

THE Penn Street LETTER

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cultivating roots, bearing endless fruit



The Stewardship Campaign for 2020 is underway at First Pres. The Stewardship Committee has been working diligently to prepare an informative brochure that will be mailed out to members the week of September 30. Watch for it in your mailbox! The theme this year is "cultivating roots...bearing endless fruit" and the scripture passage is from Jeremiah 17.8, "They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots...and it does not cease to bear fruit."

Pledge cards for adults and children will be mailed out the week of October 14. You may also make your pledge online on our website at fpcfw.org/give.

You will be hearing from selected speakers about Stewardship and the discipline of pledging on Sunday, October 6.

Commitment Sunday is October 27 during all three worship services. Make plans to attend and be a part of our generous commitment to our church.

PENNStArts CONCERT SERIES RETURNS FOR 2019-20 SEASON

Arranged by Ahreum Han Congdon, Director of Music at FPC, the series of concerts will again feature local and national/international organists and performers.

The first in the series is a **Voice 4 Peace Concert**, featuring the University Singers of Southwestern Adventist University. This concert will recognize the International Day of Peace through intentional and collaborative community music making. We would love for you to participate in the mass choir! Please contact Ahreum Congdon for more information. The concert will be held on **Saturday, September 28 at 6 p.m.**

In October, a Solo Organ Recital will be offered by **Ahreum Han Congdon on Saturday, October 19 at 4 p.m.** This recital will give you a chance to listen to Ahreum outside of regular Sunday worship and also to visit with her and get to know her better. A reception will follow this concert at 5:30 p.m. on the West Concourse.

In November, we will have a Chamber Recital featuring **Kim's Quartet** with Liz Sellers and a flute, oboe, violin, cello, and piano quintet. The recital will be **Friday, November 8 at 7 p.m.** There will be a reception before the concert at 6 p.m. on the West Concourse.

Also in November, we will be treated to a **Family Night of Silent Film and Organ Music**. The film will be Peter Pan. The Silent Film Accompaniment Organist, Peter Krasinski will share some entertaining music from his repertoire. Dinner will accompany this performance at 5:45 p.m. in the Great Hall. The dinner is free but reservations are required. This concert is being co-sponsored by FPC and the Fort Worth American Guild of Organists. Concert date is **Friday, November 22 at 7 p.m.** All age groups are invited.

Advent Afternoon Organ Concerts return during December. They will be held immediately following the Noon Advent service in the Sanctuary, on **Wednesday, December 4, 11, and 18 at 12:30 p.m.** Featured organists are Bryan Anderson from Houston, TX. on December 4, Sunny Yoo from Killeen, TX, on December 11 and Joseph Arndt from Tulsa, OK, on December 18. A light lunch will be served after each concert on the West Concourse. Come listen to great organ music and stay for lunch to chat with the performers.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news," Mister Rogers once remembered, "my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" What an important lesson. Look for the helpers. It is advice we need to take to heart in this day and age. On another occasion, Mister Rogers said this: "Whether we're a preschooler or a young teen, a graduating college senior or a retired person, we human beings all want to know that we're acceptable, that our being alive somehow makes a difference in the lives of others."

On Sunday October 6, our youth and families are invited to be helpers by participating in a Meal Packing Mission Project with "Kids Against Hunger." Our goal is to pack 28,000 meals for hungry people around the world. We will need a small group of individuals to help us unload a trailer and set-up at 2 p.m. in the Gym (let me know if you're interested in helping), and the event officially begins at 3 p.m. in the Youth Center. It's an assembly line style mission project, which is really a lot of fun! We will play fast music and work hard! After packing all the meals and cleaning up, we'll have a pizza dinner to celebrate. All in all, we should finish around 7 p.m. As you can probably tell, this mission project is a well-oiled machine... once the youth and families learn the drill, they'll set their cell phones aside and start packing ingredients and sealing up meals and refilling rice bins and organizing meals in boxes – and as speed picks up, they'll pack a ton of meals! (Literally, there will be a "ton" of rice that we'll be packing into these meals!)

You know, the media tends to report discouraging stories about young people today. As loneliness and despair spreads in our culture, we certainly do need to listen and pay attention to these stories. At the same time, we need to remember the good stories too. So, on October 6, I want you to look for the helpers – specifically, a large group of young people who will be working together to do something good and make a real and positive impact in this world by helping people in need.

Hope you will take a moment to think of any middle and high school students that you know and invite them to pack some meals at our Meal Packing Mission Project. It is a great way to meet some new friends and see what we're all about in the FPC Youth program—making a difference as we seek to follow Jesus Christ together.

Keep on keeping on,

P.S. See page 5 of this newsletter for the whole schedule for our "Youth Meal Packing Mission Project" on Sunday, October 6... spread the word.

Highlights from the September Stated Session Meeting

- Began with an opening devotion and prayer led by elder Karen Steffler
- Approved 40% of the Peace and Global Witness Offering to be designated for Art Station at Community Crossroads
- Heard reports from the Clerk and the Pastors
- Heard a Committee Education and Interpretation Report from the Property Committee chair, elder Randall Johnson
- Heard an update from the Susan Beaumont Task Force from elder John Mitchell
- Received an update from the Stewardship Committee co-chairs elders Janeen Lampkin and Aaron Michalove
- Approved a Circles of Christ Covenant Partnership with Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (Fort Worth)

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the NOVEMBER issue of the Penn Street Letter are due **Wednesday, October 16**. 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@fpcf.org or bring by the church office.

FOLLOW US

Do you follow First Presbyterian on social media? If not, find us on the following sites and follow along for photos, reminders, encouragement, and more.



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ALL CHURCH BRUNCH

World Communion Sunday, October 6

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring an all-church brunch in celebration of World Communion Sunday October 6. The menu will include Asian beef stir-fry, fried rice and dessert. Seatings will be at 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the Great Hall.

The cost is \$7 per person or a maximum of \$25 per family. Visitors and new members eat for free. Please mark your calendars and join us for this time of fellowship!

PENNSt Arts

A **Christmas and Carols Concert** will be held on **Thursday, December 19 at 7 p.m.** The performers will be the Azle High School Choir, conducted by our own J. Brent McCartney.

In January, we will have a concert (rescheduled from the Fall) by **David LaMotte**, an award-winning songwriter, speaker, author, performer, and activist. David's style is contemporary jazz and folk music, with unusual lyrics and tunings. Date and time are still to be determined.

February brings two very special concerts. The first will be the world renowned **Nordic Choir** on **Monday, February 3 at 7 p.m.** The Nordic Choir is one of the premier collegiate choral ensembles in the United States.

The second concert will feature all of FPC's music groups and ensembles. It is entitled **FPC Music Ensemble Concert**. The concert includes the Fellowship Adult Choir, the Chancel Choir, Youth Choirs, Youth Handbell Choir and much more! The date is **Sunday, February 23 at 3 p.m.** You don't want to miss this one!

In March, during the Season of Lent, we will once again have **Afternoon Organ Concerts** immediately following the Noon Lent services. The dates and featured organists are: Yunjung Lee from Dallas, TX, on March 4, Samuel Gaskin from San Antonio, TX, on March 11, Devon Howard from Keene, TX on March 18, Brent McCartney & Tim Sphar on March 25 and Dalaie Choi from Wilmington, DE, on April 1. A light lunch will follow each concert at 1 p.m. on the West Concourse.

April's concert will be a **Duo Organ Recital** featuring European organists Simon Menges & Eun-Hye Lee on **Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m.** This concert is also co-sponsored by the Fort Worth American Guild of Organists. There will be a reception before the concert at 6 p.m. on the West Concourse.

Finally, make a note that the next **Penn Street Arts Festival** will be held in the Spring of 2021. Date and time to be announced, but start planning your artwork now!

All concerts will be held in the FPC Sanctuary. Childcare will be available for many of the evening concerts this season. Advanced Reservations are required. You may contact Alyssa Martin to sign up at 817.335.1231 or email at amartin@fpcf.w.org.

Look for more details about each concert as the date approaches. You will receive email reminders, and flyers will be posted around the church building and printed in the bulletin.



FPC 1970S YOUTH GROUP REUNION

This past weekend the FPC Youth groups from the 1970s came together for our 5th annual reunion weekend. We have been reuniting for food, fun and fellowship once a year since 2015. Members have come back from Kansas City, Bentonville, Austin, Odessa, Houston, Big Spring, and even Minnesota.

This year the weekend began with a Friday night dinner at Angelo's Barbeque, a favorite from back in the day. Saturday night we enjoyed drinks and dinner at Pinstripes Bistro, Bowling and Bocce at Clearfork. After dinner, one group hit the bowling lanes, while another group tried their hand at Bocce Ball. It was a very fun (and competitive) evening.

On Sunday morning, we all met up in the narthex where we were able to visit with many old friends and some of our parents' friends! Then, we sat together at the 11 a.m. worship service. Many in the group had not seen the renovated narthex and sanctuary and were very impressed with both. Afterwards, we gathered for lunch and were very pleased to be joined by Betsy Johnson Pence. Betsy was our Youth Pastor and leader back then, before she was even married.

The weekend conversation was full of great memories of past events like Prairie Valley summer camp, Mo Ranch retreats, youth dinners in Hickman Hall, lock-ins, drive-in movies, vocational trips to Austin College, and sitting in the balcony on Sunday mornings. There were other memories of getting in trouble with Betsy, Floyd Kinser, youth sponsors, etc!

Because many of us attended different high schools (Paschal, Southwest, Arlington Heights, Eastern Hills, Trinity Valley), we all commented on the strong bonds that were formed in our youth group days, how much FPC still means to us, and how good it is to stay in touch with each other.

Those that attended this year were: Burch Waldron, Kathryn Ritts Breitbarth, John Gilbert, Carol Boulware Smith, Cindy Boulware Presley, Hunt Armistead, David Harry, Clif Smith, Jay Garrison, Greg McCoy, Steve Harry, Glen Kinser, Webster Dean, Tina Pettit Phillips, and Nancy Settle Pine.

Those who could not attend this year were missed!



BE INSPIRED...

Below are some upcoming opportunities for being inspired into a life of discipleship through church events in the coming weeks.



Join Book People on Monday, October 14 for a discussion of *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. *The Paris Wife* is about Ernest Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley Richardson, and their life in Paris in the early 1920s. The challenges to their marriage and Hemingway's early career will make for a lively discussion.

At the Monday, November 11 meeting, the group will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

Book People meets from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in room 226. Church members and friends are always welcome. Please direct questions to Elizabeth Johnson Pense (ejpense@me.com).

BUSY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Busy Women's Bible Study meets on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 310. We will meet through the fall (ending November 20) and then resume in January. You're invited to come study the fascinating Book of Acts. There will be a little bit of homework, and a lot of fellowship and discussion in every meeting. Feel free to bring your lunch. Questions? Contact Lisa Waldron (817.239.3807) or Karen Steffler (817.313.5169)



The men of First Pres gather on the 3rd Thursday of each month, so mark your calendar now for October 17. They meet in the Great Hall at 7 a.m. for breakfast (\$5 per person), intentional conversation, and prayer with other FPC men. You'll find connection here! For reservations (not required, but helpful for our chef) or more information, visit fpcf.org/men.



Team FPC's Next Race: October 19

Join TEAM FPC for our next race, A Race Against Bullying and Hazing, on October 19 starting at 10 a.m. Join us as we rally around our students, families, and our community to raise the awareness of bullying and hazing. This race benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters and is sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The race will be held in Trinity Park and assemble at the Police and Fire Memorial on 7th Street. The race is a 5K course, however, we will have a 1 Mile option for our team. You will register for the 5K team and we'll work out the details to walk one mile.

As with our other races, FPC will pay for the races of children 17 and under. Please see us at the race table outside the Great Hall on Sundays through October 13 to pick up information on registration or arrange for children's participation. Registration information will also be on fpcf.org and our Facebook page.



The annual tradition of the Boomers Fall Fiesta is here again! Boomer-age members and friends of FPC are invited to enjoy an evening of conversation and great food at one of Fort Worth's favorite spots, Joe T Garcia's. Cost is just \$12 per person with a cash bar! Please RSVP at www.fpcf.org/boomers by Monday, October 14.

ENGAGE THE WORLD...

Below are a few ways you are invited to serve others through First Presbyterian Church mission and outreach efforts in the coming weeks.

Circles of Christ partnership with Mount Moriah: First Joint Event, October 4

On Sunday, September 15, Session approved the partnership covenant between Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church.

The two congregations began meeting in April 2019 for a series of community conversations around racism and implicit bias in partnership with the City of Fort Worth. The dialogues created connections, and a steering committee from the two churches was formed to formalize and organize our partnership.

"Circles of Christ" is the name of the partnership, highlighting our unity in Christ, even though we may have identities in a variety of circles within our overall unity. The purpose of the partnership is to amplify our love of God and our love of neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40) through a shared partnership of worship, service, fellowship and education. The hope is that through this partnership we will build and maintain mutual relationships that strengthen our faith and witness to our community the love, peace, reconciliation, and justice of our Lord. The congregations partner together both by inviting one another to share in existing ministries of our congregations and through new engagements specifically designed to enhance and deepen our dialogue about racial injustices and shared solidarity.

Our first joint event is to travel together to the 10th Annual Tarrant County Harambee Festival (<http://tarrantcountyharambee.com>) on Friday evening, October 4, in Evans Avenue Plaza, sponsored by the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society. The event is from 6 - 10 p.m. and the theme is "Seafood, Chicken and Blues Fest" featuring some great local Blues music, good food, and art.

We will have Circles of Christ T-shirts for the first 50 folks who RSVP with their name and T-shirt size to Deneice Allen at FPC (dallen@fpcfw.org) by Friday, September 27. Also, if you need a ride on the FPC bus, we have 14 available seats so please reserve yours as soon as possible, also to Deneice. Please plan to meet at 5:45 at in the First Pres parking lot (1000 Penn St.); the bus will leave at 6 p.m. and return at 9 p.m. Others can carpool and caravan in their cars if the bus is full.

There should be plenty of seating at the festival, but please feel free to bring your own chairs too. Food will be available from purchasing it from vendors at the festival; however, if you have special dietary needs, you can bring a small cooler.



Youth Meal Packing Mission Project: Sunday, October 6 (World Communion Sunday)

All youth and their families & friends are invited to join the FPC Youth Group for this special mission project to fight against world hunger! Our goal is to pack over 28,000 meals for children who are hungry around the world! See schedule below, and be there! It's a fun way to earn service hours too. Also, younger elementary-aged siblings are welcome to attend as long as a parent is present for supervision.

- 2 p.m. Set-up and unload trailer (small group needed, contact Josh)
- 3 p.m. Event Begins (Youth Center)
- 3:30 p.m. Pack Meals (Gym) in 2.5 Hours!
- 6 p.m. Clean-Up
- 6:30 p.m. Pizza Dinner (served after clean-up)
- 7 p.m. Event Ends, Parent Pick-Up

Let's make a difference, together!

Questions? Contact Josh Stewart, Associate Pastor for Youth, (817.335.1231 ext. 251, josh@fpcfw.org)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CARE TEAM NETWORK

Care Teams extend the FPC community from Penn Street to your neighborhood and homes, acting as a bridge between church members who need care and church members who want to care for others. This network of FPC neighbors provides practical, emotional, and social support to those who have either long-term or short-term needs for care. They offer help with transportation, meals, visits, friendly phone calls, or cards. First Presbyterian Church has been blessed since 2002 to have the help of Care Teams in most neighborhoods surrounding the church and continues to grow as the congregation expands throughout the DFW area. Church members in need are not only identified by the Parish Visitors and the Pastors, but also church members and the Care Teams themselves. Being such a large congregation can sometimes make it hard for church members to ask for or accept help, but with the help of a friendly Care Team neighbor, asking and accepting seems more comfortable, personable, and manageable. It can also be a struggle for a large church to be aware of all the care concerns within the congregation. By dividing by zip code, these concerns are more easily identified and supported.

The Care Team model is flexible and tailored to the needs of each neighborhood group. Meeting times vary with some groups meeting monthly for one hour and others meeting quarterly with a pot-luck meal. Some individuals may not even meet in person but may instead prefer to stay connected with the group through emails and services they can provide. Team members participate as they can, doing what they are most comfortable doing or what they enjoy most. All levels of participation are welcome!

Jennifer Pettey says, "As a Parish Visitor, it is a joy for me to watch our Care Teams gather in action. Members share a lot of laughter and fun, develop deep friendships, and have the opportunity to share in the care of our church family." Care Team meetings open with prayer, share joys and concerns, coordinate the upcoming needs for their neighbors for the month, and enjoy fellowship with one another. The coordinator will follow up with the church staff with new developments and updates.

For areas with no Care Team, a Mobile Care Team is utilized, which is made up of members who are willing to assist beyond their own Care Team area. We are excited that two new Care Teams will be forming this fall, the North/Northeast Care Team and the West/Parker County Care Team.

On November 14 we will be celebrating our Care Team volunteers who so generously give their time and talents through our annual Care Team Appreciation Dinner. It is a time of fellowship and a time to hear what other Care Teams are doing. If you are interested in becoming a new member of a Care Team, please feel free to come to our dinner. RSVP information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

For more information, or to join the Care Team in your area, please call the contact person for your area (listed at right), or Jennifer Pettey, Parish Visitor at 817.335.1231.

FPC CARE TEAMS

- **Arlington/Mansfield** (76001, 76002, 76006, 76010, 76011, 76012, 76013, 76014, 76015, 76016, 76017, 76018, 76060, 76063) Contact: Barbara Reece, 817.453.1066 or Melinda Van't Slot, 817.275.8736
- **Southwest** (76123, 76126, 76132, 76133, 76036) Contact: Pat Gordon, 817.292.6039
- **East** (76103, 76105, 76111, 76112, 76117, 76118, 76120) Contact: Lynn Montgomery, 817.446.8302 or Glen & Betsy Pense, 817.457.4258
- **76107, 76114** Contact: Susan Wheeler, 405.609.9846 or Kay Clinkscale, 817.738.3878
- **76109** Contact: Marion Lester, 817.923.0097
- **76116** Contact: Ed Harry, 817.377.1802

Beginning in the Fall:

- **North/Northeast** (76034, 76052, 76092, 76177, 76178, 76248, 76137, 76262, 76148, 76244) Contact: Pam Grossman, 949.212.3256
- **West/Parker County** (76008, 76085, 76086, 76087, 76020, 76108) Contact: Becky Jenkins, 817.705.3019

Care Team Appreciation Dinner

*In appreciation of your volunteerism and care for your neighbor,
please join us for a feast and fellowship with all our wonderful Care Teams!*

Thursday, November 14th, 6-8 p.m. in the Great Hall

*RSVP by November 7 to Celeste: 817.335.1231 or cfalter@fpcfw.org
Hosted by the Congregational Care Committee*

JOYS & CONCERNS

Following are the joys and concerns shared as of September 19, 2019. 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 **Anne Simon**, who died September 10.

Family and friends of **Marge Shiner**, who died September 14.

Survivors include FPC member **Lisa Shiner**.

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Jay Dickson, Mary Farmer, Diane Satterlee, Jaci Travis, Brent Comstock, Bob Wilson, Jerry Brownlee, David Nation, Paula Robertson, and Judy Gasch, who are recovering from surgery or injury.

Frank Stewart, Bob Gorham, Karl Travis, Rush Hart, Marilyn Wilson, Vera Kendall, Phyllis Propes, Emma Coley, Corinna Nation, Lisa Shiner, Elizabeth Bean, and Frances Blake, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment.

Our caring prayers for extended family include...

Lynn Prater (daughter of **Harlene Satterfield**); 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 **Wanda Williams**), Kathy Kline (**Maxine Kruse's** daughter), 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**. And for the safety of **Thomas Shelby**, who is serving in the US Navy, deployed in Japan. Thomas is the son of **Ellen Buck** and the grandson of **Vance and Donna Laminack**.

Prayers for Cindy Corell, our mission co-worker in Haiti. Prayers for peace and resolution for political strife, unsafe conditions, and people unable to get food and basic necessities due to riots.

Our congratulations and best wishes to...

Sam and Addie Cunningham on the birth of William Michael Cunningham on August 26. Proud FPC grandparents are **Jim and Martha Cunningham**.



The FPC Chili Cookoff is back!

Sunday, November 3 in the Great Hall

11 a.m. and Noon Seatings



For details or to sign up:
FPCFW.ORG/CHILI



OCTOBER CALENDAR

*Below are a few highlighted events in October.
More at fpcfw.org/calendar.*

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9 a.m. Worship in Great Hall
10 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
4 p.m. Grief Group

MONDAYS IN OCTOBER

11:30 a.m. Busy Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS IN OCTOBER

5 p.m. Cooking Matters Cooking Class

WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER

9:30 a.m. Wellness: REFIT Class
5:30 p.m. Worship On Wednesdays (+ dinner, classes)
at Community Crossroads

FRIDAYS IN OCTOBER

9:30 a.m. Wellness: Yoga Stretch
10 a.m. Wellness: Beginning Tai Chi
10:30 a.m. Wellness: Tai Chi

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

6 p.m. Tarrant County Harambee Festival
with Circles of Christ partnership

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

10 a.m. First Connections Class
11 a.m. All Church Brunch
3 p.m. Youth Meal Packing Project

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

4 p.m. Grief Support Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

10 a.m. Book People

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:30 a.m. PW Tuesday Together

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

6 p.m. Boomers Fall Fiesta @ Joe T's

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

10 a.m. Team FPC Race

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:30 p.m. Taize Worship Service



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PW OCTOBER TUESDAY TOGETHER: MUSICAL JOURNEY WITH AHREUM HAN CONGDON

On Tuesday, October 15 all women are invited to Tuesday Together. Starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, FPC's own Ahreum Han Congdon will present our program, Musical Journey. Ahreum states, "I would like to share with Presbyterian Women about my personal, professional, and spiritual journey to be here at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth by telling the important facts about my life and how they helped me become a church and concert organist."

Organist Ahreum Han Congdon's imaginative, powerful, and extraordinary performances have thrilled audiences throughout the United States, Asia, and Europe. She appeared as a featured artist at the International Organ Festival in Arbon, Switzerland, Jack Singer Hall (Calgary, Canada), Michealskirche (Leipzig, Germany), Oxford Town Hall (Oxford, United Kingdom), Nottingham Albert Concert Hall (Nottingham, UK), and Esplanade Hall in Singapore.

Ahreum was a featured soloist at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists held in Nashville, Tennessee in 2012, at the Regional Convention of the AGO held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2017), New Haven, Connecticut (2015), Atlanta, Georgia (2007), and the Winter Conclave of the AGO held in Sarasota, Florida, (2010)

Since January 2018, Ahreum is the Director of Music and Organ-

ist at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas. She was on the organ faculty at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, and the College Organist at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. She has served as the Principal Organist and Artist-in-Residence at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa, the Principal Organist at First Presbyterian Church in West Chester, Pennsylvania, an organist at Marquand Chapel of Yale Divinity School, an organist at the Berkeley Divinity School of Yale University, and Organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Stamford, Connecticut. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in organ performance from Westminster Choir College, a Diploma from the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music, and a Master's degree from Yale School of Music and Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Her teachers include Ken Cowan, Alan Morrison, and Thomas Murray.

RSVP for this event with Celeste Falter in the church office (cfalter@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231, ext. 261). Lunch is \$7 per person.

