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& Promotion Sunday: August 20
9:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Congregational meeting called for August 20

The Session has called a congregational meeting on August 20 (following the 11 o'clock worship service) to elect the 2017-18 Church Officer Nominating Committee.

Nominees who will be presented are:

- ♦ Session: Demeree Jackson (Chair) and Susan Isenhour (Vice Chair)
- ♦ Diaconate: Sid Frost
- ♦ Trustees: Jerry Fine
- ♦ Presbyterian Women: Carol Siekmeier
- ♦ Men's Fellowship Dinner: Jim Wilhite
- ♦ Sunday School: Joan Shrader
- ♦ LOGOS/Youth: Lynn Azuma
- ♦ Music Ministry: Jeanie Wiesner

AUGUST WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

August 6: "A Problem in Algebra: Does $X+Y=Z$?"

Dr. Kenneth Peters Preaching

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-7;

1 Timothy 6:6-16

August 13: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

August 20: "The God Who Acts"

Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching

Scripture: Exodus 1:80-2:10

August 27: "The God Who Calls"

Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

FPC "Mini Make-Over" is Sunday, August 13, 3 - 8 p.m.

We're planning a fun event August 13 for our families. It's an "FPC Mini Make-Over." We will come together and have a great afternoon sprucing up our Education Building in preparation for the fall semester. After the quick clean up, we'll enjoy pizza and a movie. Please mark your calendar now for this fun event!





ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Craig & Ashley Riley
- 3 Doug & Jamie Arnold
- 4 Sam & Terry Arant
- 6 Bill & Lois Stanley
- 7 Marv & Sandy Hulshizer
- 8 Larry & Helen Burk
- 9 George & Linette Harwell
- 11 Jim & Kaye Bishop
- 13 Conley & Cathy Leloux
- 14 John & Sue Rose
- 15 Guy & Cynthia Guidici
- 18 Jay & Jean Allison
- 19 Eric & Anne Hoke
Bill & Betty Anne Poe
Hubert & Evelyn Syler
- 20 Rick & Shirley Galloway
Jim & Courtney Root
- 23 Greg & Amy Hunt
- 24 Bob & Ramona Kissner
- 25 Mark & Ruth DeRuyter
- 27 Keith & Sue Renard
- 28 John & Elizabeth Decker
- 30 Fred & Martha Cowen
Dave & Alison Harrison
- 31 Michael & Kathleen Wenzel

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Caudle
Marietta Mugford
- 2 Jim Briggs
- 3 Elizabeth Decker
- 4 Susan Bell
Linda Stephenson
- 6 Miriam Cockroft
Tim Lewis
Bill McKenna
- 9 Guy Guidici
Herb Wilkins
- 10 John Rose
- 11 Thomas Isenhour
Maya Spruiell
- 12 Dawn Bookert
- 13 Richard Dorr
- 14 Paul Gipson
- 15 Cassie MacClean
- 16 Ben Butler
Sue Renard
Bonnie Stump
- 17 Katie Bradford
- 18 Faith Baechtcl
Jennifer Miller

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STEWARDSHIP 2018



Live Generously

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE.

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they can take hold of the life that really is life.” —1 Timothy 6:18-19



“For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich.” —11 Corinthians 8:9

The scripture from 1 Timothy no doubt looks familiar, as does “Take hold of the life that really is life.” Both were introduced during the 2016 stewardship season as the first of a four-year stewardship emphasis. You’ll recall that last year we focused on the theme “Live Simply” and the year before, “Live Free,” in order to “take hold of the life that really is life.”

For our 2018 stewardship focus, we are examining what it is to “Live Generously” in order to “take hold of the life that really is life.” The information you receive in the mail expounds on this year’s theme as we build up to Dedication Sunday on October 22, preceded by our Celebration of Ministry on October 15.

**Income and Expense Report
Year to Date - June 2017
General Operating Fund**

	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % Annual Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$462,694	\$862,463	54%
Other	44,547	112,264	40%
TOTAL	\$507,241	\$974,727	52%
Expenses			
Validated Mission	30,946	59,100	52%
Local/Other Mission	14,918	30,600	49%
Ministry of the Word	78,960	159,581	49%
Program/Support Staff	211,366	421,444	50%
Christian Education	12,502	34,900	36%
Music and Worship	5,811	20,914	28%
Evangelism/Care	-2,239	10,360	-22%
Property	36,727	90,245	41%
Stewardship/Finance	10,550	21,600	49%
Other Oper Expenses	16,631	43,300	38%
Debt Retirement	45,186	90,370	50%
TOTAL	\$461,358	\$982,414	47%

Pastor Humor

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him.

“Reverend,” said the young man, “I’m so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.”

The minister chuckled, “I know what you mean. It’s the same in my business.”

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money for repairs to the church building. He also was dismayed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in. She wanted to know what to play.

“Here’s a copy of the service order,” he told her. “But, you’ll have to think of something to play after I make an announcement about finances.”

During the service, the minister paused and said, “People, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.”

At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star Spangled Banner.” And that’s how she became the regular organist!

Among Our People



Boldface indicates
a member of First
Presbyterian Church

In the hospital last month: Claude Folta (surgery), Alice Graham, Gene Gregory, Edna Malone, Sam Matthews, Betty Smith (surgery) and Suzanne Stallings (surgery).

Congratulations to Tim & Kathy Kerr Kubatzky on the birth of their grandson, Calvin Carlyle Kubatzky, born July 17 to Corey and Lavena Kubatzky.

Thank you's:

♦ *Dear Church Family, I so appreciate all the cards, emails, texts and phone calls I received while recovering from surgery. I want to thank my fellow deacons who stepped up to cover my duties. Knowing you were thinking of me and praying for me helped me to feel better. What a caring church family! —Blessings, **Barbara Caudle***

♦ *Dear FPC Family, There are not enough words to thank you for the support, comfort and words of sympathy on the sudden loss of our husband, father and grandfather. During this difficult time, we have been grateful for the visits, phone calls, cards and meals.*

We would like to thank Pastor Mike for leading the service celebrating Jerry's life, the Deacons for arranging the service and the reception, and Miss Joy and her staff for helping with our babies.

*God's healing love and the prayerful support of our church family will give us peace and comfort during the days and weeks ahead. —In Christ's Love, **Vickie Hammerlun, Greg & Lacey Hammerlun, Aaron & Lindsey Kozak.***

In memoriam: Jay D. Allen Sr. joined the Church Triumphant June 18. A memorial service officiated by Dr. Michael Roberts will be held Saturday, August 19, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

with a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. Jay had been a member of our congregation from 1999-2007 and joined again in February 2012.

Our sympathy to Ron & Liz Weaver on the death of Ron's brother-in-law June 29 in Monroe, Louisiana.

Serving in the military: Josh Benge, **Sturdy & Tammy Wanamaker's** nephew; Maj. Brian Berlakovich, **Ouida Henderson's** grandson-in-law; Lt. Col. Brian Burk, **Larry Burk's** son; Maj. Kyle Burrow, **David Lee Hulsey's** cousin; Capt. Geoff Childs, **Helen Douglass' grandson-in-law;** **LeeAnne Cosper;** Maj. Josh Daleiden, **Betty Bradford's** grandson-in-law; **John Decker;** Jared A. Gross, **Robert Bedford's** nephew; **Brian Hall;** Capt. Daniel Hammond, **Keith & Sue Renard's** grandson-in-law; **Garrett Herbst;** Brandon Keith, **Phil & Jeanne Smith's** son-in-law; **Debra Knight;** **Nicholaas Leloux;** Tech.Sgt. Robert McClanahan, grandson of **Minta McIntosh** and nephew of **Lee McIntosh;** **Sgt. 1stClass Paul Rayburn;** Lt Col. Margaret Sharpnack, **Phil & Cindy Sharpnack's** daughter; Nicholas Stamos, **Larry & Helen Burk's** grandson; and Christian Winckel, grandson of Sandy Hayes.

Friends in Deed



An FPC mission project helping members with routine home maintenance and minor repairs

Call the Church Office to schedule a visit from one of FPC's "Friends in Deed."

BIRTHDAYS

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- 19 Emily Littleton
- 20 Helen Burk
- 22 Jacob Pilcher
Steve Robinson
- 23 Brian Hall
- 24 Alex Wagner
- 25 Jamie Arnold
Garrett Herbst
- 27 Julie Culver
- 28 Kailyn Bailey
Charlotte Harper
- 29 Jim Caskey
- 31 Bill Caudle
Linda Johnson

Flowers in Worship/ August

- 6 *George & Linette Harwell*
- 13 *Conley & Cathy Leloux*
- 20 *Nelson Barrett*
- 27 *Dave & Alison Harrison*

Sign up to provide flowers in worship. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office. As you sign up for a certain Sunday, remember to indicate if you are willing to donate your arrangement after the service to be used in the Flower Ministry for re-gifting. Contact either Kathy Jones, 512-863-3012, or Betty Smith, 512-869-6925.

Head Deacon/August

- 8:30 *Janice Wallace
Shirley Galloway*
- 11:00 *Suzy Taylor
Lea Ann Hutton*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joy Bedford
Education Director
 jbedford2321@gmail.com

Office Hours:
 Monday - Wednesday & Friday
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday School for Children & Youth 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Sunday School
 is offered for all ages
 every Sunday.

Join us for a time
 of learning about who
 we are as God's people
 through the stories
 in the Bible.



Save these dates!

August 13, 3 - 8 p.m.
 FPC Mini Make-Over, plus fun!

August 19, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
 Teacher Training & Orientation

August 20, 9:40 a.m.
 Rally Day: All ages meet in Sanc-
 tuary; Brunch at 10:30 in Room 101

August 27, Sunday School Begins

August 30, 5:30 p.m.
 LOGOS Registration & Orientation

September 6
 LOGOS and Confirmation Begin

September 22 - 24
 All-Church Retreat: We can add a
 room if you would like to go. Con-
 tact Joy Bedford.



Created by God! Built for a purpose!

It's a new year in Sunday School! Come join us this year as we seek to discover God's purpose for our life through a variety of educational opportunities. If you're having trouble finding a place where you fit, contact me at 512-863-3381 or jbedford 2321@gmail.com and together we will find a place for you.

We begin with Rally Day on August 20. Everyone meets in the Sanctuary at 9:40 a.m. We will recognize Sunday School teachers from last year, introduce the teachers for this year, and hand out participation certificates and attendance awards. Children, youth and their teachers will spend a little time in their classes, while I share the adult Sunday School opportunities with the adults. Then parents will leave to visit their children and youth classes. At 10:30 our wonderful Fellowship Committee will have brunch ready for us in Room 101.

Bring peanut butter and jelly for Meals on Wheels! We need to help collect pb&j for Meals on Wheels. **Bring your jars to your Sunday School class, and the class that brings the most on August 20 and 27 will have ice cream sundaes on September 3. (There will be boxes outside your class for your donations.)** Our church's goal is 350 jars: I hope Sunday School can bring 175!

—Joy Bedford

Confirmation Class begins Wednesday, September 6

The Confirmation Class for youth 6th grade and up, who are willing to profess their faith in Jesus Christ, begins Wednesday, September 6, at 6:15 p.m. Pastor Michael Roberts will teach this class, assisted by Joy Bedford, Education Director. Class members will meet on Wednesdays through October 18, attend a seminar on the Apostles' Creed and spend a weekend at John Knox Ranch together. (Pastor Mike will not go to John Knox).

Topics to be covered are the meaning of church membership, the Presbyterian Church, a survey of the Bible, and why we worship.

The Service of Confirmation will be at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, October 22. Contact the church office (512-863-3381) to register for this class or if you need further information.

The church family is asked to pray for these youth as they take the next step in their faith journey: Micah Azuma-Hall, Samuel Brainard, Dennie Decker, Mary Mac Decker, Paul Gipson, Alaina Guthrie, Tristan Hammit, Hooper Lee, Jay McEntire, Rebekah Pilcher, Allen Pratt and Leila Ramsey.

LOGOS for Children in Kinder - 6th Grade

LOGOS Parents: Join us for Orientation and Registration from 5:30-6:30 August 30. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

On September 6 join us for the first LOGOS of the fall semester and the beginning of the new Confirmation Class.

Adult Sunday School: 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Adult Elective

"Growing into the 21st Century: Trends and Challenges"

August 27 - September 17, Room 101

Cynthia & Guy Guidici

What does reliable research suggest about the direction of the church in the 21st century? Join us as we present findings and consider the church's responses.

Surveyors

"The Blessing"

August 27 - October 8, Room 207

Gary Nelon

Gary Nelon will facilitate a study of *The Blessing* by Gary Smalley & John Trent, using a study guide created by the authors.

Homebuilders

"Ben Hur"

Beginning August 27, Room 112

Karen Jones

Homebuilders begins the year with a five-week DVD series based on the 2016 version of the film, *Ben Hur*. Author Greg Laurie says, "Judah Ben-Hur had a choice to make: He could choose his own agenda of seeking personal gain and revenge; or he could choose to trust Christ!" Homebuilders is a discussion-oriented class for adults that covers topics in Christian living, scripture and church history. Formed to meet the needs of adults in the family-building stage of life, Homebuilders welcomes all.

Crossroads

"Wired Word"

Beginning September 3, Room 107

Amanda and Patrick Tolbert

From Nobel Prize winners and government surveillance to rock and roll, no week is ever the same! This class uses stories making headlines to make God's work in our lives more apparent. Each week brings a different discussion topic designed to confront the news with Scripture and hope so that we may identify the intersection of faith in our daily lives. Whether you're at the crossroads of an expanding family, new career or just wondering what's next in God's plan for you, Crossroads is the place for you.

Teachers needed!

Is God calling you to teach in the church? (See "Role of a Teacher" on page 6.)

As of this newsletter deadline, we have opportunities for teachers in the following classes:

- ♦ 1st - 2nd Grade Sunday School (1)
- ♦ 9th - 12th Grade Sunday School (1)
- ♦ 3rd & 4th Grade LOGOS Bible Study (1)
- ♦ 5th & 6th Grade LOGOS Bible Study (1)

Contact Joy at 512-863-3381
or jbedford2321@gmail.com.

Teacher, LOGOS Bible study teacher training set

We'll meet Saturday, August 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Youth Room to get ready for the new year. From 8:30-10 we'll have coffee, juice and donuts while focusing on important information for all teachers (even those of adults). David Lee and youth Bible study teachers will join us as he shares information about discipleship. From 10-11 we'll focus on needs of the teachers of children and youth. From 11-12 you'll meet with your teaching teams, plan your fall calendars and make your room ready. I'll meet with those who have not used our curriculum before. I can't wait for us to be together again. Don't forget to pray for those who will come to your classes this fall and for your fellow teachers. Also, if you can, please bring your family and come to our **FPC Mini Make-Over** August 13 and be part of making the Education Building ready for the fall. Questions? Call me at 512-863-3381. —Joy Bedford

Other Education Opportunities

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Meets every third Friday to study and reflect on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday sermon. RSVP to David Lee Hulsey (512-863-3381, dhulsey63@gmail.com) or Cliff Snyder (512-468-2877, c_rsnyder@yahoo.com). Time and place will be e-mailed to you.

Men's Lunch Bible Study

Meets at 12 noon each Wednesday in Room 101 to study scripture and eat lunch together, beginning August 30. The men are currently studying 2nd Corinthians, led by Rod Burke.

Ladies Lunch Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday at noon in Room 207 for a "brown bag" lunch and Bible study. Starting August 16, the group begins a study, *Christianity and World Religions*, by Adam Hamilton. This six-week video-based study explores four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism—and compares their beliefs with those of Christianity. We will deal openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions.

Let Joy Bedford (512-863-3381) know you are coming so we can order a book for you.

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The Role of a Teacher

- ♦ Prayerfully build relationships with children, youth and adults in order to guide and involve them in life-changing Bible learning.
- ♦ Model the love of Christ and the message of God's Word in ways that are appropriate to the age level of the class.
- ♦ Guide Bible learning by:
 - Preparing the lesson in advance using a curriculum that is provided for children and youth.

-Helping children, youth and adults explore and apply Bible truths.

-Encouraging the children, youth and adults.

-Setting clear expectations and boundaries.

♦ Out-of-Class Responsibilities:

-Pray regularly for each person in your class and your fellow teachers.

-Attend worship regularly.

-Participate in training/planning meetings. **Next Training: August 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Annual FITS continues to impact youth

On Monday, July 10, the youth travelled to South Padre for a youth conference called Fun In The Son. This conference focuses on spiritual development through morning and evening worship, seminars, quiet time and family time. The great thing about this conference is: You are not only taught how to be spiritually healthy, but you also practice spiritual disciplines in order to be spiritually healthy.

During a past Fun In The Son, God showed me what it means to be fully forgiven, took away all the pain and pressure of junior year, and in the same week, called me into youth ministry. My life has significantly changed because of Fun In The Son, which is why it's so important to honor this trip for the impact it can have!

Coming back this year as a leader was an amazing transition because I got to help lead students to Christ at the same place where I gave my life to Christ! I hope that we as a congregation can continue to support this ministry as it is so meaningful to youth!

This year our speaker, Joby Martin, addressed sin, our savior, sanctification and starting over. Joby is an absolutely amazing speaker who gives practical examples of the gospel, and our youth really were engaged with what Joby had to

say! The seminars were some of our students' favorites due to the fact that they got into some good theological discussions. During the seminars, our youth learned about spiritual disciplines, how other people view Christianity, and about distractions that keep us from deepening our faith.

Overall the students had fun participating in Fun In The Son, and they really soaked up every part of the week as much as they could! —*Kayla Isenhour*
Youth Ministry Summer Intern

August Youth Calendar

20

Youth Kick Off, 5 - 8 p.m.

23

6 - 7:30 p.m., Youth Gathering & Parent Meeting
7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Bible Study Leader Training

27

SNL begins

30

First Bible Study



Fun In The Son Participants: Front row, from left, Leanna Perkins, Rachel Bondesen, Robby Isenhour, Brandon Walters, Kayla Isenhour; back, Alvin Gusman, Abby Staller, Connor McClure, Hope Smith, Rachel Isenhour, Nicholas Brainard, David Lee Hulsey, Nik Schiaffo, Aidan Guidici, Nicholas Bondesen and Preston Perkins.

Humor: While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign, "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

"Families of Faith"

15th Annual
All-Church
Retreat

September 22-24

Mo-Ranch
Conference Center
Hunt, Texas

*It's not too late
to sign up: Joy
says she can add
a room for you
if you will
contact her!*



*To notify the
church office if:*

- You change your physical or mailing address
- You change your e-mail address or add e-mail
- You change your home or cell phone number
- You add a new phone number

Update: MOW PB&J Collection

Yes, we're collecting the annual peanut butter and jelly jars for Meals on Wheels. Three red boxes are in the church (upstairs in the Sanctuary narthex; by the church office entry; and in the worship center lobby).

Our goal is to collect 350 jars (175 peanut butter and 175 jelly) by September 1.

As of the week ending July 16, we have collected a total of 45 jars (21 pb, 24 j). Please bring in your pb&j. We need lots more!

Mission Sewing

Last month, Peggy Currie told us that St. David's hospital needs small pillows for surgery patients. We donated 15 pillows and will continue to provide pillows during the year. Thank you, Linette Harwell, for sewing the pillows.

Thank you to Judy Willett, Lenice Smithwick and Alison Harrison for donating fleece blankets, crocheted baby blankets and hats to the Christ Child Society. Thank you, Peggy Currie, for the donation of fabric.

Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m. Friday, August 11, in Room 111.

—Kathy Jones

MISSION

MOW fundraiser set for August 26

Meals on Wheels of Georgetown will benefit from an upcoming fundraiser hosted by Applebee's at 350 S. IH-35 from 8 - 10 a.m. Saturday, August 26. Tickets to this event are \$10 each and may be purchased at the door. Half of each purchased ticket goes directly to Meals on Wheels of Georgetown. Previous fundraisers at Applebee's have raised about \$1,400 to \$1,500 each.

If you are unable to attend but still want to support Meals on Wheels, you may donate directly to Meals on Wheels and not receive a ticket for the breakfast meal. Your check for any amount you wish to donate should be made payable to Meals on Wheels Georgetown. By doing this, the full amount of your

donation will go to Meals on Wheels. This donation can be mailed to: Meals on Wheels Georgetown, 803 W. 8th Street, Georgetown, TX 78626.

Please let your friends and neighbors know about this fundraiser and invite them to attend. Or, better yet, pick them up and bring them with you!

Contact Dave or Alison Harrison at 512-388-1812 or Marv Hulshizer at 512-863-0418 for tickets or any questions, and please leave a message.



Down Home Ranch: a caring, working community

Down Home Ranch is a working farm and ranch where about 50 adults and children—including 39 with Down syndrome and other disabilities—live year round, caring for one another and for the 410 rolling, forested acres near Elgin. It is a supported mission of FPC.

The ranch began because a baby was born, a baby with Down syndrome. Her parents learned quickly that this baby—like their other children—was first and foremost a *person*, worthy of love, friends and the joys, sorrows and opportunities open to any other.

Inspired by the writings of Jean Vanier, Henri Nouwen and Rudolf Steiner, Down Home Ranch was conceived and materialized as an intentional community where people with and without disabilities would live and work together—tending the animals, raising their food and celebrating the seasons of life together.

The residency program is the heart of Down Home Ranch, and the Village,

where most Ranchers and staff live, is like an old-fashioned neighborhood. Ranchers are free to visit at will in one another's homes, to invite friends in for an evening of movies or games, or to gather together for a community celebration, swim, baseball game or meal.

Another program is vocational training. Down Home Ranch provides opportunities and training for growth in mind, body and spirit for all Ranchers. Every person benefits from stimulating and dignified employment and the chance to learn and try new things. Each Rancher who wants to work gets a job at Down Home Ranch. Ranchers are evaluated every six months, at which time they may choose a different vocational area if they wish, and perhaps receive a raise in pay. All Ranchers receive minimum wage or higher. They may work as few as two hours up to eight hours per day, depending on the work available and the season. Examples of job opportunities are

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CARE MINISTRY

Points from Parish Nurse Penny

Striking A Balance Caregiver Conference hosted by AGE of Central Texas and Area Agency on Aging

The 16th Annual Striking A Balance Caregiver Conference will be held Saturday, August 26, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Austin (6505 N. IH-35), from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During this free annual conference, family caregivers discover local resources, learn new skills to meet the needs of their caregiving situation, and connect with other caregivers and local experts on aging. The day also includes a keynote talk by Jane Meier Hamilton, MSN, RN. She has created research-based, resilience-building resources to help caregivers remain productive while working, and compassionate while caring. There will be workshops by experts on topics related to caregiving such as synchronization of medications, financing long-term care, caregiver resiliency, and discussing driving issues with older family members. Also included is a complimentary lunch and opportunities to visit with leading senior services non-profit organizations and companies. Registration is now open! Call 512-451-4611.

August Senior Seminar: NEW LOCATION—Thursday, August 17, 10 - 11:30 a.m. in FPC's historic Sanctuary. The topic is "Real Estate Myths Busted." This is a free seminar and with the move from Conference Room 101, there is more seating, but please register so we will have adequate handouts. Call 512-818-0988 to register, PLEASE!

Point from Parish Nurse Penny: With the start of the autumn programs, space is limited in this edition of *First Word* so I'm just going to give you a quote for you to think about and hopefully it will pique your interest for next month:

"My doctor cured me, but she didn't heal me; she never once looked in my face."

Stephen Ministry Update: New training this fall

For many years we have joined with other churches in Georgetown to train new Stephen Ministers. This September, First United Methodist will be hosting the training for those folks who would like to be trained to be a Stephen Minister. By August 15, please let the FPC church office or any Stephen Leader know if you are interested in training starting this September at FUMC. In the fall of 2018, we (FPC) will be hosting the training. We will be in contact with you next summer, if you have previously indicated an interest in

training and have not contacted us for this year's training.

Continuing Education set for August 21

The congregation is invited to the August Stephen Ministry Continuing Education program to hear Anthony Rector of Georgetown Victim Services. The meeting will be in Room 101 that Monday from 7 - 8 p.m. Anthony has given a couple of other programs in the past to the Stephen Ministers and is always interesting and informative.



Penny Leone, RN
Parish Nurse
pnurse5@aol.com

Office Hours:
All day Tuesday
Other hours
by appointment

Humor

The small son proudly told his father, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'."

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know: Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

Mo-Ranch Supporter Spotlight: Tom & Peggy Currie

by Allison Bueche
June 23, 2017



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Currie family's roots are deep at Mo-Ranch

Dr. Tom Currie and his wife, Peggy, have been long-time supporters of Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly, and Tom's father was instrumental in the land's purchase. The courtyard located between Manor House and the Manor House Classroom is dedicated to the contributions his parents made to the ranch and its development into the conference, retreat and summer camp center that Mo-Ranch is now known as.

"We have a long history with Mo-Ranch, and we love it," Peggy said.

Tom and Peggy both worked on the ranch as high schoolers in the summer of 1963. Fast forward to 54 years later,

and there's now been four generations of Curries involved at Mo-Ranch. The Currie family continues to visit and provide support for the ranch in a variety of ways. Just recently, they generously donated funds for the addition of a baptismal font in the ranch's chapel. The chapel holds many special memories for them, including the baptism of two of their grandchildren.

"Mo-Ranch has always been in our blood, and we've forged lifelong friendships through coming here," Peggy said.

For about 12 years, Tom and Peggy lived in Charlotte, North Carolina, and were unable to visit the ranch as fre-

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quently during that period of time. However, since moving back to Georgetown, their family has been able to come for family reunions and attend Easter at Mo-Ranch; they are looking forward to visiting this fall along with members of their Georgetown church's congregation.

Tom and Peggy recently made a decision that will support the ranch for future generations to come. They are



new members of the ranch's legacy society, The Circle M Club.

"We support Mo-Ranch financially in many ways, but it's our go-to place to visit because of our long history there," Peggy said. "We've attended programs regularly like the women's conferences and men's conferences, and have also supported in that way."

Peggy said her family appreciates all of the new activities going on at Mo-Ranch, and that they are happy to be playing a part in the changes happening with the organization.

Tom is a retired Presbyterian minister and member of Mission Presbytery. Peggy joined First Presbyterian Church in August 2016.

Picture, opposite page: Part of the immediate Currie family, Tom and Peggy Currie (right) with their two daughters, Anne Currie (to the left of Tom and Peggy), Kate Carey (middle) and granddaughters Evie Carey, hugging grandmother Peggy, and Birdie Carey (left) sitting next to a good friend of the Curries, Bettye Honerkamp, a member of the Brenham Presbyterian Church.

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kitchen staff, ranch hand, carpenter's or mechanic's assistant, cleaning crew, gardens and greenhouse assistant, landscaping, and office work.

Another program is Special Olympics, which runs year round, but participation tends to be at its highest during the fall and spring seasons. In late August and early September, Ranchers gear up for the early fall sports, bocce, golf and aquatics, practicing afternoons and evenings for upcoming scrimmages, local and regional events. In October, it's back to bowling, which the majority of Ranchers compete in (and certainly beat the socks off the staff at the annual Staff-Rancher Bowling Tournament!). Each year, several Ranchers compete in 9-hole alternate play, each with a non-Special Olympics golf partner.

This month staff and Ranchers are switching into full swing "gala mode."

The Down Home Ranch 14th Annual Gala, "Keeping the Dream Alive," will be Saturday, September 9, from 5 - 10 p.m. at the Bastrop Convention & Exhibit Center. Entertainment will be a special concert by Texas singer-songwriter Kyle Park. Go to the web page to check out information about tickets and sponsorships for the gala: www.downhome-ranch.org.

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Photo above: Members of the original Mo-Ranch board: (from left) Matthew Lynn, Thomas W. Currie Jr. (Tom's father), Bill Murray, David Stitt, Bill Logan and Franklin Flato.

Poinsettias grown by Ranchers have added color to FPC's worship spaces at Christmas.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Katy Bedford Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 11:00am Worship-WCFH	31	1 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting	2	3	4	5
6 Dr. Ken Peters Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 11:00am Worship-WCFH 5:00pm LOGOS Board Meeting 5:00pm Organist Auditions	7 11:00am PW Board Meeting 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	8 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:45am Stephen Leaders 6:45pm Executive Committee 7:30pm Committee Night	9	10 Sandy Hayes on vacation thru 8/13 9:00am P.E.O. Meeting	11 Church Office Closed 8:30am Staff Retreat 10:00am Mission Sewing	12
13 Communion Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 11:00am Worship-WCFH 3:00pm Family Night Mini Make-Over	14 5:30pm Retreat Meeting	15 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 3:30pm Administrative Comm 4:30pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Nominating Committee Officers 7:00pm Diaconate	16 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bible Study	17 GISD First Day of School 10:00am Senior Seminar	18	19 9:00am Teacher Training 9:00am Youth Bible Leaders 11:00am Jay Allen Memorial Service
20 Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Promotion Sunday 11:00am Worship-WCFH 12:00pm Congregational Meeting 5:00pm Youth Kick-off	21 Christina Bondesen on vacation thru 8/27 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed	22 Sue Bell on vacation thru 8/29 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Session Meeting	23 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Parent Meeting 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Chancel Choir	24 6:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting 7:00pm Jubilation Ringers	25	26
27 Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School begins 11:00am Worship-WCFH 4:30pm Youth SNL	28	29 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting	30 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 5:30pm LOGOS Registration 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:15pm Chancel Choir	31 7:00pm Jubilation Ringers	1 Hulseys on vacation thru 9/4	2
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