

THE Penn Street LETTER

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



Wellness Brunch and Blood Drive

Make plans now to stay after worship for brunch on Sunday, September 8! Seatings are at 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the Great Hall. The brunch is sponsored by the Wellness Committee, so it's free and no reservations are required. Menu: pulled pork sliders, roasted sweet potato fries with chipotle lime mayo, coleslaw, and oatmeal cookies.

Also, on Sunday, September 8, the Carter BloodCare Bus will be in the FPC parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a blood drive. Sign up for a donation time at ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/107197

Fall Adult Church School

Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning September 8.

Alpha & Omega (60s-70s): Room 241

Bible in Depth (all ages): Room 237

Boomers (50s-60s)/Journeys: Room 242

First Connections (new members/visitors): Parlor

Geneva (70s): Room 304

Growing Families of Faith: Room 236

Maj-Jo/Westminster (seniors): Room 310

Maranatha: Room 239

SYS (40s-50s): Room 305

YOMAC (seniors): Trinity Terrace

Young Adults: Room 234

Young Families: Room 230

First Connections Class

First Connections class offers an opportunity to learn about First Presbyterian Church. Class will meet on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Parlor (adjacent to the Chapel).

- September 8: "Get to Know FPC" Breakfast and Greeting by Pastoral Staff
- September 15: Presbyterian History and Theology
- September 22: Walking tour of campus
- September 29: History of FPC
- October 6: Spiritual Formation
- October 13: Community Outreach (bus tour of East Lancaster neighborhood & Community Crossroads)

Even if you have been at FPC for a while, please come and get to know our new members and visitors. Everyone is welcome! Call the church office (817.335.1231) to RSVP or email Chris Bartley (cbartley@fpcfw.org).

Team FPC @ Heroes for Hope

Team FPC will be back in action on September 14 for the Heroes for Hope 5K and 1M run/walks. This race benefits St. Jude's Research Hospital and Brother's Keepers, and is lots of fun with superheroes and princesses encouraging the participants, BBQ and other goodies, plus lots of activities. Once again, if you have children 17 and under, the Wellness Committee will pay their entry fee for this race. For information or to register, stop by the table outside the Great Hall after worship or contact Patty O'Brien in the church office (817.335.1231, ext. 223 or pobrien@fpcfw.org).

PW September Gathering

PW Tuesday Together, September 17: Join us as we delve into our new Bible study *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Our program "Jewish and Christian Perspectives on the Ten Commandments: How are they similar?

Where do they diverge?" will be presented by Robert A. Simon, a member of Beth El Congregation and former VP of Community Relations of the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth. Program at 10:30 in the Great Hall followed by lunch (\$7) at 12 noon. Please RSVP to Celeste (calter@fpcfw.org) by Monday, September 9.

Bring a Friend to Church

Spread the word! Sunday, September 22 is Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. Please remember to invite a friend, relative, neighbor, classmate or co-worker to join us at church that day. This is a great opportunity to open our doors to new friends and show them what FPC is all about. There will be a casual reception on the 3rd Floor Concourse between the 9 and 11 a.m. services. All are welcome to enjoy this time of hospitality and fellowship! Sponsored by the FPC Evangelism Committee.

Hold Me Tight:

A Workshop for Couples

Join licensed therapist Ashley Stafford on Sunday, September 29 from 4 - 6 p.m. in Room 236 for a workshop that introduces Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) which seeks to enhance, repair and enrich committed relationships. Based on the work of Dr. Sue Johnson's best-selling book, *Hold Me Tight*, this workshop is designed to deepen your emotional connection and increase attunement to partners' emotional responses and needs. Childcare available with advance registration. To register, call the church office (817.335.1231) or visit fpcfw.org.



PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

September is such a full month at First Presbyterian Church! Fall schedules are in full swing, with Church School for all ages beginning September 8, Bible Studies and small groups and Presbyterian Women's Circles meeting, Community Crossroads serving guests on a daily basis, Youth groups gathering, choirs and instrumental groups of all ages rehearsing weekly, and pastoral care quietly accompanying our members and friends. All of our ministries growing out of a deep sense of call to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. A call that is lifted up, challenged, inspired, and encouraged each week as we gather for worship on Penn Street and at WOW (Worship on Wednesdays at 1516 Hemphill.) God is good. All the time!

Your Session (elders and clergy) is faithfully living into their ordination vows as they lead and serve with "energy, intelligence, imagination, and love." God has gifted First Presbyterian with dedicated, faithful leaders. And God continues to provide for this community of faith with each new election of officers. As you read this edition of the Penn Street Letter, you will meet the nominees for new elders (and trustees), as well as Nominating Committee At Large members the Nominating Committee will be presenting to you for election on Sunday, September 8, following the 11 a.m. service.

Looking forward to an exciting fall of worship and ministry together, and to celebrating God's gifts of leadership for First Presbyterian.

God's peace,

Michael

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the OCTOBER issue of the Penn Street Letter are due **Wednesday, September 18**. 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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The Bible and Your Faith: Reading and Studying Scripture

First Presbyterian Church offers a variety of seminars, courses, workshops and small group experiences for reading and studying the Bible. From those who have never studied or read the Bible to those who have been reading and studying for years, opportunities exist for an ever growing and deepening encounter with scripture. In addition to on-going Church School classes, Presbyterian Women's Circles, and Men's Bible Study Groups, two opportunities this fall are described below. To register, visit fpcfw.org/bible. You may also register by phone with Celeste in the church office (817.335.1231, ext. 261).

Reading the Bible in 9 Months

Daily Bible readings enable participants to read through the entire Bible in 9 months. Led by Dr. Michael Waschevski, monthly gatherings of those committed to reading through the Bible enrich the individual experiences of scripture. The *Reading the Bible in 9 Months* reading plan begins on Sunday, September 8. Reading plans are available on the church's website at fpcfw.org/bible.

Bible in Depth

This popular course is offered twice a week (choose one) on Sunday mornings from 10-10.45 a.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 -11.45 a.m. Led by the Rev. Robyn Michalove (Sunday class) and Dr. Michael Waschevski (Wednesday class), a book of the Bible is studied verse by verse. Throughout the study participants grow in their understanding of scripture and its application to their daily life of faith. The fall session begins on Sunday, September 8, or Wednesday, September 11 with a study of Genesis.

If you have questions about studying the Bible, the courses described above, or would like more information on these and other study opportunities, feel free to contact Michael Waschevski in the church office (817.335.1231, ext. 229 or michaelw@fpcfw.org).

Nominees for Elder Class of 2022

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.



Don Axley (Elder) was born on March 14, 1948 in Arkansas City, KS. He was raised in Guthrie, OK through his senior year in High School. He then moved to Arlington, TX and attended Arlington State College. Don joined the US Army in February 1968. He served in Vietnam from August of 1968 until August of 1969, then finished his military duty at Fort Rucker, AL. He eventually went to work for General Dynamics in 1975. He married Susan Daniel in 1976 and adopted Susan's daughter, Heather.

Don was the caregiver for his wife in her battle against cancer for four years until her death in 2017. They were married for almost 43 years.

Don is currently involved with Bible Study Fellowship and serves on the Evangelism Committee and Stephen Ministries. He has volunteered at Community Crossroads for the last year and a half.

His interests and hobbies include snorkeling and scuba diving. He also enjoys traveling with his daughter and her family.



Jacqueline Bender (Elder/Trustee) was born in Detroit, MI and grew up in Arlington, TX. She received a BS in psychology from Tulane University. After spending two years in Honduras in the Peace Corps, she received a MA in social work and a MS in public administration from UTA. Jacqueline worked for the City of Fort Worth for 17 years and in 2010, she made a career change and

opened her own Jazzercise business. She and her husband, Ken Garlington, joined FPC in 2004.

Jacqueline was a VBS volunteer for many years, served on the children's Christian Nurture and Nominating Committees. She is a long-time Trinity Trails church school teacher and is on the property committee, is a KidsHope volunteer, member of the Fellowship choir, chair of her PW Circle and chair of the Prairie Valley Legacy Fund Committee. Jacqueline has attended many KidQuakes, the Multicultural Camp at Mo-Ranch, Mission on the Move, youth ski trip, family mission trips, Cuba mission trips and the annual Mo Ranch Church Retreat. Jacqueline and Ken have two children, Rachel and Grant.



Mike Cane (Elder) was born in Evanston, IL, and lived in Chicago, and Hannibal, MO, as a child. He attended DePaul University and University of Illinois Medical School, both in Chicago. Mike moved to Dallas in 1984 for residency at Parkland Hospital. During that time he met his wife Lea, and they married in 1987. They have a daughter, Michelle, age 22, who recently graduated from Ohio

State University. The Canes joined FPC in 2004. Mike chaired the Health Ministries Subcommittee 2005-2007 and has been active with it since then on an intermittent basis for projects and the First Responders. He has participated in FPC sponsored medical mission trips to Haiti, The Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Nicaragua and co-sponsored a youth mission trip to Cortez, CO. More recently he has been involved with older youth Christian education as a Confirmation Class and senior high church school teacher. Mike practices gynecology in Arlington, and enjoys gardening, cooking, exercise, travel and aviation as hobbies.



Wade Chappell (Elder) grew up in Fort Worth and at First Pres. He was confirmed here in the church and was active in Mission trips and Habitat for Humanity as a youth. He attended Fort Worth Country Day in high school and then attended the University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife Blair have two children, Caroline, 9 and Sutherland, 6. He is the owner/executive director of Pearl Snap Kolaches in the

Camp Bowie District. Wade has served on the Committee on Homelessness as well as the board of Presbyterian Night Shelter. In his spare time, Wade enjoys exercise, reading and cooking on a regular basis. He also has a growing love of fly fishing.



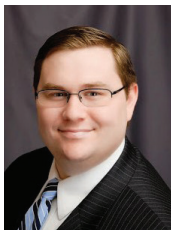
Andrea Frankenfield (Elder) was born in Aachen, Germany, and grew up in Champaign, IL, where she studied the flute and performed in musical ensembles in both high school and at Illinois State University where she earned a Bachelor's in Music. After graduating from basic training in the Army she became a Fifer in the US Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, in Fort Myer, Virginia. After retiring from the Army, she earned her Dietetic Tech credentials after being awarded her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics by Kansas State University. Currently, Andrea is finishing her MS in Nutrition at TWU. Andrea was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA, where she met her husband David in the singles group A Cappella. She was a member of Westminster Choir, Westminster Ringers, and PW Sarah Circle. Andrea joined FPC soon after moving to Fort Worth in 2015. She participates in the walking Moai group "El Campo Walkers," Room at the Inn, team FPC walk/run events in Fort Worth, and 76107 Care Team. She serves on the Wellness Committee, is a member of an FPC small disciples group, the Miriam Circle of PW, Fellowship choir, and Grace Notes Handbells. Andrea plays flute at Taizé and other worship services at FPC and also performs with the Penn Street Trio (with FPC members Greg McCoy and Nancy O'Malley), Flutissimo Flute Choir and the Texas Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps. She enjoys volunteering weekly for Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County in her spare time.



Brian Hocker (Elder) was born in Harrisburg, PA and grew up in several Pennsylvania communities before relocating to Houston, TX. In 1986, shortly after moving to Fort Worth, Brian and wife Theresa joined First Presbyterian Church where Brian was ordained an Elder and served on Session. He has chaired the Evangelism Committee and served on the Worship and Music and Communications Committees. Brian has taught children and adult church school, participated in mission trips, and led usher and communion training at FPC. He is employed by NBC where he is involved in the operation of NBC 5 locally and manages projects for the NBC and Telemundo Owned Stations Division nationally. Brian's earned degrees from Shippensburg University and Rice University, is the past president of the American Marketing Association's DFW Chapter, enjoys speaking on the history of local television and has served as an active board member of neighborhood associations where he's lived. He is a past president and current board member of the Cowtown Marathon, served on the board of the Davis Mountain Fitness and Training Camp, and the UNT Library Advisory Board. Brian and Theresa enjoy outdoor activities, traveling and spending time with their daughter, Chrissy, who recently married and returned to Fort Worth.



Jenny Huckaby (Elder) was born and raised in Hillsboro, TX. She attended Texas A&M University and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Distribution in 2004. After working in Houston for several years and traveling, she moved to Fort Worth in 2007 and began her career as a Landman. She currently works for Texhoma Land Consultants on the Due Diligence Team. Jenny joined FPC in 2011 and married her husband Garry in 2013 at FPC. They have two children, Lily, age 6 and Caroline, age 4. Jenny has served on the Mission Committee, Children's Committee, FPC EEC Advisory Council and as a church school teacher. She enjoys reading, cycling, gardening, snow skiing, walking her Labrador retrievers and just about any outdoor activity with her family.



Jonathan Leer (Elder) was born in 1985 and attended Southside High School in Fort Smith, AR. College included attendance at both TCU and UTA. He currently works as a Financial Analysis Manager and Hospital Administrator at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Jonathan has served on the Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee, and as a liturgist, usher, confirmation teacher and youth leader.

In the community, Jonathan has served Habitat for Humanity, done fundraising for St. Jude, and been involved with Steer Fort Worth, Healthcare Financial Management Association – Lone Star Chapter, American College of Healthcare Executives of North Texas, and the TCU Frog Club. He is a certified healthcare financial professional, BLS for healthcare providers, and an Eagle Scout. He and his wife, Jenna have two children Madeline, 3 and Grace, 6 months.



Greg McCoy (Elder) was baptized and raised in First Presbyterian Church. He currently serves as Assistant Clerk, Usher, and sometimes cellist. He has previously held positions as Elder, Trustee, Youth Sponsor and Deacon. He is a member of the Men's

Ministry, Planned Giving Group and Taizé Worship service. As a trustee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, he currently serves as chair of its investment committee.

He is active in local arts organizations; serving on the boards of the Cliburn Foundation and Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth. He previously chaired the boards of the Alzheimer's Association and the Fort Worth Public Library Foundation.

Greg is a CPA with the investment firm, Luther King Capital Management. Prior to LKCM, he was with a local investment fund and Crow Holdings in Dallas. He enjoys golf, college football and classical music.



George Pepper (Elder/Trustee) was born in New Jersey and grew up in North Carolina. He is a graduate of Davidson College and served as an officer in the US Army in Germany before moving to New York to begin a career in banking. There he met his wife of 50 years, Betsy, and relocated to Houston in 1968. They moved to Fort Worth in 1973 and joined First Presbyterian shortly thereafter. He became active in the church serving on numerous committees as an elder and chaired the Personnel and Finance Committees. He was a member of the Board of Trustees on four occasions and a founding board member of the James L. West Alzheimer's Center. George has taught adult church school classes and led mission trips to Honduras and San Antonio. Gov. George W. Bush appointed him a Regent of the University of North Texas, and he was later elected Director Emeritus of the UNT Health Science Center Foundation.

George and Betsy are the proud parents of Whit, an executive with Ryan in Dallas, and Laurie, a pediatrician with Cook Children's Hospital in Mansfield.



David Pettit (Elder/Trustee) was raised in Argyle, TX and baptized at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton. David joined FPC on Easter Sunday in 2000 and attends the Growing Families of Faith church school class, has served terms as a member of the Property Committee, Communications Committee, and the Adult Nurture Committee.

David met his wife Rachel in 2003 and they married in 2005. David and Rachel have one child, Anna, who is 10 years old and attends Alice Carlson Elementary School. David attended Texas Tech University where he received a BA in Political Science and Communications and the University of North Texas where he received a Master of Public Administration. After graduate school he worked for the City of Dallas and City of San Antonio before moving to Fort Worth in 1999 to work for Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. and later Gideon Toal architects and planners. He is the owner of an economic development consulting firm and is active in the local community. He enjoys exercise, road cycling, and spending time with family.



Dottie Schroeder (Elder) was born in Monroe, LA and grew up in Metairie, LA where she was active with the youth at John Calvin Presbyterian Church. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Louisiana State University where she met her husband, Fred. She mainly worked in the electric power and energy conservation industries. As a lifelong

Presbyterian, she served as moderator of Presbyterian Women at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bedford, TX. She chaired the preschool board and taught Sunday School and VBS at Ridglea Presbyterian Church. Fred and Dottie joined First Presbyterian Church in 1999. At FPC, she taught elementary church school, helped chaperone the Albuquerque youth mission trip, was a member of the youth Christian Nurture Committee, worked at VBS, was on the Trinity Trails Committee and was Christian Action chairman for PW. She currently serves at Community Crossroads and on the Fellowship Committee. She also co-chairs the Deborah Circle. Fred and Dottie have two adult children. She enjoys playing piano, gardening and being Mimi to her granddaughter Charlotte.



Patrick Sheppard (Elder) was born in Orlando, FL, then started moving around the world with his parents' constantly shifting military assignments. He was able to attend the same high school for 4 years since his dad had two tours in Vietnam with a tour between them in the same location. He graduated from high school in 1968 while his dad was in the middle of his

second tour. He then attended the University of Florida for a year before attending the USAF Academy graduating in 1973. Patrick and Becky married 4 days after he graduated and before he headed to pilot training in the Air Force, intending to spend a 20 to 30-year career. The allure of flying led him out of the Air Force in 1979 and he spent the bulk of his working life flying for Delta Air Lines. The Sheppards joined First Presbyterian Church in Enid before their first daughter was born and have been involved in church life ever since, including a stint with the Methodists in Manchester, NH. They joined FPC in the summer of 1983 after moving to Fort Worth. After he retired in 2016, he became much more involved with the church through several classes dealing with social justice which have led to a real growth in his faith and spiritual formation. Patrick got involved with Community Crossroads and there found his calling. He says Crossroads is a wonderful community of volunteers and neighbors and that it has had a profound effect on his spiritual journey!



Bill Sims (Elder) grew up in Fort Worth and attended Poly High School and TCU. He and his wife Peggy have two grown children, Meridith and Jarrod. Bill served in the Texas Army National Guard and is a past owner of his own Steamatic business. He has been active on numerous committees including Worship, Christian Nurture, Fellowship, Property and two Pastor Search

Committees. He is on the Board of the James L. West Center, has served as an usher and greeter, participated in Party for the Blind,

and has served as a Deacon. Bill's community service includes TCU Alumni Board past President, Jewel Charity, and All Saints school supporter. He enjoys all TCU sporting events, ranching, hunting and fishing.



Carol Stripling (Elder) was born in Kingsville, TX, where she grew up in First Presbyterian Church and graduated from H.M. King High School, then attended the University of Missouri and Texas A&I University before marrying her high school sweetheart. They had two daughters, both of whom are members of FPC. Louis died in 2015. Carol has especially loved seeing her two grandchildren, Lucy and Louis, grow up and be confirmed at FPC.

In addition to community activities, Carol has always been an active church and circle member as business took the family from Austin to Fort Worth to Salt Lake City (where she was ordained a Deacon) to Fort Worth to Atlanta and finally back to their beloved Fort Worth in 1997. Since returning to FPC, Carol has served on the Property, Evangelism, and Mission Committees, worked at Community Crossroads, and served PW as Program Chair, Vice-Moderator and as a long time Circle Chair. Carol loves spending time with her family, playing mahjong, reading and gardening.

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

6 and Lochlan, age 3. Audrey has served on the Children's Christian Nurture Committee, as PW co-chair for the Esther Circle, and as both the Early Education Center Auxiliary President and on the advisory board. She also has volunteered with the Children's church school on Sunday mornings, Vacation Bible School, and the Formula and Diaper Ministry at Community Crossroads. Audrey 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, has four sons and seven grandchildren. Barbie grew up at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church and was also a member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church. She joined First Presbyterian Church in 1981, left briefly in 2006 and returned in 2013. Barbie has served on the Fellowship Commission, Kids Hope at de Zavala, has been a Sunday morning greeter and participated in First Presbyterian Church Circles. She has served on the Board of the Fort Worth Lecture Foundation. She is 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.



Robert Smith was born in 1957 as his dad finished his degree at Texas. It was not long after that he could be found playing with blocks in the FPC nursery or singing in the children's choir. The family eventually moved to another congregation but found their way back, Ann and Cecil first in 1995 and Robert in 2007. Robert was ordained as an elder in 2012, has served as a Stephen

Minister, chaired Congregational Care, and has been involved with Habitat for Humanity. He currently serves on the History Committee, the CPR/AED First Response Team, is an innkeeper with Room in the Inn, and is a member of the Fellowship Choir.

Robert grew up around the building arts, first working summers for his grandpa and then in commercial construction for 25 years. In 1997 he joined Gideon Toal Architects and has been with them since. He and his wife Sue married in 2001 and reside in southwest Fort Worth where he enjoys music, cooking, gardening, and woodworking.

JESUS AND NONVIOLENCE SMALL GROUP FORMING

Richard Rohr believes that most of us have missed entirely what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. He says that we love to worship Jesus but are reluctant to actually follow him. Yet, he points out that Jesus never once said to would-be disciples, "Worship me!" while he quite frequently told them, "Follow me."

So what does it mean to follow him? In his book, *Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way*, Walter Wink suggests that Jesus preached and lived a nonviolent way of life and that understanding Jesus's ministry through the lens of nonviolence is crucial to our discipleship, since we are being called to live nonviolently also. Like Jesus, we are to practice this courageous, loving, faithful way of addressing injustice and the violence it spawns. Like Jesus, we are to work for the healing of the world.

Starting October 6 and extending through November

24, Martha Newman and Carol Toombs will lead a small group through Wink's book, using the JustMatters format: scripture, outside readings and videos, study, prayer, and dialogue. The group will meet Sunday afternoons from 1 - 3:30 p.m. for eight weeks. We will take a deeper look at the Gospels and at Jesus' example. We will meet modern day disciples like Martin Luther King and learn from modern research the surprising efficacy of this way of addressing violence and oppression. We will pray together, speak from the heart, learn from the wisdom of our authors and one another, and support one another in our personal growth.

If you would like to be part of such a group, you may register with Celeste in the church office (817-335-1231 or cfalter@fpcfw.org) and pick up your book there for \$6. You may also order a copy on Amazon. Class size is limited, so register early.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Following are the joys and concerns shared as of August 19, 2019. To respect the privacy of those listed, names are included only when the individuals grant their permission.

Our loving sympathy to...

Herd and Claire Midkiff on the death of their newborn son, Charles Herd, on August 17. FPC family also includes Caroline Midkiff and **Ann and Charles Florsheim**.

Family and friends of **Jeanie Davis**, who died August 10. Surviving FPC family includes **Rob and Pam Davis; Anne and Danny Simpson; Ben and Christian Davis** and children, Luke and Nolan; **James and Meagan Davis** and children, Lauren and Landrey; **Tom and Alex Davis** and children, J. Fred and Eleanor; **Daniel and Hillary Simpson** and children Campbell and Porter; and **Katie and Daniel Dodd** and children Pate and Davis.

Family and friends of **Sybil Herter**, who died August 2. Survivors include FPC member **Lee Frick**.

Family and friends of **Nancy Nelson**, who died July 27. FPC survivors include **Kevin and Gayle Creed**.

Family and friends of **Marjorie Lewis**, who died July 21.

Fred and Dottie Schroeder on the death of his mother, Zaidee Guerin Schroeder McClendon on July 22 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Other FPC family includes **Kristi Schroeder** and **Michael Schroeder**.

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Mary Farmer, Diane Satterlee, 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, Marge Shiner, Elizabeth Bean, and Frances Blake, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment.

Our caring prayers for extended family include...

Jean Ramsay (mother of **Nancy Ramsay**); 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.



CALENDAR

Below are a few highlighted events in September. More at fpcfww.org/calendar.

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 9 a.m. Worship in Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Church School (begins September 8)
- 11 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 5:30 p.m. Worship On Wednesdays (+ dinner, classes) at Community Crossroads

FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- All Day Church Closed - Labor Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- All Day SOS: Shoes on Sunday (donations collected)
- 9 a.m. Blood Drive
- 11 a.m. Wellness Brunch
- 12 p.m. Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 12 p.m. 2020 Budget Planning Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 8:10 a.m. Team FPC @ Heroes for Hope Race

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- All Day Peanut Butter Sunday (donations collected)
- 6:30 p.m. Taize Service of Wholeness and Healing

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 10:30 a.m. PW Tuesday Together
- 5 p.m. Cooking Matters Workshop

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 1 p.m. Beacons Birthday Bash

AUGUST SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its Stated Meeting on Sunday, August 18, the Session:

- Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 8 following the 11 a.m. service, for the purpose of electing officers (elders and trustees) and the Nominating Committee members at large;
- Heard educational reports from the Stewardship and Children's Christian Nurture Committees and celebrated their ministries;
- Approved the Mission Study presented by the Mission Study Task Force;

- Authorized the Nominating Committee to begin the work of forming a Pastor Nominating Committee;
- Set the size of the Pastor Nominating Committee at 9 members;
- Approved Adult Church School teachers for the fall quarter (September - November);
- Approved \$62,560 from the Hulse Fund, on recommendation from the Mission Outreach Committee, for 8 local agencies and their ministries;
- Appointed a task force to study investment opportunities;
- Heard reports from the pastors and prayed for the congregation.



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Love & Logic Parenting Workshop Series

Join facilitator Early Childhood Specialist, Ehleshea Anderson, on Sundays, September 8, 22, October 6, 13 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in Room 237, for a four-week Love and Logic parenting class. The four modules will address: Creating home environments that stimulate responsibility, resiliency, and academic achievement; preventing misbehavior; avoiding power struggles while setting limits; teaching character and responsibility through modeling and the application of logical consequences instead of punishment; teaching children healthy problem-solving skills; staying calm in stressful parenting situations.

Cost is \$15 per family per session or \$50 for all four sessions. Childcare available with advance reservation. To register, call the church office (817.335.1231) or visit fpcfw.org.

Busy Women's Bible Study

Busy Women's Bible Study will meet on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 310, beginning September 16. 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)

Cooking Matters

The Tarrant Area Food Bank hosts a free Cooking Matters workshop every third Tuesday (next date: September 17) from 5-7 p.m. at Community Crossroads. The workshops feature hands-on cooking demos and teach participants how to shop for and prepare delicious and nutritious foods on a budget. After each workshop, participants are encouraged to participate in the Choice Pantry. Starting October 1, there will be a 6-week hands-on cooking class on Tuesday nights at Community Crossroads. Questions? Contact Andrea Frankenfield (amfrankenfield@hotmail.com).

Youth Meal Packing Project

On Sunday, October 6 (World Communion Sunday), all youth and their families and friends are invited to join the FPC Youth Group for this special mission project to fight world hunger! Our goal is to pack over 28,000 meals for children who are hungry around the world. Contact Josh Stewart (817.335.1231 ext. 251, josh@fpcfw.org) for more information or with questions.

Grief Support Group

First Presbyterian Church is offering a six-week Grief Support Group led by the Rev. Dawn Hood-Patterson. The group will meet on Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 312, from October 13 through November 17. The group offers a supportive and encouraging space in which to experience God's presence, comfort, and strength. Dawn works as a Chaplain at Cook Children's Medical Center and has over nine years of experience working with children and adults as Chaplain and pastoral caregiver in multi-faith settings.

This support group is free and open to members and friends of FPC and the community. To register, contact Celeste (817-335-1231 or cfallter@fpcfw.org).