2016. Janeen has served on the Stewardship Committee this past year and enjoys her other volunteer activities which have ranged from serving on the Boards of American Cancer Society, Kupferle Health Board, Cancer Care Services, Junior League of Fort Worth, Presbyterian Night Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, Jewel Charity Ball and The Women's Center of Tarrant County. Traveling and laughing with Bill, spending time with friends, TCU football, invitation design, reading and walking round out the rest of Janeen's free time.



Barbara Martin was born in Louisville, KY, grew up in Amarillo TX, graduated from Amarillo High School, and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. She has 2 children and 3 granddaughters. Husband Charlie died in 2017. As a member of First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo, Barbara

was ordained as an elder, served as a choir member and member of Congregational Care and Adult Christian Nurture committees. She and Charlie went on mission trips to Costa Rica and Belize. They moved to Fort Worth in 1999, joining First Presbyterian Church. She has served on Session and on Congregational Care, Nominating, and Evangelism Committees.

In PW, she has served as Bible Department chair, Circle Bible leader, and on the PW Search Committee. She sings in the Fellowship Choir, serves on the communion preparation team, is an usher, and is a member of the 76109 Care Team. She and Charlie traveled with mission teams to Cuba and India.



Tim McKinney is from Fort Worth, attended Arlington Heights High School and graduated from TCU. He became a member of FPC in 1972. Ann and Tim were married in 1972 and have two adult children. Tim is an ordained elder and has served as an elementary Sunday School teacher, an usher, chair of the Finance Committee and a member

of the Board of Trustees. Tim and Ann were two of the co-chairs of the Generation to Generation Capital Campaign. He was also the president of the founding board of directors of the James L. West Center. Tim served in the USAF from 1966-1971 and was

awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He enjoyed a 36-year career in banking and was President of the Fort Worth Region of Bank of America. Tim then served as President and CEO of United Way of Tarrant County for ten years. Current and past community involvement includes board memberships in: Baylor All Saints Hospital, BRIT, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Museum of Science and History, Performing Arts Fort Worth, Fort Worth Symphony, Trustee of the Van Cliburn Foundation and the TCU Chancellor's Advisory Council. He enjoys travel, reading, watercoloring, gardening and classical music.



Dan Moore moved from San Antonio to Fort Worth in 1978 to follow his first career of Insurance Management. Soon after arriving, Dan and his wife Donna joined First Presbyterian Church and Dan was placed on the Congregational Care Committee. The same year he joined some men from his Sunday School Class

for breakfast. Three from the original group with some additions are still meeting. Since that time he has served on most committees, and Trustees, of the Church. He also participates in the current monthly Men's Breakfast. Dan has been on several Mission trips and has worked on Habitat for Humanity homes. He retired from his second career of Real Estate to enjoy organizing men's fishing trips to Rockport, TX, traveling with Donna and doing volunteer work. He helped with the renovation of Community Crossroads and now sacks groceries there, has provided financial mentoring through United Way, sits on the Fort Worth Commercial Board of Adjustment, sits on the Board of a Haitian Hospital non-profit and previously was on the Board for Cruising for the Cure (to benefit discovery and research of prostate cancer). He also enjoys visiting with his son and daughter-in-law in Florida and his daughter's family in Bastrop, Texas. During his spare time, he enjoys reading, a little writing, playing with wood projects and working outside.



Marcus Newman grew up in Fort Worth and graduated from Arlington Heights HS. After serving eight years in the US Army, he attended and graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering. He returned to Fort Worth and worked for Lockheed Martin doing airframe design for the next 37 years,

retiring in 2016. Marcus and his wife, Martha, were members of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bedford for almost 20 years while raising their 3 children. At Emmanuel, Marcus served as a Trustee and on the Personnel Committee. Since joining FPC in 2008, Marcus has been involved with WOW, Habitat for Humanity, the Refugee Family Welcome Team, Room in the Inn, is currently on the Finance Committee and is active in the Men's Breakfast Group. He participated in FPC's first JustFaith group, and co-facilitated the 3rd group in 2017. That experience lead him to involvement with The Sons of Abraham and the Multi-Cultural Alliance. He is currently serving on the board of Tarrant Churches Together and is active in FPC's Disrupting Racism Group. He enjoys reading, travel and spending time with his granddaughters.



Anne Norris was born in Aurora CO, and grew up in Indiana where she attended high school, college, and law school. Anne and her husband David have been married for 34 years. They joined FPC in 2016 shortly after moving to Fort Worth and are both active in choir and the Boomers Sunday class. Anne has served for the

past year on the FPC Children's Committee and is a member of an FPC ladies small group. Anne studied French and Spanish before law school, and has served as a speaker and translator for a number of service programs and retreats in Mexico and South America. She was ordained as an Elder at Zionsville Presbyterian Church in Indiana in 2015, where she also led the hospital team and taught VBS from time to time. Anne is currently the Director of Policy in the Global Integrity & Compliance group at Alcon. She previously worked in legal and compliance roles in the pharmaceutical industry in Indianapolis and Chicago. Anne enjoys gardening, music, art, reading, traveling, and taking long walks. Anne and David have two adult children.



Jeffrey Stark was born in Chillicothe, OH and moved to College Station, TX in the second grade. After graduating from A&M Consolidated High School in College Station, he attended Texas A&M University where he met his wife, Marcella, and earned degrees in Psychology and Educational Technology. Jeff and his family moved to Fort

Worth when his wife accepted a faculty position at TCU in 2012. They joined First Presbyterian Church - Fort Worth that same year. He is a member of the Fellowship Choir, a song leader on Jazz Sundays at the 9 a.m. service, a member of Communication Committee and the Growing Families of Faith Church School class. Jeff is currently a computer lab manager at TCU and enjoys music and the outdoors. Jeff and Marcella have two daughters, eighteen year old Amy and fifteen year old Lauren.



Karen Steffler was born in Tulsa, OK. After attending Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Karen attended University of Texas at Arlington. She was a member of FPC originally from 1969-1977, then came back to us in 1988. She has served on Session twice before, and has also been a member of Worship & Music, Property, Mission, PW Fellowship, and the

Sanctuary Remodeling Committee (1995). She has served as a children's, youth and adult church school teacher, a Youth Mission trip leader, a VBS leader and a Maranatha Sunday School Class officer. She is married to Scott Steffler and has two grown children, Ashley and Abbie. In her free time, Karen enjoys travel, exercise, gardening, entertaining and Interior Design, which is her career. She is a licensed Interior Designer and has held such positions at several companies.



Liz Nelson Stepp was born in Boston, MA but was raised in Texas. She and her husband Jay lived in Arlington for 30 years where daughter Elisa grew up. In 2013, they moved to downtown Fort Worth. Liz holds a BS in Accounting from UTD and an MIS concentration from Keller Graduate School of Management, along with a Masters of

Liberal Arts from SMU. She has practiced accounting and business

information systems in corporate and educational environments such as Gillette Co, Bank of America, InteCom, DeVry University, and Keller Graduate School of Management. Liz and Jay have been members of FPC since 2011, where she has served on the Communications Committee, as a Presbyterian Women Circle Chair, and most recently as Presbyterian Women Treasurer. She has served the nonprofit sector as President of the American Association of University Women-Tarrant County, and Board Secretary for AAUW State of Texas. In her spare time, Liz enjoys downtown living, reading and writing, serving her community, and being 'Gigi' to her two grandsons.



Mike Turner grew up in a military family and came to Texas, graduated from A&M, and settled in as a life-long Fort Worthian in the 1980's, soon thereafter starting his home contracting company, Turner Builders, Inc. Mike's civic duties include: serving on the Southside Historic Preservation Board, the YWCA Building Committee, and contributing extensively to Habitat for Humanity (board service

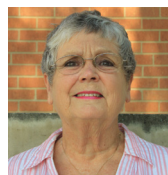
as member, officer, president, as well as a routine HFH build volunteer). Church-wise, Mike joined FPC in 1992, and has often applied his building/business knowledge to various projects including serving as a Building Committee member (Great Hall, youth wing, columbarium, labyrinth) and sitting on several committees (Finance, Property, Personnel). Mike's heart for mission led him to related roles: Mission Committee member and chair; Strategic Planning Committee member; and HFH Task Force. Mike has also served as an usher, been ordained a Stephen Minister, participated in Agape and SYS Sunday School classes, and chaperoned a youth ski trip. Mike has two adult sons and a daughter-in-law. In his spare time (pause for laughter) he loves boating, wake-boarding, wake-surfing, snow-skiing, and travel. Around the Fort, he loves woodworking, especially with mesquite, and caring for his sweet old black Labrador who routinely graces the cover of Lab Monthly (so Mike says). Having served as an elder (ordained in 1997) in two classes (1999 and 2008), Mike looks forward to returning to the session, serving in any capacity, and also making session and committee meetings run on time (another favorite pastime).

Nominating Committee At-Large



Audrey Ballew was born in Bellville, IL. The daughter of an Air Force servicemember, she lived in both Germany and various locations in the United States as a child. After attending high school in Palestine, Texas, Audrey attended University of Texas at Tyler, where she met her husband, Bryan. The two married in 2008,

joined First Presbyterian Church in 2012, and have two children, Eleanor, age 5 and Lochlan, age 2. Audrey has served on the Children's Christian Nurture Committee, PW co-chair for the Ester Circle, and as both the Early Education Center Auxiliary President and on the advisory board. She enjoys baking, traveling, and yoga.



Sue Barham grew up in Tulsa, OK and graduated from Will Rogers High School. She received a BSE from the University of Arkansas and an MSE from Texas College of Arts and Industries. After marrying in 1963, Sue and husband Andy were charter

members of three small Presbyterian churches in Oklahoma and Texas. The first, Seabrook Presbyterian, ordained Sue as an elder in 1970. After joining FPC in 1988, Sue served on Evangelism, Christian Education and Congregational Care Committees and was active in Kids Connection, Stephen Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, and Care Team leadership. Currently, she serves on the History Committee, at Community Crossroads, Room in the Inn, and is Prayer Guide for the Miriam Circle of PW. Particularly enjoyable to her are memberships in the Evergreen Prayer Group, Fellowship Choir, and teaching the YOMAC class at Trinity Terrace. Owner and office manager of Assured Staffing Resources for 18 years, Sue was glad to retire in 2004 so she and Andy could travel to Angel Fire, NM and to Charleston, WV to visit daughter Stacy and family.



Barbara (Barbie) Clemons grew up in Fort Worth and graduated from Paschal High School. She attended the University of Arkansas and graduated from TCU with a degree in Elementary Education. Barbie taught in the Fort Worth ISD, Key School and Reading Friends. She is married to Leland

Clemons, and has four sons, six grandchildren (and one due in January). Barbie grew up at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church and was also a member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church. She joined FPC in 1981, left briefly in 2006 and returned in 2013. She has served on the Fellowship Committee, Kids Hope at De Zavala Elementary, has been a Sunday morning greeter, and been part of Presbyterian Women's circles. She is on the board of the Fort Worth Lecture Foundation, a member of the Fort Worth Garden Club, and a past member of the Fort Worth Junior League. Barbie enjoys reading, music, cooking, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.



Shannon Kizer was born in Dublin, Ireland but attended Midland Lee High School in Midland, TX and graduated from Texas Christian University with a Finance degree. She and her husband, Jay, joined FPC in 1986. She has served as a youth group leader, volunteered at VBS, and participated

in Presbyterian Women, Agape and SYS Church School classes, and served on the Stewardship Committee and with the Trustees. She has served on various PTAs and sports clubs through Tanglewood Elementary and Trinity Valley School when her children were in school, as well as on the Junior League. Shannon enjoys tennis, travel, Mahjong, and spending time in the Colorado mountains.



Nancy O'Malley was born in Dallas, and was raised in the First Presbyterian Church of Richardson. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at UT in Austin and a Master of Journalism degree at the University of North Texas. Since joining FPC Fort Worth in 1981, she has served as a Sunday School teacher, youth

sponsor, member of the Spiritual Formation committee, and chair of the Congregational Care and Worship & Music committees. She was first ordained an elder in 1989 and served again in the Class of 2007. Nancy also served on the pastor nominating committees that called Dana Jones, Michael Waschevski and Amy Parker to our congregation. Nancy plays the flute at Taize and other worship services, is a member of the Boomer Sunday School Class and traveled to Haiti and Cuba on mission trips. She currently helps at the Listening Post at Community Crossroads. She is married to Patrick, has two sons Kevan and Connor who were raised in the church, and has two grandsons, Alex and Calvin.



Melinda Van't Slot grew up in Fort Worth, attended Arlington Heights High School, and graduated from TCU. She has been a member of FPC since 1996. A mother of three adult children, she married Peter in 1999 and moved to Arlington where they co-chair the Arlington/Mansfield

Care Team. Melinda is an ordained elder, a past Stephen Minister and Stephen Ministry leader. She is active in Presbyterian Women and has served as Vice Moderator, Program Chair, PW-YWCA liaison, Circle Chair, and Circle Bible Leader. She has served on Stewardship, Congregational Care, and Evangelism Committees, and has been co-chair of the Children's Christian Nurture Committee. She is a Baptism Coordinator, has taught 5th grade I Know My Bible for 13 years, and has been a Confirmation mentor numerous times. Melinda and Peter have been on two mission trips to Honduras and a youth mission trip to Taos. After retiring as an elementary school teacher, she enjoys traveling, reading, baking, line dancing, walking, and especially spending time with her six grandchildren.

FPC Represented at Churchwide PW Gathering

Carol Adcock, Co-Chair for Bible, and Barbara Reece, PW Moderator, attended the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, Kentucky, from August 2-5, representing FPC Presbyterian Women. While in attendance, they met with and listened to this year's Bible Study author, Amy Poling Sutherland. The topic for this year's study is, "God's Promise: I Am With You." They also heard the next two Bible Study authors: Eugenia Gamble writing on the Ten Commandments offered during 2019-20, and Lynn Miller whose 2021-21 study is titled, "To You They Cried: Reclaiming Lament." All three studies promise to be inspirational and thought provoking.

This was a first time attendance for both Carol and Barbara. They were inspired and energized by the various speakers and workshops offered during the Gathering, and are ready for an exciting 2018-19 PW year!



Introducing Chris Bartley, Discipleship Coordinator

We are excited to announce that Chris Bartley will join the church staff on Tuesday, September 4 as our new Discipleship Coordinator. As Discipleship Coordinator, Chris will serve as staff resource to the Evangelism Committee, welcome and shepherd visitors, prospective members, and new members into the full life and ministry of the congregation and encourage and support all of our members and friends in the living out of their Christian discipleship.

Chris has been a member of First Presbyterian since 2010. An ordained elder, Chris has been very involved in Stephen Ministry, 8 a.m. worship, and a variety of mission ministries. He has also volunteered in the community as an ESL instructor for many years. This fall Chris completes a Certificate in Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

CALENDAR

Below are a few highlighted events in September.

More at fpcf.org/calendar.

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 9 a.m. Worship in Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Church School
- 11 a.m. Worship in Great Hall

WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 5:30 p.m. Worship On Wednesdays (+ dinner, classes) at Community Crossroads
- 6 p.m. Fellowship Choir rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Grace Notes rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- All Day All Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- All Day Church Closed for Labor Day

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- All Day Youth Music Retreat

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- All Day 2nd Sunday: Shoes on Sunday
- 10 a.m. Adult Church School Classes Begin
- 11:20 a.m. WHAM (Worship, Handbells, Arts, Music) Begins
- 12:05 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. All Church Brunch
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Fall Schedule Begins

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 7:15 a.m. Team FPC @ Heroes for Hope Run

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- All Day 3rd Sunday: Peanut Butter Sunday
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsals Begin
- 6 p.m. Middle School Bells rehearsals begin
- 6:30 p.m. Taize Wholeness & Healing Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 10:30 a.m. PW Tuesday Together @ Community Crossroads

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 7 a.m. Men's Ministry Breakfast

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6 p.m. Mission Outreach Volunteer Dinner

JOYS & CONCERNS

Following are the joys and concerns shared as of August 23, 2018 (due to printing deadlines). To respect the privacy of those listed, names are included only when the individuals grant their permission.

Our loving sympathy to...

Family and friends of **Tom Baines**, who died August 17.

Surviving FPC family: wife, **Charlotte Baines**.

Family and friends of **Jacquitta White**, who died August 3.

C. B. and Lauren Team on the death of his father, C. B. Team III, on July 21. Other surviving family: grandson, Charlie Team.

Bill and Michelle Goodwin on the death of his mother, Helen Goodwin, on July 19 in Kilgore. Other surviving family: granddaughter, **Natalie Goodwin**.

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Brent McCartney, Jerry Brownlee, David Nation, Paula Robertson, and Judy Gasch, who are recovering from surgery or injury. **Roger Parsons, Jane Watson, Rush Hart, Marilyn Wilson, Vera Kendall, Phyllis Propes, Emma Coley, Marjorie Lewis, Corinna Nation, Lisa Shiner, Marge Shiner, Elizabeth Bean, Frances Blake, Nancy Nelson, and Dalia Scott**, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment.

Our caring prayers for extended family include...

Bill Neil (brother of **Marilyn Love**), Janet Laminack (cousin of **Julie Sphar** and **Vance Laminack**), John DeMore (son-in-law of **June Sprott**), Lisa Koenig (niece of **Clark Williams**), Kathy Kline (**Maxine Kruse's** daughter), Marty Kinard (**Larry and Bettye Kinard's** daughter-in-law), and Susan Chenault (**Frances Chenault's** daughter).

Prayers for peace in our world, for the safety of Nathan Gunter (**Russell and Vivian Norment's** nephew) who is stationed in Korea. Also for the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar**, who is serving in the US Navy; Diego is the son of **Becky and Rene Saldivar**.

Our congratulations and best wishes to...

Michael and **Emily Boydston** on the birth of a son, Cameron Greer Boydston, on August 18.

Andrew and Becky Schmid on the birth of daughter, Margaret Louise Schmid, on August 17. Margaret joins big brother William and big sister Anna. Proud grandparents are **Bill and Claire Schmid**.

Sean and Mary Elizabeth Austin on the birth of a son, Joseph Delaney Austin, on August 15, 2018. Joseph joins big brother Henry.

Cheever and Anna Farley on the birth of a son, James Cheever Farley IV, on August 7.

Kyle and Laura Lester on the birth of a son, Logan Alexander Lester, on July 19.

Save the Date!

Mission Volunteer Dinner

Mission Outreach Volunteers - join us for a celebration of your work in our church and throughout the local and international community. We'll meet at the Great Hall "Malt Shop" at 6 p.m. on September 27. Watch for more details and please plan to be a part of this celebration.



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Beacons Quarterly Potluck: September 26

The next Beacons' Quarterly Potluck dinner will be on Wednesday, September 26, at 5 p.m. in the Gym. The program will be a Beacons' Antique Roadshow, led by Judy Mollet, the owner of Transitions, Estate Sales, & Appraisals. Judy is the lady who led the very popular roadshow for us several years ago, and our

Executive Committee is excited to bring her back. Please bring your antique treasures and their stories, and Judy will provide estimates of what they are worth. The church will provide the meat dish; so please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. We look forward to you joining us for a fun evening.

Community Crossroads Renovation Update



Pictured, left to right: Dori Davis (Director of Community Crossroads); John Melcher, Ann Hyun, Martha Brooks, Mike Turner, Karl Travis (staff), Ralph Reece, and Jamie Downing. Not pictured: John Stevenson, Bill Gordon, and Robyn Michalove, staff.

Last summer the church began to examine the need to renovate, and possibly expand, our Community Crossroads ministry building. Community Crossroads currently provides a venue for five ministries – First Hand food and clothing distribution, a dental clinic, formula and diapers (FAD), and Worship on Wednesdays (WOW). In addition to setting funds aside in the 2018 budget, the church chartered two groups to look into possible changes to the building.

The Mission Outreach Committee established a sub-committee to assess and prioritize the current and future ministries housed at Community Crossroads (CC). They considered values, community engagement, and theological goals of the various ministries. This sub-committee considered the needs and views of the stake-holders -- church staff, volunteers, community members using the ministries, and other agencies who set up services at Community Crossroads.

Read the rest of the article at

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