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VBS 2018:



"Shipwrecked:
Rescued by Jesus"

June 11 - 15
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Register by May 21 online at:
www.fpcgeorgetown.org, click on
"Connect" then "Children" and
"Vacation Bible School."

MAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

May 6: "The Peace of God"

Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching
Scripture: Philippians 4:1-13;
John 14:25-27

May 13: "Church Mothers"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching
Scripture: Acts 1:12-14, 2:1-13,
18:18-28

May 20: "Giver of Life"

Pentecost Sunday
Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching
Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

**May 27: "The Un-Lonely God and His
Children"**

Dr. Tom Currie Preaching
Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17

A few Spaghetti Dinner "thank you's" from youth

Thank you, First Presbyterian Church, for helping Youth Ministry meet its goal of raising \$5,000+! These funds are primarily for youth trips throughout the year!

For those who purchased tickets, came, enjoyed, ate and/or bid on silent auction goods, we are so thankful for your support!

A special thanks to our youth and their families who contributed items to our silent auction baskets and helped organize, gather, set-up, serve and clean up!

We have deep gratitude for James Ramsey, Elizabeth and Corey Bailey, David and Cathy Ramsey and Angie Harris for donating, cooking and serving the wonderful spaghetti!





ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Sue & Walter Juncker
Cindee & Roger Molenda
- 8 Mike & Charlotte Harper
- 12 Mary Ann & Jerry Fine
- 13 Cathy & Keith Tucker
- 16 Kendall & Andrew Guinn
Mary Mitchem & Tom Yantis
- 19 Aimee & Erick Stenborg
- 20 Karen Jones & Len Staller
- 21 Angie & Tim Harris
Beverly & Justin Jones
- 24 Teresa & Steve Wilson
- 25 Larian & Mike Carson
- 27 Lynn Azuma & Brian Hall
Haley & Bobby Weisbrod
- 30 Cindy & Thom Bausch
Pat & Fred Hilgeman
- 31 Anne & Robert Gowdy
Carolyn & Gene 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
Jennifer Whitehead
- 10 Susan Isenhour
- 12 Beverly Dennis
- 14 Mona Andersen
Luke Hulsey
Mason Rayburn
- 17 Kitty Bristow
- 18 Robert Bedford
Rod Burke
Sandie Kientz
- 19 Jack Schmalstieg
Jay Shiffler
- 20 Cherril Lemmink
- 22 Josef Bookert
- 23 Aaron Kozak
Betty Anne Poe
- 24 Reece Cowan
Richard Jenny
Jacob Wenzel

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Service of Wholeness to move to new site

First Presbyterian has been formally notified that the community Service of Wholeness will move from our sanctuary in 2018-19 to the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) sanctuary.

Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann said in a letter to FPC that “utilizing the FUMC sanctuary, as an independent ministry group and not the ministry property of FUMC,” had been explored and “they are able to accommodate us.”

She wrote, “To say the wholeness service is forever indebted to FPC for its conception and home for 19 years would be an understatement. Much of that is due to the involvement and commitment of George Biggs. Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue forward with the life-giving, healing services birthed at FPC and hope that you will remain active participants in the future services. God bless you for your ministry.”

Income and Expense Report Year to Date - March 2018 General Operating Fund

	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % Annual Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$281,572	\$846,088	33%
Other	20,118	139,080	14%
TOTAL	\$301,690	\$985,168	31%
Expenses			
Validated Mission	184,79	58,346	32%
Local/Other Mission	5,850	31,134	19%
Ministry of the Word	40,323	158,942	25%
Program/Support Staff	110,508	435,981	25%
Christian Education	4,343	34,700	13%
Music and Worship	8,343	20,914	40%
Evangelism/Care	1,677	11,860	14%
Property	22,765	84,066	27%
Stewardship/Finance	4,818	18,200	26%
Other Oper Expenses	7,877	40,600	19%
Debt Retirement	22,593	90,370	25%
TOTAL	\$247,576	\$985,113	25%

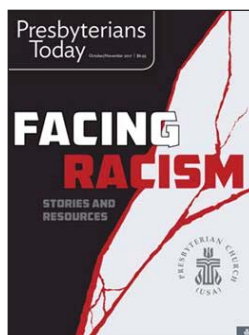
PCUSA communicators receive 11 awards

Presbyterian Mission Agency communicators won 11 DeRose-Hinkhouse Awards in April from the Religion Communicators Council (RCC) at the council’s annual convention in Atlanta.

The RCC is a professional association for those working in communications for faith-based organizations. RCC members include editors, writers, designers, photographers and videographers.

The awards are named in honor of the late Victor DeRose and the late Paul M. Hinkhouse, who were leading lithographers in New York City and strong supporters of the RCC. The awards are presented to RCC members who demonstrate excellence in religious communications and public relations.

Presbyterians Today magazine received the highest honor, “Best in Class.” It won top honors for the October/November 2017 issue “Facing Racism.”



Winners recognized for their work during 2017 were chosen from more than 250 entries.

FPC deacon Katherine Kerr Kubatzky is a former member of the RCC Board of Governors and was at the Atlanta meeting. “I am always proud to see PCUSA writers, photographers and editors recognized for outstanding communications of faith,” she said.

“Competition is extremely tough for the awards, and the winners deserve acknowledgement from their peers. Communications is at the very heart of successful faith witness, and PCUSA members should be proud of this achievement.”

Katherine is also former treasurer of the national board and former chapter president of the Central Texas RCC.

See page 5 for information about an elective Sunday School class that Katherine will lead on “Facing Racism.”

Among Our People



Boldface
indicates
a member of
First
Presbyterian
Church

In the hospital last month: Rod Gilbert, Jettie Sherrier and Bill Wilder (surgery).

Congratulations to Roger & Suzy Taylor on the birth of their grandson, Kenyan Grey Taylor, born April 2.

In memoriam: Pat Miller joined the Church Triumphant April 4. A service officiated by Pastor Mike was held April 9. Pat had been a member of our congregation since October 1988.

Our sympathy to David & Carol Siekmeier on the death of Carol's brother, Donald Fausch, April 13. Burial services were held in Ames, Iowa.

Serving in the military: Josh Bengé, **Sturdy & Tammy Wanamaker's** nephew; Maj. Brian Berlakovich, **Ouida Henderson's** grandson-in-law; Lt. Col. Brian Burk, **Larry Burk's** son; Col. Joeff Childs, **Helen Douglass' grandson;** 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;** Lt. Ian Hines, grandson of **Dr. Jake Hines;** Brandon Keith, **Phil & Jeanne Smith's** son-in-law; **Nicolaas Leloux;** Tech.Sgt. Robert McClanahan, grandson of **Minta McIntosh** and nephew of **Lee McIntosh;** **Sgt. 1stClass Paul Rayburn;** Nicholas Stamos, **Larry & Helen Burk's** grandson; and Christian Winckel, grandson of Sandy Hayes.

No all-church retreat to be held this year

After lots of hard thinking and praying the Education/Nurture Committee has decided not to have a retreat at Mo-Ranch this year.

We want to be here to celebrate Mike Roberts 30 years as our Pastor. We also considered the fact that the number of members attending has decreased as of late and we hope that we can plan a retreat for 2019 that will bring more of the church family with us. We are also in the process of planning another event for the whole church family in 2018. So stay tuned.

If you have questions, please give Joy a call at 512-863-3381.

Looking for volunteers: ushers & greeters needed

Ushers and greeters are needed for both services. If you didn't indicate on the annual service commitment form your wish to usher and greet, please let us know if you are interested. Contact Gail Butler (gail.butler@suddenlink.net, 512-869-0620) for the 8:30 service or Cathy Shirley (cathyhs@verizon.net, 512-863-0630) for the 11:00 service.

Humor: Hymns for Older Folks

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand. . . And Help Me Up"

"It Is Well with My Soul. . . But My Knees Hurt"

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing"

"Just a Slower Walk with Thee"

"Count Your Many Birthdays, Name Them One by One"

"Go Tell It on the Mountain. . . But Speak Up"

"Give Me the Old Timers' Religion"

"Blessed Insurance"

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah. . . I've Forgotten Where I Parked"

BIRTHDAYS

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- 25 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

- 6 McClure/Staller Family
- 13 Koenig Family
- 20 Celeste & Sid Frost
- 27 Larian & Mike Carson

Head Deacon/May

- 8:30 Kathy Kerr Kubatzky
Ann Hindman
- 11:00 Ann Hindman
Minta McIntosh

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joy Bedford
Education Director
jbedford2321@gmail.com



**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.

LOGOS teams with CUPS for mission project

LOGOS is teaming with CUPS, Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud (a mission supported by FPC), to collect these basic school supplies: crayons, markers, pencils and pens, erasers, scissors, rulers, construction paper and any other type of paper. These will be sent to the residents of northern Mexico. If you would like to contribute, please look for the collection barrels in the church office or the main lobby.

LOGOS has only a couple of weeks left in our spring semester. What an amazing few months it has been! We want to say a big thank you to all of our LOGOS volunteers. 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!

LOGOS Themes for May

Date: May 2
Theme: Luau
Attire: Hawaiian
Menu: Teriyaki Chicken
Game: Limbo

Date: May 9
Theme: LOGOS Picnic
Attire: Tie-dyed Shirts
Menu: Hamburgers
Game: Recreation



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www.fpcgeorgetown.org

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*
—Jaime Cowan



**It's LOGOS
Picnic time!**

LOGOS

End-of-the-Year Picnic

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9

Booty's Road Park

1631 Booty's Park Road

*RSVP to Jaime Cowan at
jcowanfpc@gmail.com so we
can get an accurate headcount
for food. LOGOS and youth
will cover the cost
of the picnic this year!*

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

Adult Elective

"Facing Racism: A Vision of an Intercultural Community"

May 6 - 27, Room 101

Kathy Kubatzky

This is a four-week adult elective that uses PCUSA resources to facilitate difficult and important conversations about race and racism in relation to our Christian faith. The class will be led by Kathy Kerr Kubatzky, who has been active in anti-racism and interfaith work locally, regionally and nationally.

Surveyors

"Walking Wisely"

Thru May 27, Room 207

Celeste Frost

The class uses Dr. Charles Stanley's book, *Walking Wisely: Real Life Solutions for Life's Journey*. The author cuts through the mystique of wisdom and presents God's simple plan to bless those who walk in His ways. He reveals that there are only two ways to journey through life: wisely or unwisely.

Homebuilders

"Esther"

Room 112

Karen Jones

Homebuilders will continue its study of *Esther*. The class 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"

Room 107

Amanda & Patrick Tolbert

Crossroads class uses stories in the day's 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. We will make copies of the lessons, after they have been taught, available in the library.

"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" is 2018 VBS

9 a.m. - 12 noon June 11 - 15

Who's ready for some FUN!

Registration is open for kinder - 6th grade (preschool classes are full at this time). Go online to the church website at www.fpcgeorgetown.org to register. Or you can come by the church office for a paper form. We still need volunteers so please contact Jaime Cowan at 512-863-3381 or jcowanfpc@gmail.com if you have questions or to find out how you can be a part of this amazing adventure!

You are asked to register by May 21 to ensure that your child receives a custom VBS t-shirt.

Faith-building, fun activities will spark kids' imaginations all week long during VBS. The Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a desert island where kids survive and thrive as Jesus carries them through life's storms. They will also adopt a mission project for the week.

VBS needs supplies!

There will be a large donation bulletin board in the lobby starting May 6, and it will have a detailed list of items we're hoping to collect for VBS this year.

If you are able, please take a donation item tag and return it with your donated item(s) to the church office by June 4. Thank you in advance for your support. We couldn't do this without you! If you have questions, please contact Jaime Cowan at jcowanfpc@gmail.com or 512-863-3381.



Other Educational 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 107 to study scripture and eat lunch together. The men are studying the book of John, led by Sturdy Wanamaker.

Ladies Lunch Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday at noon in Room 207 for a "brown bag" lunch and Bible study. We continue our study of Jessica LaGrone's *"Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story"* until May 16, when we begin a new study, *"Who Is This Man?"*

On the eve of his crucifixion it seemed like Jesus' influence on the world had ended. On the contrary, it had just begun. In this five-session video-based study, pastor and bestselling author John Ortberg reveals how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world.

Call Joy (512-863-3381) to let us know you are coming.

The FPC Youth Ministry would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous contributions of time, labor and/or donations for our silent auction! We encourage members of FPC to join us in thanking all those listed and supporting the businesses that were so generous in supporting our youth!

Individuals

Mona Andersen
Joy Bedford
Katy Bedford
Bob and Christina Bondesen
Bridget Chapman
Marty Curtis
Kathi Davenport
Melinda Folsom
Angie Harris
Susan Isenhour
John and Ruth McEntire
Minta McIntosh
Phyllis Perkins
Jeff and Amy Pratt
Jim and Courtney Root
Tim Taylor
Mike and Kathleen Wenzel
Rusty Winkstern

Businesses

600 Degrees Pizza
Ace Hardware
All Things Kids
Berry Creek Country Club
Bell Cleaners
Blue Corn Harvest
Board & Brush
City Lights
Dos Salas
The Escape
The Exchange
Flower and Sugar Bakery
Fish City Grill
Grape Creek Vineyard
HEB
Home Depot
Hutto Premiere Dentistry
Jimmy Vegas Smokehouse
Monument Cafe
Novita Spa
Palace Theatre
Round Rock Express
Tito's Vodka
Thirty-One
Walmart
Wildfire
Zoot Pet Hospital and Boarding

—Sincerely,
Sarah Hulsey

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth to finish Bible study, gear up for end-of-year events and recognition May 6

As we recover from the very successful, yet very demanding, Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, we turn back to finishing our Bible study of 1 Peter and continuing with a collection of Sunday activities for youth.

Notably, the coming month includes special recognition and encouragement of our Class of 2018 graduates. The recognition and reception will be May 6 during the 11 a.m. service, with cake, punch and a video featuring the seniors to follow. Join us in celebrating!

David Lee plans to take any interested college students to a Work Week at Crooked Creek Young Life Camp in mid-May. Meanwhile, Youth Ministry will have a brief pause in our weekly activities before beginning our full, if-not-crazy, variety of summer activities. You can look forward to hearing about youth involvement in **June Presbytery meeting, VBS, our 4th**

annual **Spartan Obstacle Course Race** (quick plug: Interested in helping? Talk to David Lee), the **In-Town Mission Trip**, and an out-of-town **Mission Trip to Memphis, Tennessee**.

We ask you to be in prayer for our youth as they finish their semester in school and continue with summer camps and activities. Specifically, the trips where students will serve are an area for all to pray—for the people who will be served, the youth and leaders serving, and for God's message of hope and love to be shared via action and relationship! If that doesn't keep you busy, we can come up with a few more prayer ideas!

—Sarah Hulsey

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. The past six months of 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.



Youth May Calendar

- 2
Last Bible Study
- 6
Senior Recognition, 11 a.m. service
G2G: Senior de Mayo
- 9
Helping Hands lunches
LOGOS Picnic
- 16
Memphis Pre-trip meeting II
- 20
Bread Breakers

MISSION

The needs in our city expand

Maybe by now you are tired of hearing from me. I certainly do understand that, but I have to tell you that the needs in Georgetown are ever-expanding. Here's why: The population is ever-expanding and, along with the expanding business opportunities, there is an expanding increase in the needs of our poorer brothers and sisters.

Are you a Good Neighbor? For \$1 a month you can become a good neighbor by adding \$1 to your utilities bill each month. This \$1 extra will go to The Caring Place and will be used to help those in need with utility bills. It is easy to do. You can either go to the Georgetown utilities department online and fill out the online form. Remember, by the end of the month we will once again be reaching the high 80s, and the need for cooling becomes extremely important. With this in mind, The



Caring Place will collect fans to be donated to those in need, especially the elderly. These fans are not expensive and may make the difference between life and death for some of our elderly citizens. Check out Walmart's fan department.

There is a current need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5 and 6. You can either donate them directly to The Caring Place or put them in the blue barrels at H-E-B or Walmart.

Food needs this month are: soup, stew, chili, tomato products, ketchup, cereal, juices and baking mixes. Toiletries are also needed.

I have to tell you that I was rather embarrassed to deliver our food gifts this past month as there was so little to donate. Won't you please consider helping with the needs?

Thank you for all you do.

—Jenny Carswell

The Caring Place & Family Eldercare's Fan Drive

Fans are given to households with a member 55 or over, or a member with a disability.



Friends in Deed



An FPC mission project helping members with routine home maintenance

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

Mission Sewing

A big "thank you" to:

- ♦ Alison Harrison for the stuffed animals with blankets & books
- ♦ Lenice Smithwick for the pillows and stuffed animal with blanket
- ♦ Judy Willett for the pillows
- ♦ Linette Harwell for the stuffed animal with blanket

♦ Marty Curtis for the fabric

♦ Linda Schellenberg for delivering our 40 pillows to the hospital

♦ The individual who donated crocheted hats

♦ The individual who donated the large bags of fabric and stuffing

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

We will wrap afghans made by Mission Sewing members for the graduating high school seniors from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

Spring Gathering



"Domestic Abuse/Sexual Violence Services"

**Salad & Dessert
Luncheon
12:00 noon
Saturday, May 5
Fellowship Hall**

**Speaker:
Suzanne
Holsomback,
Community
Education Advocate
for Hope Alliance,
and a client who
has been served
by Hope Alliance**

**PW circle members
will bring salads and
desserts. The PW Board
will provide bread,
crackers and drinks.**

**Hope Alliance
Crisis Center**

RSVP to Judy Bond
at 512-868-3487 or
tazmaniandogs@hotmail.com

FELLOWSHIP

RSVP for Spring Gathering Saturday, May 5

The Spring Gathering is fast approaching! It will be hosted by Presbyterian Women on Saturday, May 5, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend and guests are welcome.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to your circle leader or contact me at tazmaniandogs@hotmail.com or 512-868-3487. We will start the meeting with a potluck salad and dessert luncheon. PW circle members are asked to bring a salad or a dessert to share. Drinks, rolls and crackers will be provided.

Our speaker following lunch will be Suzanne Holsomback, Community Education Advocate for Hope Alliance in Round Rock, Williamson County's domestic and sexual violence support service. It and three families served by the organization were PW's 2017 Christ-

mas project recipients. Suzanne will be accompanied by a former client who will share her story of how Hope Alliance has helped her.

Participants at the PW retreat at Mo-Ranch in April got an introduction to the Horizons study for 2018-19, *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherlun. The author is a co-pastor at First Presbyterian Church, San Marcos. For a synopsis of the study, see page 9.

PW will wrap up this year's Horizons study on the book of Hebrews at our May circle meetings. Over the summer the PW Board will plan our schedule and activities for the coming year. Check out our summer church newsletters for upcoming PW events and the start up of circle meetings again in September.

—Judy Bond, Co-moderator

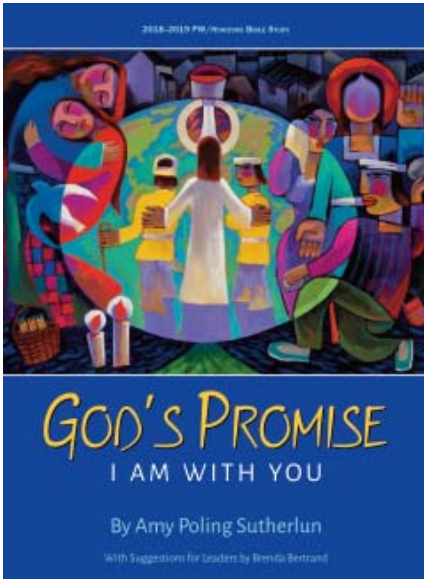
May PW Circle Meetings

Circle	Date	Time	Hostess	Phone	Address
ELIZABETH	5/1	6:30pm	Theresa McKenna	512-930-3751	3601 Brangus Rd.
ESTHER	5/2	2:00pm	Nadine Tanner	512-240-5005	Room 107, FPC
LYDIA	5/9	1:00pm	Nancy Dudley	512-863-0409	138 Ruellia Dr.
RUTH	5/14	10:30am	Peg Kingsbury	512-864-3498	Lunch, Simmer Down
MARTHA	5/16	9:30am	Carolyn Gregory	512-868-6583	114 Cold Springs Dr.
HANNAH	5/16	11:00am	Marty Curtis	501-517-3503	Church, Room 112
RACHEL	5/16	11:00am	Sandie Kienitz	512-868-2519	Lunch, TBA
SARAH	5/21	10:00am	Mary Martha Denham	512-869-0771	609 Spring Valley Rd.

**New member
class will be
May 20 and
27, the last
taught by
Pastor Mike**

The final new member class to be taught by Pastor Mike is set for Sunday, May 20 and 27, from 9:40 to 10:40 a.m. in Room 113. Evangelism Committee deacons will be hosts for a luncheon immediately following the 11 o'clock service May 27 for class participants to meet several church staff and leaders. If you are interested in joining FPC or would like more information on what it means to be a Presbyterian, you are invited to attend. Please contact Christina Bondesen at 512-863-3381 or cbondesen@fpcgeorgetown.org, by May 18 so the church can plan for sufficient materials and food for the class.

PW/*Horizons* study topic announced for 2018-19



The 2018-19 PW/*Horizons* Bible study “God’s Promise: I Am with You,” will take FPC circle members on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated His promise of presence. This study does not delve deeply into manifestations of God’s presence but rather on the actual articulation of God’s promise. PW will see anew that God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs to that of the prophets, from the judges to the kings, before, during and after the exile, into the New Testament and beyond, to the end of the age.

Study books can be ordered in May through circle leaders.



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

Southwestern University president is speaker for Men’s Fellowship Dinner on May 21

The president of Southwestern University, Dr. Edward Burger, will speak at the Men’s Fellowship Dinner meeting Monday, May 21. The meeting starts at 6 p.m., and all men of the church are invited to attend. A catered meal is served at 6:30.

Dr. Burger is a nationally known leader in educational innovation. His talk, which will start around 7 o’clock, is entitled, “Making Up Your Own Mind:

Thinking Effectively through Creative Puzzle-Solving.” With our formal education visible only in our rearview mirror of life, how can we continue to be uplifted by the joy of thinking and learning? Dr. Burger will offer some reflections on how we can do just that—and resolve all of life’s many puzzles.

Dr. Burger graduated summa cum laude with distinction in mathematics from Connecticut College and earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from U.T. Austin. He was on the faculty and served in several leadership roles at Williams College. In 2010, while at Baylor, Dr. Burger received the Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching, one of the most prestigious teaching awards in the country. He spent a year at Baylor serving as the Robert Foster Cherry Professor for Great Teaching, and the university invited him to stay an additional year, serving as vice provost for strategic educational initiatives. In 2013, he was named the 15th president of Southwestern University.

Contact Marv Hulshizer (512-818-2094 or marv.mcf@suddenlink.net) no later than May 19 to make your meal reservation. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person.



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Points from Parish Nurse Penny

Senior Seminar

The topic for Thursday, May 17, is "Staying in Charge of Your Life." This free, timely, and helpful class from 10-11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary is open to everyone in the community, so bring a friend. Call 512-818-0988 for a reservation so we can have plenty of hand-outs.

RightPath Health Screens

The year 2001 was the first year that FPC hosted HealthScreens. That year, it was discovered that one of our members had a mass on his kidney. He had no symptoms at all. He was referred to his personal physician for immediate follow-up. His doctor was excited that they were able to remove the kidney so early because the cancer had not spread. This man lived another 14 years and died, cancer-free, in his 90s.

RightPath (formerly HealthScreens, since 1986) is a nonprofit organization whose staff has visited FPC many times to provide ultrasound and doppler screenings to detect various diseases. Their staff

is professional and friendly and gives *you* the quality report at the end of your appointment. They will be with us on Saturday, May 19. By participating you can find out if you are at **INCREASED RISK** for stroke, aneurysm, osteoporosis, diabetes, heart disease and many cancers. If you chose to have all 11 tests, the total is \$200, but the tests are also available in smaller packages (cardiovascular and abdominal) as well as individually (\$50 each). Space is limited, so call 1-800-770-0240 to ask questions or to schedule your appointment.

Are doppler and ultrasound safe?

Ultrasounds and dopplers are noninvasive tests. An ultrasound uses high-frequency sound waves to produce images but doesn't show blood flow. A doppler test is an ultrasound that shows/measures blood flow by bouncing sound waves off red blood cells. Neither doppler nor ultrasound uses any ionizing radiation or magnetics like x-rays, CTs or MRIs. They have been in common use for more than 30 years without problems for patients, even in-utero fetuses!

Train to teach a NAMI course for families

An opportunity is coming to help families dealing with difficulties encountered in caring for a relative or friend who has a mental illness. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family is providing a free, 12-session training class for those who would be willing to teach family, partners, friends and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining their own well-being. The course includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and other mental health conditions.

Thousands of families describe the program as life-changing. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also family members and know what it's like to have a loved one living with mental illness. The training is free. An application is required at this link: nami.austin.org/Georgetown. If you would like to become a trained teacher, here are the details:

NAMI Austin Family-to-Family Teacher Training (Georgetown)

Georgetown Health Foundation
 2423 William Drive, Suite 101
 Friday - Sunday, June 1 - 3
 Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Sunday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Consider Stephen Ministry: An opportunity to serve. Why?

*“Carry each other’s burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
—Galatians 6: 2*

*“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God’s grace in various forms.” —1 Peter: 4:10*

A new Stephen Ministry Training class will begin at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, September 7, and continue through March 3. All Stephen Ministry programs within Georgetown churches will join in the training by sending students and assisting with the teaching. Participants will become more informed about expressing and recognizing feelings, their own and others; listening; confidentiality; and ministering to those who are facing a variety of life struggles.

All classes will be held in Room 101 on subsequent Monday nights, time to be announced later. More information will be presented in the next newsletter. If you know you are interested in our program, applications are in the Stephen Ministry box, on the wall directly across from the entrance to the church office.

Meanwhile, consider the following poem, written by a Stephen leader in Fayetteville, North Carolina:

Sometimes love comes knocking at the door,
Not to judge but to just be there through the thin times;
Not to heal, but to allow God to heal;
Not to be the answer but to be a conduit;
Not to have the words when God fills the silent room;
Sometimes love comes through and from a Stephen Minister.
Are you being called?

—Melissa Pilcher

Stephen Ministry presents program on Alzheimer’s & related dementia

All members of the church are welcome to attend the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education program, “Alzheimer’s & Related Dementia: Loving Care & Support.” to be presented Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in Room 101.

Erin Barrett, RN, MSN, Community Outreach and Education Director for Georgetown Living, will present the program. She will give an overview of Alzheimer’s and related dementia. Erin will also review various levels of care that are available to help caregivers: in-home assisted care, home health care and short-term skilled nursing rehabilitation. Long-term care and private facility care will also be discussed.

Erin also will share information about other community resources that can assist caregivers and their loved ones when needed.

—Sandie Kienitz

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.
—www.stephenministries.org



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry Refresher Course for Georgetown Area Churches

Are you a trained but inactive Stephen Minister who is feeling the call to return to Stephen Ministry? Are you aware of other caring ministries that require Stephen Ministry training prior to participation, programs such as HEROES Care or volunteer chaplaincy at some of our area hospitals? Seeing that need, Stephen Ministry leaders from First United Methodist Church will host a refresher course.

Dates & Time

Saturday, September 15 & 22
8:30 a.m. to noon
First United Methodist Church

Course Description

Subjects covered will be:
Listening and Confidentiality
Process vs. Results
Boundaries and Supervision

For more information, contact
Karen Rayburn.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Red Poppy Festival Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship-WCFH	30 Stephen Ministry Supervision	1 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:45am Stephen Leaders 12:00pm LOGOS Board 5:30pm Evangelism Comm. 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle	2 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Grief Group 2:00pm Esther Circle 4:45pm Last LOGOS 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm Last Youth Bible Study 7:15pm Women's Chorus 7:45pm Chancel Choir	3 David Lee Hulsey on study leave thru 5/4 9:00am Treehouse Learning 7:15pm Jubilation Ringers	4	5 12:00pm PW Spring Gathering
6 Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am Home Communion Training 11:00am Worship-WCFH 12:00pm High School Graduate Reception 4:30pm G2G Youth Event	7 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	8 Chad Hansen on vacation thru 5/15 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:45pm Executive Comm. 7:30pm Committee Meetings	9 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Lydia Circle 1:00pm Grief Group 5:30pm LOGOS Picnic Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Women's Chorus 7:45pm Chancel Choir	10 9:00am Treehouse Learning 4:00pm Sister Act Rehearsal 6:00pm Service of Wholeness Meeting	11 10:00am Mission Sewing 10:30am Administrative Committee 6:00pm Sister Act Production	12 12:00pm Sister Act Production
13 Communion Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship-WCFH	14 Christina Bondesen on vacation thru 5/20 10:30am Ruth Circle	15 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Diaconate	16 College Mission Trip thru 5/23 9:30am Martha Circle 11:00am Hannah Circle 11:00am Rachel Circle 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary Choir 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:00pm Youth Memphis Trip Mtg 7:15pm Women's Chorus 7:45pm Chancel Choir	17 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:00am Senior Seminar	18	19 8:00am Health Screens
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