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Work begins on 7th Street improvements

Prepare to be a little inconvenienced starting the first week in May as work by the city of Georgetown begins on 7th Street in front of First Presbyterian Church. It's the first step toward realization of the church's project to modify the 7th Street entrance to the Worship Center-Fellowship Hall. A March newsletter story detailed plans by the city for 7th Street improvements, drainage, paving, curbing and a handicap-accessible lane in front of the church entrance—all of which would take place prior to architectural modifications to the church entrance.

The city's project includes reconstruction of parking spaces on the south side of 7th between Church and Myrtle streets, as well as improvements to sidewalks and

curbs. The street will remain open to vehicles, and parking will be available on the opposite side of 7th. "This construction will be directly in front of the church, and it will not allow for parking or pedestrian access on the north side of the church for the entire month of May," said Mike Carson, a member of the church's Fellowship Hall Entrance Task Force.

The handicap parking spaces in front of the church will also disappear during construction. Members of the congregation are asked *not* to drop off family members who are physically challenged in front of the Worship Center-Fellowship Hall as this

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A City of Georgetown project to make improvements to the south side of 7th Street in front of the church begins the first week of May.

MAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

April 30: "Ascension Day"

Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching
Scripture: Acts 1:6-14

May 7: "Acts of the Holy Spirit"

Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching
Scripture: Acts 2:1-13, 8:14-17,
10:44-48

May 14: "Companions of Jesus"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching
Scripture: Acts 4:1-14, 32-37

May 21: "Chosen to Serve"

Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching
Scripture: Acts 6:1-14

May 28: "Seeing and Doing"

David Lee Hulsey, Jr., Preaching
Scripture: John 17:1-11, Acts 1:6-14



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Walter & Sue Juncker
Roger & Cindee Molenda
- 12 Jerry & Mary Ann Fine
- 13 Keith & Cathy Tucker
- 15 Dawie & Isabel Krause
- 16 Andrew & Kendall Guinn
Tom Yantis & Mary Mitchem
- 19 Erick & Aimee Stenborg
- 21 Tim & Angie Harris
Justin & Beverly Jones
- 24 Steve & Teresa Wilson
- 25 Mike & Larian Carson
- 27 Brian Hall & Lynn Azuma
Bobby & Haley Weisbrod
- 28 A.J. & Chelsea Bomba
- 30 Thom & Cindy Bausch
Fred & Pat Hilgeman
- 31 Robert & Anne Gowdy
Gene & Carolyn Gregory

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jake Hines
- 2 Will Koenig
Liz Weaver
- 3 Tim Kennedy
Olive Ozanus
James Red
- 4 Delaney Leloux
Tom Yantis
- 5 Karen Jones
Johnnie Kovar
Penny Leone
- 6 Lindsey Kozak
Jeffrey Stump
- 7 Robby Bedford
Sakkie Goss
- 9 Cassandra Syler
- 10 Susan Isenhour
- 11 Jim McCown
Sophia Miller
- 12 Beverly Dennis
Gwen Hauk
- 14 Mona Andersen
Luke Hulsey
Mason Rayburn
- 15 Jim Mueller
- 17 Kitty Bristow
- 18 Robert Bedford
Rob Burke
Sandie Kienitz
- 19 Jack Schmalstieg
Jay Shiffler
- 20 Cherril Lemmink
Bill Roberts
- 22 Josef Bookert
- 23 Aaron Kozak
Betty Anne Poe

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7th Street

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work is under way. The area will be barricaded and no pedestrian access will be possible. Work on the sidewalk at the corner of 7th and Myrtle is included in this project.

Pedestrian access may not be available at times during the city's work. Mike added, "There's a possibility that access to the building through the double glass doors may not be possible for one or more Sundays. If this situation arises, the church will provide signage directing the congregation to alternate entrances."

Parking for church services will still be available on 7th between Main and Church streets as well as on 8th Street between Main and Myrtle. The city parking lot at 8th and Main is available for church parking every Sunday.

"This would be a good time for members to consider car pooling to church," Mike said. "Your patience will be appreciated. We all look forward to improved parking on 7th at the end of the city's work."

The city's improvement project should not be confused with the church's plan to improve the entrance to the Fellowship Hall, Mike cautioned. "We plan to start the church entrance project on or about June 12, and it will continue into August. We will provide more information on that project at a later date."

In January, the task force, headed by Babs Cape, submitted to Session a design concept for enhancing the entrance. After it was approved, an architectural rendering of the modified entrance has been available for the congregation to view and ask questions about. The project is estimated to cost \$143,476, with a 10% contingency. Funds will come from the Future Building Fund (\$91,110) and from the Property Fund (\$52,366). Neither fund is part of the operating budget. However, the congregation will be encouraged to give towards this project later in the spring.

Since the present entrance off 7th was originally designed as one for entry into a fellowship hall and recreation area, the task force agreed that the entrance should be modified to reflect that it is also an entrance into a church worship area. "As we began meeting, we felt like the glass doors looked more appropriate as an entrance for a store rather than a church," Babs said. The task force wanted a warm and inviting entrance that made a statement that "this is a church, a place of worship and fellowship, and you are welcome."

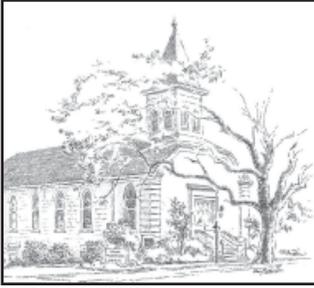
Other features of the new design include a sizeable concrete "plaza" area with concrete benches, a handicap-accessible ramp, handrails for new front steps down to the sidewalk and a large stone wall with church name signage to hide the air conditioner units in front of the building.

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."





Among Our People

Boldface indicates a member of First Presbyterian Church

In the hospital last month: Janet Byram, Bill Caudle, Cathy Ramsey (surgery), Bill Stanley (surgery) and Jeff Willett.

Congratulations to Roger & Suzy Taylor on the birth of their granddaughter, Sienna Grace Davis, born March 28 to Frank and Jenny Davis.

In memoriam: David Unger joined the Church Triumphant April 11. He had been a member of our congregation since May 1982 and served as a deacon from 1985-1987. Dr. Michael A. Roberts officiated at a private memorial service for David on April 22. Cards may be sent to David's daughter, Christina Unger, 11916 Canoe Rd., Frisco, TX 75035-6343.

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's** 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. 1st Class Paul Rayburn;** Lt. Col. Margaret Sharpnack, **Phil & Cindy Sharpnack's** daughter; and Christian Winckel, grandson of Sandy Hayes.



Ushers and Greeters!

No experience needed!

Volunteers are needed to greet the congregation and visitors at each of the Sunday services and to hand out bulletins (and hymnals for services held in the Worship Center). Both ushers and greeters also assist with the offering collection.

Call Cathy Shirley (512-863-0630) to be scheduled for the 8:30 service and Sid Frost (512-694-6449) for the 11 o'clock service.

Compensation package: An opportunity to be of service to the church, and a great way to meet other worshipers!

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

	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD% Annual Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$251,632	\$862,463	29%
Other	26,819	112,264	24%
TOTAL	\$278,451	\$974,727	29%
Expenses			
Validated Mission	19,280	59,100	33%
Local/Other Mission	5,524	30,600	18%
Ministry of the Word	38,954	159,581	24%
Program/Support Staff	103,235	421,444	24%
Christian Education	6,199	34,900	18%
Music and Worship	3,034	20,914	15%
Evangelism/Care	1,146	10,360	11%
Property	21,017	90,245	23%
Stewardship/Finance	5,091	21,600	24%
Other Oper Expenses	9,473	43,300	22%
Debt Retirement	22,593	90,370	25%
TOTAL	\$235,546	\$982,414	24%

BIRTHDAYS

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- 24 Reece Cowan
Richard Jenny
Jacob Wenzel
- 25 Bobby Knight
Karen Rayburn
Timothy Roberts
- 26 Nelson Barrett
Ann Pearson
Sterling Root
- 27 Nancy Dudley
- 28 Kyle Chapman
David Lee Hulsey
Barb Johnston
Chester Kozak
Tim Kubatzky
- 29 Henry Koenig
- 30 Edna Malone
- 31 Russell Hawkins
Maggie Stenborg



Flowers in Worship/ May

- 7 *This could be you!*
- 14 *Tim & Angie Harris*
- 21 *Karen Jones*
- 28 *Thomas & Susan Isenhour*

Sign up to provide flowers in worship! A sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office. To donate your arrangement after the service, to be used in the Flower Ministry for re-gifting, contact Kathy Jones, 512-863-3012, or Betty Smith, 512-869-6925.

Head Deacon/May

- 8:30 *Kathy Kerr
Kubatzky
Sid Frost*
- 11:00 *Shirley Galloway
Sid Frost*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joy Bedford
 Education Director
 jbedford2321@gmail.com

Office Hours:
 Tuesday - Friday
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Save these dates!

- June 5 - 9
Vacation Bible School
- June 25 - 30
In-town mission with youth
- July 9 - 14
Fun In The Son with youth
- July 16-22
FPC week at John Knox Ranch
- September 22 - 24
All-Church Retreat, Mo-Ranch

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.

Sunday School teachers needed: Is God calling you?

The Education/Nurture Committee is still seeking teachers for some of our children and youth classes. Is God calling you? Contact Joy Bedford to hear about the opportunities available or if you have questions. Whether or not you have children or youth in our programs, you can still be that person who teaches our kids what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Come join our amazing Teaching Team! Here's a note from Elaine Eddings (who taught kinder Sunday School here and recently moved to Colorado to be with her grandbabies): "I would like to ask you to search in your heart to see if you can find the time to be a Sunday School teacher next year. The rewards are priceless and the time spent is negligible compared to the impact you can have on these children. In this uncertain world, now more than ever, they need the consistency and security of the love and caring, not only in their personal homes, but from their church family as well. Try it, you'll like it! 'Nuf said... "



Feeling the end-of-the-school-year pressures

Well, it's that time of year again. So much to do, so many commitments, too many places to be and not enough hours in the day to get it all done. We all feel it, that familiar pull in all directions, and wonder how in the world we will be able to get it all done. Let's not forget that our kids feel it, too. They feel the pressures of end-of-year testing, extracurricular activities, keeping up with the demands of school. So let church be a place where they can take a break from those pressures. Take a breath, feel God's love and know that this is where we can share those burdens of life with Him. He will renew our strength.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." —Philippians 4:13

LOGOS has only a couple of weeks left in the spring semester. What an amazing few months it has been! We want to say a big thank you to all of our volunteers here at LOGOS. It truly takes an army to make it all happen, and we couldn't do it without you! We have so many people who give their time and support to these kids. What a wonderful example of God's love you all are! Thank you!
 —Jaime Cowan, Director

LOGOS Themes for April

Date	Theme	Attire	Menu	Game
May 3	Cinco de Mayo	LOGOS T-Shirts & sombrero	Tacos	Traditional Mexican dances
May 10	LOGOS Picnic	LOGOS T-shirts	Hamburgers	Recreation

Other Important Dates:	Sunday, May 7: LOGOS Choirs sing (11 a.m. service only)	Wednesday, May 10: LOGOS Picnic Booty's Road Park, 1631 Booty's Park Road 5:30 - 7 p.m. \$5 - Adults \$3 - Kinder - 6 th grade Free under age 4 Family max: \$20 Tickets on sale Sunday, May 7, in the lobby.
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Adult Sunday School: 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Adult Elective

♦ "Belhar Confession"

May 7 - 14, Room 101

Dr. David Johnson, Associate Professor of Church History and Christian Spirituality at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

May 7 - Session 3: The Content of the Belhar Confession. What is it saying? Focus on the Confession itself.

May 14 - Session 4: Belhar in the U.S. What does it mean for us?

♦ "Denominational Responses to World War I: Part 2"

May 21 - June 7, Room 101

Cynthia & Guy Guidici

In a previous course, we looked at how prominent voices in Protestant and Catholic strands of the church across the U.S. and abroad responded to World War I. In Part 2, we'll consider other voices we haven't had time to cover, focusing on the response to the conflict from the perspective of religious voices in the Middle East. If you missed Part 1, no worries: We'll briefly review the main ideas and then press on. We'll present information from Philip Jenkins' *The Great and Holy War: How World War I Became a Religious Crusade* (2014) and bring in supplementary content as we look back nearly a century and then at our own time in light of the war's outcomes.

Week 1, May 21: Review and Overview

Week 2, May 28: Voices from Judaism

Week 3, June 4: Voices from Islam

Surveyors

♦ "Living a Powerful and Passionate Life"

Through May 7, Room 207

Celeste Frost

♦ "Colossians"

May 14 - 28, Room 207

Celeste Frost

Homebuilders

"Reformation Roots" DVD

May 7 - 28, Room 112

Karen Jones

Crossroads

"Wired Word"

Room 107

Amanda & Patrick Tolbert

From Nobel Prize winners and government surveillance to rock and roll, no week is ever the same! This class uses stories from the headlines to make God's work in our lives more apparent. Each week has a different discussion topic designed to confront the news with scripture and hope so that we can 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.



Maker Fun Factory VBS June 5 - 9 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Registration opens May 1 for children 2 years - 6th grade (preschool spaces are limited). Contact Jaime Cowan (jcowan fpc@gmail.com) for information on how you can be a part of this amazing adventure! The Donation Board is in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Come by and pick up your sticky note to provide supplies for VBS 2017.

Other Education Opportunities

Men's Lunch Bible Study (formerly the Men's Spiritual Growth Group)

Meets at 12 noon each Wednesday in Room 101 to study scripture and eat lunch together. The men are studying 1st and 2nd Corinthians, led by Sturdy Wanamaker.

Men's Breakfast

Group (formerly the 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.

Ladies' Lunch Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday at noon in Room 207 for a "brown bag" lunch and Bible study. The group continues its study of God's love, which is central to our Christian faith and experience. This study can enrich our understanding as well as give us a much deeper gratitude for the lives we live - loved by God, through faith in Jesus Christ, by the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit.

Bring your lunch and join us as we rejoice in His Love.

YOUTH MINISTRY

After Spaghetti Dinner, thoughts of summer plans



*Get ready for
summer camp
at John Knox
Ranch!*

**July 16 - 22
is FPC Week**

Camp for rising 3rd - 9th graders; leadership camp opportunities for rising 10th and 11th graders.

Parents: *If your child or youth cannot go that week, feel free to sign up for a different week. Let Sarah Hulseley or Joy Bedford know if you register your child or youth! Visit the John Knox website for more information and to register, www.johnknoxranch.com.*

Our Youth Ministry would like to thank the congregation, family and friends for making the Spaghetti Dinner a wonderful success. It really does lift my spirits (and calm my nerves) knowing that we have such wonderful support that allows us to provide scholarships, rent vehicles and purchase supplies for our programs and trips. God bless you and thank you!

And now we can confidently turn our attention to the summer as we quickly wrap up this spring semester. While the schedule is always full, summer is the time we kick it into overdrive. Details are being finalized, and students are eagerly anticipating all the experiences they'll have on the youth trips this summer. It is often on these trips where I see a student have one of those "aha!" moments with God. I would ask any and all of us

to be praying for our students, our volunteers and Sarah and me during these opportunities to really deepen the faith of our youth and the adults to not miss those chances to minister to the students. Once again, we are looking forward to the good things God is doing through our ministry. *—God bless, David Lee*

Youth Calendar Highlights for May



- 3 - Last Bible Studies
- 7 - Senior Recognition, 11 a.m. worship
Last SNL
- 17 - 23 - College Students to YL Crooked
Creek
- 10 - LOGOS Picnic
- 31 - Cookout at the Hulseys



If you like to paint...

Calling all Sunday painters (although not necessarily on a Sunday)! Forming a leisurely group of people interested in painting: still lifes, landscapes, any media, all levels. Just have to have an interest! Let's get together. For more information contact Beverly Dennis, msde140@bellsouth.net or 601-466-2502. Grown-ups only at this time, please. (No fees.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Session voted May 24, 2016 to provide written notice of this policy in the newsletter rather than permanent signage.)

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

MISSION

Two events scheduled to benefit TCP

Thanks to the help of so many people, 1,740 people were served during March. I don't have April numbers yet but realize that this many people would be going hungry without the help of TCP.

If you are good at searching e-Bay try looking up The Caring Place. There are often great bargains there. You could find yourself a new outfit at a fraction of the cost of a new one. And, remember, at The Caring Place everything is 10% off on Tuesdays.

Here is news about two upcoming events:

The first is this month, Saturday, May 13: the 15th annual post office letter carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Please fill a grocery bag with donations of food items and leave for your letter carrier that day. This drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers is reportedly the nation's largest one-day food collection event designed to help replenish local food banks in communities served by the USPS.

Secondly, coming up in September is the annual fundraiser, "Deep in the Heart of Texas," held at Schwertner Ranch. Johnny Lee will be the entertainment. Save the date: September 30. More information later.



Remember the Georgetown Utility District's Good Neighbor Fund. To help with this, just add \$1 to your utility bill and it will automatically go to The Caring Place to help those in need pay their utility bills.

As summer nears, the need for cooling becomes greater. Please take part in this service. It's so easy and means so much.

Summer vacations are not far off either, so remember: If you stay in a hotel, bring home the little packages of personal care items that you find in your hotel room. You have paid for them; they're yours. If you don't use them, you can contribute them to The Caring Place by putting them in the barrels provided. Someone did that this past week. Thank you for that. When your family is hungry, the last thing you may think of spending money on is personal hygiene items.

This month's needs are: individually wrapped snacks (such as pretzels or granola bars), chili, instant puddings and Jellos, Hamburger and Chicken Helper, ketchup, mustard and mayo, and just about anything your family would eat.

—Jenny Carswell



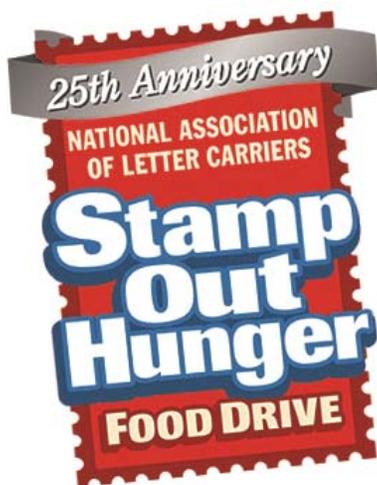
Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing would like to thank the following people:

- ♦ Jaime Cowan, for the donation of stuffed animals
- ♦ David Harrison, for bringing Alison's donation of stuffed animals complete with books and blankets.
- ♦ Betty Smith, for the zippered plastic bag.
- ♦ Kathi Davenport, for updating our bulletin board.
- ♦ The individual who donated all the colorful crocheted hats.

Our next meeting is at 10 a.m. Friday, May 12, in Room 111.

—Kathy Jones



Saturday, May 13

Put your donations of food items in a bag and leave it for your letter carrier to pick up that day. The food donations will benefit the Food Pantry at The Caring Place. Since 1993, when the national food drive began, letter carriers around the country have worked with family members, friends, other postal co-workers and allies to give back to their communities. Last year, the food drive collected a record 80 million pounds of nonperishable food, raising the total amount of donations picked up over the quarter-century history of the drive to more than 1.5 billion pounds.

FELLOWSHIP

Willhouse to speak to men about Red Cross

Clara Barton, a hospital nurse during the Civil War, and a circle of her acquaintances founded the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1881.

Barton first heard of the Swiss-inspired global Red Cross network while visiting Europe following the Civil War.

Barton led the organization for 23 years.

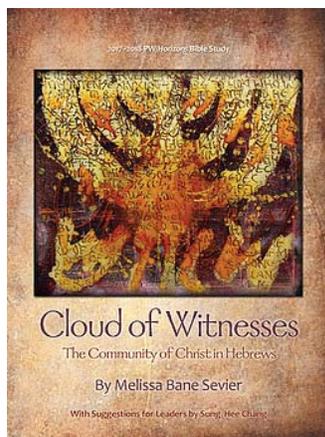
Today, the mission of the American Red Cross continues to be prevention and alleviation of human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

**American Red Cross**

Don Willhouse, an FPC member who is an active volunteer for the American Red Cross, will speak at the Men's Fellowship Dinner meeting Monday, May 15, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited to attend. The meeting begins with general conversation and fellowship, followed by a dinner at 6:30 prepared by Mona Anderson.

After dinner, Don will speak about the American Red Cross, where he teaches first aid/CPR/AED, wilderness first aid and disaster services classes. He also responds to emergencies in a variety of ways and will describe what the Red Cross does, how it operates and how it is funded.

Dinner reservations must be made no later than May 13 by contacting Marv Hulshizer at 512-818-2094 or marv.mcf@suddenlink.net. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person.

"Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews"**2017-18 PW Horizons Study Book**

The Letter to the Hebrews is a significant book of the Bible and is also significantly different from every other book in the Bible. It consists of 13 chapters, all of which are packed with theology, metaphor, comparisons and spirituality. The author approaches the letter thematically, not sequentially. During the coming year, PW will explore nine major themes, relate those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The community for which the letter was written interacts, in a sense, with all the communities of which we are a part, because we bring those groups with us wherever we go—they have helped to form us into the persons we are. The community in which we study and worship, our family and friends, social and therapy groups . . . all are part of us.

Schedule of May PW Circle Meetings

Circle	Date	Time	Hostess	Telephone	Address
Elizabeth	5/25	6:30 p.m.	Theresa McKenna	512- 930-3751	3601 Brangus Road
Esther	5/03	1:30 p.m.	Nadine Tanner	512-863-3714	Church, Room 112
Hannah	5/17	11:00 a.m.	Marty Curtis	501-517-3503	Church, Room 112 (Lunch out)
Lydia	5/10	1:00 p.m.	Barbara Caudle	512-431-1862	240 Silverstone, Cedar Park
Martha	5/17	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Gregory	512-868-6583	114 Cold Springs Drive
Rachel	5/17	11:00 a.m.	Sandie Kienitz	512-868-2519	Sheraton BRIX&Ale (Lunch)
Ruth	5/08	11:00 a.m.	Peg Kingsbury	512-864-3498	The BiG Café (Lunch)
Sarah	5/15	10:00 a.m.	Marietta Mugford	512-863-3954	1409 Olive Street



News & Notes

This 2016-17 year is coming to an end!

Our Horizons Bible study topic for the coming year is "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews."

Cost of the study book is \$10, which includes shipping and handling.

Circle leaders are asked to turn in the book orders for their groups at the June 12 PW Board meeting.

Also, circle leaders should review the current PW directory information about their circles and submit member deletions, additions or changes at the June 12 board meeting.

How to receive copies of the pastor's sermons

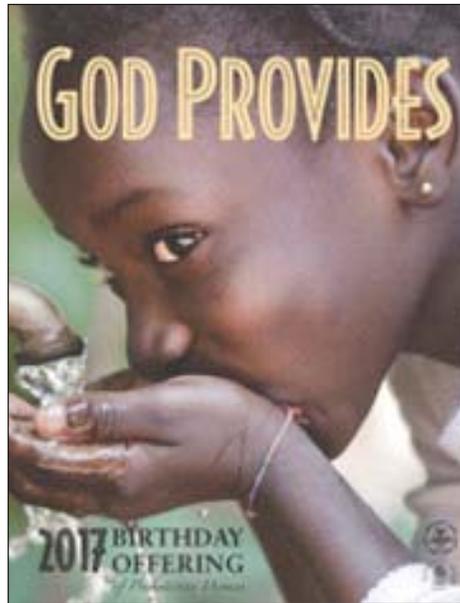
Live and in Person—Every Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m.! Still the best way to hear a sermon!

On our Church Webpage—We generally post sermons on our webpage, www.fpcgeorgetown.org, the day after they are preached. All of the current year's sermons are there.

Sent by E-mail—We e-mail Dr. Roberts' sermons as an attachment on request. If you would like to receive sermons by e-mail, contact Christina Bondesen, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor (863-3381, cbondesen@fpcgeorgetown.org).

Printed Copies Mailed to Your Home—We mail printed copies of sermons on request. Contact Christina if you would like to receive the sermons by mail.

Printed Copies at Church—You will find printed copies of the previous three sermons at church in the narthex and the lobby.



PW Birthday Offering

If you missed the opportunity to contribute to the 2017 PW Birthday Offering at the Spring Gathering, you can still do so during May. Please make your check payable to FPC Presbyterian Women and indicate on the "For" line "Birthday Offering." You can give your check to your circle leader or to the PW treasurer, Cheryl Dorothy.

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering received in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support.

Three projects were chosen to receive grants from the 2017 Birthday Offering. Gifts in 2017 will support these three recipients: the Family Justice Center (South Carolina), which helps victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse; First Hand Aid (Cuba), which delivers supplies to families and hospitals in that country; and the Navajo Water Project (New Mexico), which is working to end water poverty on the largest reservation in our country.



To notify the church office if:

- You change your physical or mailing address
- You change your e-mail address or add e-mail
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Reported cases of West Nile Virus

As of January 17, 2017, a total of 47 states and the District of Columbia reported West Nile Virus infections in people, birds or mosquitoes in 2016. Overall, 2,038 cases of West Nile Virus disease in people have been reported to CDC. Of these, 1,140 (56%) were classified as neuroinvasive disease (such as meningitis or encephalitis) and 898 (44%) were classified as non-neuroinvasive disease.

—Centers for Disease
Control & Prevention

CARE MINISTRY

Points from Parish Nurse Penny

West Nile Virus (WNV): Yes, it's in Williamson County!



I have a friend whose husband is dealing with the effects of being bitten by a West Nile-infected mosquito in Georgetown, Texas! The good news first: 70-80% of people who are infected show NO symptoms at all. Now the bad news (for you, who like me, are “math challenged”): That leaves 20-30% who have symptoms. Some symptoms are mild, but others are very, very serious and long-lasting.

Symptoms: Possible fever, headache, body aches, joint pain, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, skin rash, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, seizures, paralysis, death. Symptoms will appear 2-24 days after infection. Consult a healthcare provider for evaluation and diagnosis if you are concerned.

Spread: Most often WNV is spread by mosquitoes that became infected by feeding on birds with WNV. Rarely, it can be spread by contact with blood of an infected person. It is NOT spread by casual contact such as kissing or touching.

Treatment: Ranges from over-the-counter pain relievers to hospitalization, depending on the severity of the symptoms.

The 4 “D’s” of Prevention

1. Drain—Drain standing water around your home—even a small amount of water like in pet bowls or flower pots.
2. Dress—Donning protective clothing makes it difficult for mosquitoes to pierce the skin to inject WNV.
3. Dusk—Early evening and early morning are prime times for mosquitoes to be out and biting. Stay inside during these times and ensure tight-fitting window screens. If you want or need to be outside at the end or beginning of the day, wear clothing to cover skin or apply insect repellent. If you are like me (a mosquito attractor), I do both.
4. DEET—Use an EPA-registered insect repellent according to the label instructions that have active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin (KBR3023), IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, PMD.

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FIFTH-GRADE HUMOR

Kids use TV commercials to communicate ideas about God

A 5th grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

God is like:

Bayer aspirin. He works miracles.

A Ford. He's got a better idea.

Coke. He's the real thing.

Hallmark. He cares enough to send His very best.

Tide detergent. He gets the stains out others leave behind.

General Electric. He brings good things to life.

Walmart. He has everything.

Alka-Seltzer. Try Him, you'll like Him.

Scotch tape. You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

Delta Airlines. He's ready when you are.

Allstate. You're in good hands with Him.

VO5 Hairspray. He holds through all kinds of weather.

Dial soap. Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

The U.S. Postal Service. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

Chevrolet. He's the heartbeat of America.

Maxwell House coffee. He's good to the very last drop.

Bounty. He's the quicker picker-upper and can handle the tough jobs. And He won't fall apart on you.

The Energizer Bunny. He keeps going, going and going.



Rev. Dr. Bob Lively

Stephen Leaders Continuing Education

Save the Date, Monday, May 15

Stephen Ministers are sponsoring a program by the Rev. Dr. Bob Lively. Bob is a distinguished alum of Austin College and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He has served the church in the area of pastoral care and outreach in various locations and capacities.

He has authored many devotional and other books and has also written a regular column in the *Austin American-Statesman*. At 7 p.m. on May 15 his topic will be "Spiritual Awakening," the subject of his newest book. The program will be in Room 101.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Points from Parish Nurse Penny (continued from previous page)

Senior Seminar: Downsizing

"Downsizing Made Easy" is the topic of the Senior Seminar this month on Thursday, May 18, from 10-11:30 a.m. in Room 101. Be sure to save your spot by calling 512-818-0988 or going online to www.SeniorsLivingSmarter.com.



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It's not too late to call RightPath Health Screenings (formerly Health Screens), 1-800-770-0240 to schedule an appointment for ultrasound and/or doppler screenings to detect various diseases. They will be at FPC in Room 101 on Thursday, May 11. All 11 tests cost \$200, or you can purchase individual tests at \$50 each.



*Newest
staff
member:
Sue Bell*



*Church
Financial
Secretary*

She began her new duties April 1 in an office located off the hallway behind the church office.



**Church
Finance**



She has degrees and years of experience in accounting and business management

WHEN SUSAN (SUE) BELL, NEW FINANCIAL Secretary of FPC, graduated from college in the northeast, she wanted to move to a place “where there wasn’t snow, sleet, ice and rain from October to April.” (She was born in Pennsylvania, grew up in New York and returned to Pennsylvania for college.) With a map in hand, Sue looked south and put her finger on Dallas, Texas. Soon she was there, looking for a job in the Metroplex.

“I told my dad if I didn’t find a job soon I would flip burgers at McDonalds,” she said with a laugh. Not too much later, she called her parents and told them she had found a job—at McDonalds.

“My dad’s response was a hesitant, ‘Oh,’ and I could hear him thinking how four years of college had been a waste. But I said, ‘And no, I’m not flipping burgers.’” Sue’s first job as an accounting major from Grove City College—founded in 1876 in Grove City, Pennsylvania, and historically affiliated with the Presbyterian church—was with McDonalds Corp. A senior store accountant, she kept books for 12-14 cor-

porate McDonalds restaurants in Oklahoma and Colorado.

The move to Dallas took an unexpected and life-changing turn when Sue’s friends introduced her to Bryan Bell, a Pennsylvania native who also graduated from Grove City College and was working as an engineer for Texas Instruments. “I didn’t know him in college but I knew who he was,” she said. They were married in 1988.

She left McDonalds Corp. to further her career, joining Pepsi-Cola. For 10 years, until 1994, she served in various capacities there—as accounting manager, senior financial analyst, inventory control supervisor and accountant.

Pepsi-Cola even paid her way to return to college and earn a Master of Business Administration degree in business management at the University of Dallas.

When Pepsi decided to move their accounting offices to New York, Sue went to work as a cost accounting and financial re-engineering manager for another company before leaving the Dallas area.

By then the Bell family had added two sons, Matthew, now 26, a chemical engineer with Dow Chemical in Houston, and Greg, 25, a mechanical engineer with GE in Jacksonville, Florida. Sue took time off to be a stay-at-home-mom when the family moved to Georgetown to relocate for Bryan's job in Austin.

"Bryan was traveling a lot and was either out of town or out of the country," she said. With two growing sons, she stayed busy as both boys played sports in school and with club teams that traveled around the state. She also volunteered in her sons' schools and was active in the Parent-Teacher Association, serving as president of the McCoy Elementary chapter. When a sports booster club needed a treasurer who knew bookkeeping software, Sue volunteered for the job. She also was involved in starting the Assistance League of Georgetown, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in need.

In 2005 Sue decided to rejoin the workforce but not in business or accounting. She became a teacher aide in special education at Forbes Middle School in Georgetown. She was encouraged by the principal to seek teacher certification since

she already had two college degrees. So Sue did, just about the time, she said, that school budgets were being drastically reduced and Georgetown teaching positions were being slashed. She holds Texas teaching certification in career and technical education (CTE)/business (grades 6-12), general education (grades 4-8) and health (grades 6-12).

In the absence of a full-time teaching job, Sue spent two years as a long-term substitute teacher at Forbes, filling in for teachers on maternity leave or sick leave. She closed out her career at Forbes in 2015 after teaching for three years: one year as a math teacher and two years teaching career and technology. She also sponsored the school's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Not having worked outside the home since 2015, Sue recently told her husband that she would like to find a part-time job, working perhaps 20 hours a week, with flexible hours. Those jobs don't exist, her husband told her. But about three weeks later she learned that her church was looking for a Financial Secretary to replace Jerri Jones, who was resigning after being appointed Williamson County Auditor. Sue's
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Jones resigns to become Williamson County Auditor

She has served as Financial Secretary of the church since January 2011, but Jerri Jones resigned recently after being appointed in January as Williamson County Auditor by the district judges, effective March 1. Since 2015 she has continued her duties as Financial Secretary while she also held elected office as County Treasurer.

Announcement of her appointment came from the judges: "The District Judges of Williamson County believe that Ms. Jones' overall experience, leadership qualities and proven track record make her the right choice to move Williamson County forward in the coming years. Ms. Jones has more than 20 years of financial experience including payroll, budgeting, accounting and analyzing cost data for major military organizations. Ms. Jones served honorably in the U. S. Marine Corps for 20 years as a finance officer, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel....Soon after taking office [as county treasurer], Ms. Jones led the extensive effort to select a new financial institution for the county's banking needs. The project included banking reviews, account analysis and successful conversion of the county's extensive departmental accounts. Under Ms. Jones' leadership, the Treasurer's Office has reduced redundancies, increased efficiency and expanded the county's investment activity."



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Jerri has served our church so faithfully these past six years. She was careful, precise and efficient. She also helped the staff and church to be better stewards of our resources. I am grateful that Jerri herself was a great steward of the office.

I am also grateful and pleasantly amazed that God continues to provide wonderful individuals when we make a staff transition.

Sue is a great addition to our church staff. She and her family have been members of our church since 1998. She serves in our Sanctuary Choir and as a deacon. She also brings important education and significant experience in accounting to this position. Sue knows the staff well and will be a wonderful team member. We are glad she is with us.

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—PASTOR MIKE

Senior citizen humor



Insight about getting older—

Now that you're getting older, but refusing to grow up, here's what you may have discovered:

- ◆ You started out with nothing and still have most of it.
- ◆ Your wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
- ◆ You finally got your head together only to find out that your body is falling apart.
- ◆ Funny, you don't remember being absent-minded.
- ◆ All reports are in: Life is officially unfair.
- ◆ If all is not lost, where is it?
- ◆ It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- ◆ You wish the buck stopped here because you sure could use a few.
- ◆ Kids in the backseat cause accidents.
- ◆ It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- ◆ If God wanted you to touch your toes He would have put them on your knees.
- ◆ When you are finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
- ◆ It's not hard to meet expenses; they're everywhere.
- ◆ These days you spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter: You go in another room to get something and then wonder, "What am I here after?"

Sue Bell

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employment was approved by the Session at its March 28 meeting. As Sue began her new responsibilities April 1, she spent time being trained "side by side" by Jerri on the computer software as well as documentation and reports that are generated for the pastor, Session and Diaconate. "She's a great teacher," the new church employee said.

The church uses QuickBooks, and Sue said she has used a similar software program to keep track of accounts for various nonprofit clubs and organizations over the years. She is having no trouble becoming familiar with the FPC financial accounting and bookkeeping system in order to conduct the day-to-day financial activities—and maintain the financial records—of the church. Her duties include, among other things, paying bills, gener-

ating payroll and managing a balance sheet and income statement for distribution to the pastor and elders.

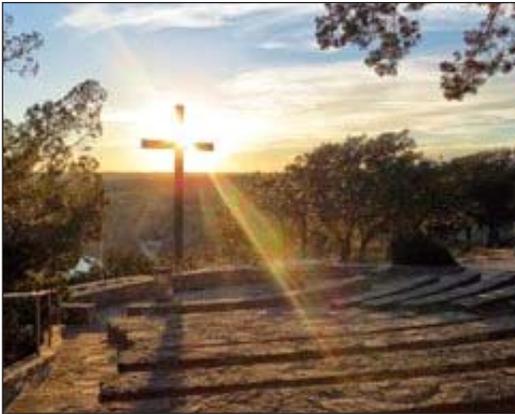
Not long after joining the church in 1998, Sue said she was asked to join the choir. But she and Bryan attended the early service, which didn't have a choir at the time. She told the music director she would join if they ever organized an 8:30 choir. It was eventually added and she joined, as promised. "Some Sundays, the Sanctuary Choir back then consisted of me, Kathy Jones, Betty Smith and Polly Nelson," she laughed. Since joining that choir, Sue has participated in Music Ministry cantatas and other music activities at the church, including the trip to New York City to sing at Carnegie Hall in January 2016. She is presently serving as deacon on the Service Committee and is on the Planning Committee for the annual All-Church Retreat in September. Bryan has served as deacon twice in the past.

—Marty Curtis

Among the church Financial Secretary's duties:

- ◆ Maintain financial records including pledges, financial commitments and check-book account activity; enter financial data into computer using appropriate codes; maintain documentation supporting all entries.
- ◆ Coordinate the counting and depositing of church offerings; execute automatic deposits; enter member contributions into records; prepare and distribute individual contribution reports.
- ◆ Prepare checks and on-line payments to pay bills and reimburse expenses of members and staff.
- ◆ Prepare and distribute monthly and quarterly financial reports to officers and staff.
- ◆ Process semi-monthly payroll and maintain a professional relationship with payroll service provider.
- ◆ Provide reports on the annual stewardship campaign to the pastor for inclusion in the weekly bulletin; assist with other responsibilities related to the campaign.
- ◆ Assist the Budget Committee in preparing the annual budget and input the approved budget into Quickbooks; provide monthly reports to the Executive Committee comparing actual income and expenses to the adopted budget.
- ◆ Maintain records of memorial gifts for families and the church; acknowledge memorial gifts by letter.
- ◆ Collect special offerings (Joy Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing) and distribute proceeds to Mission Presbytery; collect and account for various other offerings as required (disaster relief, Christmas poinsettias, Easter lilies, etc).
- ◆ Provide financial year-to-date totals monthly for *First Word*.

NOW REGISTERING



“Families of Faith”

15th Annual All-Church Retreat
September 22 - 24
Mo-Ranch Conference Center
Hunt, Texas

Retreat Speaker & Facilitator:
David Jensen, PhD

Dr. Jensen is Academic Dean and Professor of Reformed Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.



Whether you are a family of one, two, three...

A continual challenge for most people these days is the scarcity of time. Multiple demands clamor for our attention, often—it seems—at the expense of time spent with those nearest and dearest to us. Do you feel the “time bind?” Do you wish the day contained just a few more hours? How do Christian practices of marking time have bearing in a society characterized by consumerism, competition and busyness?

This year’s retreat will explore some of the challenges facing families in a technological age. It will also explore Christian practices of hospitality, and how acts of hospitality expand the family circle. Come, spend time and explore these questions with your church family in the beauty of the Texas Hill Country. Come for practical, conversational, biblically and historically informed discussions of family and Christian faith.

David Jensen, who has written on themes of parenting, family, work and Christian practices, will facilitate our retreat.

**On April 30
All-Church Retreat
planners will hand out
forms and answer
questions.
There also will be
a movie about the
retreat in Room 101
and the Fellowship
Hall lobby during
Fellowship Time,
10:30 - 10:50.**

**Please register
for the retreat
by June 1.
We hope you
will join us
for our retreat
weekend in
September!**



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