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A message from Pastor Bill Poe

You've heard the old joke, I'm sure. How many Presbyterians does it take to change a lightbulb? I don't know, how many Presbyterians does it take?

CHANGE?????

We are, all of us, in the early stages of a transitional period, a change in the life of our church. We have celebrated the conclusion of a successful 30-year pastorate and said goodbye and Godspeed to Mike and Cindy. They have embarked on a new chapter of their life together, and so have we.

Betty Anne and I have been part of the life of this congregation for almost seven years now, and soon Betty Anne will be ordained and installed as a deacon. Actually, as she likes to point out, she'll then have more ordinations than I do! She's also an ordained elder.

But, still you may be wondering, Who is that guy up there? What is it going to be like to have him as our Transitional Pastor? What kind of person is he, really? What kind of preacher? Teacher? Pastor? Leader? Will he fulfill our expectations? Will we be able to share our lives, our hopes and fears, our failures and successes, our joys and sorrows with him?

So, let's start with some basics. My name is Bill, and I am married to Betty Anne (yes, she does go by the double name). Our son, Christopher, and his wife Kimberly, and their children Ethan and Abby, are members of this church, and you have also seen our daughter, Sarah, and

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Annual Christmas Night Together



Sunday, December 2

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6:30

Fellowship Hall

Meal provided.

Look for a reservation form in the Sunday bulletin on November 11, 18 and 25.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

November 4: "Listen Up!"

Dedication Sunday, Bill Poe Preaching
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Scripture: Psalm 146; Mark 12:28-34

November 11: "What We Give!?"

Youth Sunday
David Lee Hulsey Preaching
Scripture: Hebrews 9:24-28;
Mark 12:38-44

November 18: "Look!"

Bill Poe Preaching
Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 13:1-8

November 25: "Here Is Your King!"

Christ the King Sunday
Bill Poe Preaching
Scripture: Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Larry & Yvonne Crabb
- 6 Daryll & Rachel Gremillion
- 8 Mike & Cindy Roberts
- 9 Bruce & Jennifer Gunn
Kevin & Jana McCown
- 10 Chris & Cari Spruiell
- 11 Rod & Carole Burke
- 12 Robert Cravens & Linda Thomas
- 16 Phil & Dawn Bookert
- 24 Don & Dottie Willhouse
- 27 Sturdy & Tammy Wanemaker
- 28 Lou & Marty Brown
- 30 Cliff & Rita Snyder
Carl & Nancy Spivey

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jerry Pearson
- 2 Wyatt Mihacsi
Jeff Willett
- 3 Fred Hilgeman
Walter Juncker
Brandon Walters
- 5 Darlene Miller
David Ramsey
- 6 Sharon Judkins
- 7 Drake McIntosh
- 8 Jerry Fine
Susan Poteete
Anna Roberts
Dottie Willhouse
- 9 Jean Biggs
Leila Ramsey
- 10 Doug Arnold
Helen Douglass
- 11 Doug Bond
Kendall Guinn
Pat Hilgeman
Keith Renard
- 13 Kathi Davenport
Becky Hesson-Smith
Mike Hilgeman
Ashley Hunt
Tori Schmalstieg
- 14 Elizabeth Bailey
- 15 Bryan Bell
- 16 David Gipson
Becky Kennedy
- 17 Rhys Guthrie
Ralph Long
Nancy Marks
JoAnn Yantis
- 19 Denise Ferguson
Randa Toungate
- 20 Myrna McKee
- 22 Anne Gowdy
William O'Rourke
Mary Pope

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Message from the pastor

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her husband Michael and their daughters Ellie and Kenna in worship with us. I hope that most of you will learn to call me Bill. I want to learn your names, too—adults, youth and children—but I'll need your help for a while here at the start.

Over the time leading up to the beginning of the transition, I've tried to put myself in your shoes. I have tried to think about the questions, the hopes and concerns that may be running through your heads and your hearts. I hope to share life and faith with you, worship and learning, fellowship and service. I hope to continue as your friend and, for a time at least, to become your pastor. We're embarking together on a new chapter in the life of this church, and that can be both frightening and exhilarating!

It's good that we're doing it together, and that the Spirit of Christ is traveling with us on this new road. I hope that we can all feel the excitement of the new and look forward to what God has in store for us!

—Yours in Christ, Bill

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To notify the church office if:

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

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

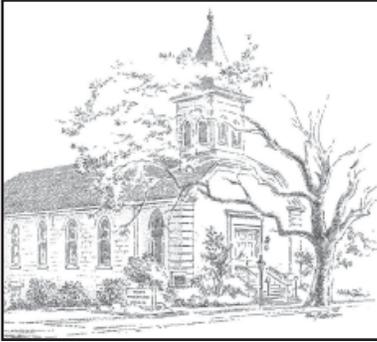
	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD% Annual Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$63,7140	\$846,088	75%
Other	57,354	139,080	41%
TOTAL	\$694,494	\$985,168	70%
Expenses			
Validated Mission	44,577	58,346	76%
Local/Other Mission	17,575	31,134	56%
Ministry of the Word	119,341	158,942	75%
Program/Support Staff	321,631	435,981	74%
Christian Education	21,340	34,700	61%
Music and Worship	15,575	20,914	74%
Evangelism/Care	3,430	11,860	29%
Property	73,109	84,066	87%
Stewardship/Finance	12,415	18,200	68%
Other Oper Expenses	25,968	40,600	64%
Debt Retirement	67,778	90,370	75%
TOTAL	\$722,739	\$985,113	73%

*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.



Among Our People

Boldface indicates
a member of
First Presbyterian Church

In the hospital last month: Anne Gowdy and Phyllis Perkins (surgery).

In memoriam: Herb Wilkins joined the Church Triumphant on October 8. Services are planned for November. Herb was a member of our congregation since June 2000, serving as elder from 2003-05 and trustee from 2009-11 and again in 2013-14.

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; 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. 1st Class Paul Rayburn; Nicholas Stamos, Larry & Helen Burk's grandson; and Christian Winckel, grandson of Sandy Hayes.

O Infinite Father, I'm grateful to Thee
For the moon and the stars
and deep rolling sea;
For beauties of nature,
where e'er they may be...
For the handclasp of friends,
so firm and so true;
For sunrise and sunset
and glistening dew;
The fleecy white clouds and
the Heavens, so blue;
For these wonderful gifts,
dear Lord, I thank you!

—Gertrude T. Buckingham
"My Song of Thanksgiving"

So many made it work!

My thanks to more than 60 church members who pitched in to make Mike's retirement celebration a fun time!

Volunteers helped with decorations, program and invitations, music, sound and video, hosting, table settings and decorations, chocolate cake (yum!), accounting, special presentations, program, photos, set-up, transition and the ever-popular cleanup/turn around! And then there was the catering!

This is just another demonstration of who First Pres Georgetown is...pretty great.
—Babs Cape



Correction

In an October First Word news story, we described the FPC staff as having a full-time choir director when Pastor Mike arrived in 1988. Records show that the choir director then was part time. Records also show that Music Director Philip Smith is the first full-time choir director of the church, and retired Pastor Mike confirms that.

BIRTHDAYS

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- 23 Nova Dowden
Bernie Lovejoy
Julia Thompson
Jeanie Wiesner
- 25 Shelley Sorenson
- 26 George Biggs
Jerry Burkett
Delmar Burkett
Lloyd Davis
Tess McKenna
Mary McKenna
Lucy Yantis
- 27 Anna Maspero
- 28 Annabel McClure
- 29 Susan Dunaway
- 30 Emily Tolbert



Flowers in Worship/ November

- 4 Kevin & Jana McCown
- 11 Keith & Sue Renard
- 18 Chuck Graham
- 25 Lou & Marty Brown

Most people donate their arrangement after the service to be the Flower Ministry, which divides the arrangement into bud bases and re-gifts them to our shut-ins and members in the hospital. If you intend to take your arrangement home, contact either Kathy Jones (512-863-3012) or Betty Smith (512-869-6925).

Head Deacon/ November

- 8:30 Suzy Taylor
Minta McIntosh
- 11:00 Minta McIntosh
Suzy Taylor

Joy Bedford
 Education Director
 jbedford2321@gmail.com

Seek  God*

* WE KNOW God is right here.

We have faith in the promises.

We hope this image will remind us to Seek God's answers, God's direction, God's calling for our church and our individual lives, in all that we do.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

—Jeremiah 29:13

LOGOS Choir Schedule

November 11
 LOGOS Choirs (3rd - 6th grade), 8:30 a.m. Service

November 14
 LOGOS Choirs (kinder-6th grade)
 Perform at Veterans Night program, 5:30-6:30

If you have questions please contact Jaime Cowan at jcowanfpc@gmail.com.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



LOGOS to honor veterans at annual program

A BIG Thank You!

The LOGOS family would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended our potato dinner fundraiser last month. Also, we send a special thank you to Bill and Betty Anne Poe, who were so gracious about playing a game with us and letting us get to know them a little better. It was a huge success and we are so appreciative to all who helped make it possible!

LOGOS is hosting our annual Veterans Night Program on Wednesday, November 14. We invite all members of our church, and their spouses, who have served (or are currently serving) in the military to join us for dinner and a short program. It will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. RSVP to me at jcowanfpc

@gmail.com or call the church office at 512-863-3381 if you would like to join us.

—Jaime Cowan, Director

November LOGOS

Date	Theme	Attire
7*	5 th Wednesday Noodle Night (no Bible study)	Bright Colors
14*	Veterans Night	Red, White, Blue
21	Thanksgiving Break No LOGOS	
28	Slumber Party	Pajamas

*Youth join us for dinner

Christmas Night Together is Sunday, December 2

Before the dinner at 5:30, LOGOS children will participate in the Live Nativity while we sing Christmas carols with Mrs. Amy and her helpers together as one big family. Then we will go inside and have dinner provided by our fabulous Fellowship Committee. After dinner, the children and youth will tell the story of our Savior's birth. The children will present a play that Mrs. Amy Pratt found, "The Gifts of Advent." We hope you will all be here as we celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world and into our lives.

PARENTS: If your children want to participate in the Christmas program during Christmas Night Together, please commit to bringing them to Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30 that morning for our one and only group rehearsal.

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

Adult Elective,

♦ *"Abraham & Sons, Inc.: Specialists in 'One-God' Religions"*

September 30 - October 21, Room 113

Sam Matthews

This eight-week class will have two four-week sessions. The first began September 30 and the second scheduled for next spring. Come with an open mind as we examine supplemental writings such as the Hebrew *Mishrash*, Islamic *Hadith* and Christian *Apologetics* to glean insights into the stories behind members of this critically influential family.

♦ *"Difficult People: Six Saints from the 20th Century"*

October 28 - December 2, Room 113

Dr. Tom Currie

This course will examine the lives of six believers whose courage, imagination and faith helped deepen and stretch the witness of the church in the 20th century. They are C.S. Lewis, Flannery O'Connor, Vernon Johns, Oscar Gardner, Simone Weil and Eric Liddell: a scholar, a writer, a preacher, an administrator, a teacher and an athlete.

Surveyors

♦ *"Grace, Mercy and Peace"*

Celeste Frost

Through November 11, Room 207

♦ *"A Two-Week Series on Matthew"*

November 18 - 25, Room 207

Bill Stanley

We will study Matthew for two weeks, reading it twice with different emphasis: first, the call to radical discipleship and second, the mounting tension that led to the Crucifixion. Between the birth introduction and the Passion conclusion, Matthew develops five well-defined sections or "books" to correspond to the five books of Torah. Each of these sections has two elements: first, Jesus in action, then Jesus teaching or interpreting his actions.



Homebuilders

"The Gospel According to Star Wars"

November 4 - 25, Room 112

Karen Jones

Homebuilders will go to a galaxy far, far away to look at the spiritual parallels found in the Star Wars saga. We will be using *The Gospel according to Star Wars*, 2nd ed., by John C. McDowell. In a new and updated version of this best-selling book, John McDowell explores the many spiritual themes that weave throughout Star Wars films. From the Force to the dark side, the issues discussed in the films have a moral and spiritual complexity that, if paid attention to, can help us better understand our place in the world and our relation to others and to God. George Lucas, the creator of Star Wars, did not intend for his films to be mere entertainment, McDowell argues. Rather, he hoped his films would be used as a vehicle for moral education.

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," Room 107

Amanda & Patrick Tolbert

From Nobel Prize winners and government surveillance to rock and roll, no week is ever the same! The Crossroads class uses stories from the week'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. 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.

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 107 to study scripture and eat lunch together. The men are currently studying Genesis.

Ladies Lunch Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday at noon in Room 207 for a "brown bag" lunch and Bible study. The group began an eight-week study in October of "Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything," by author and pastor Timothy Keller. This is a study of the gospel and the ways to live it out in our everyday life. From exploring the world we live in now to preparing for the world that is to come, we will learn how the gospel can change our hearts and our community, and how we live in the world.

Let Joy (512-863-3381) know if you are coming so we will have enough books.





November Youth Calendar

- 4
Bread Breakers
- 7
Youth Sunday Practice
- 11
Youth Sunday
- 14
Veterans' Night with
LOGOS
- 21
No Bible Studies
- 25
G2G Game Night @
McKennis'
- 28
Christmas Angel Shop-
ping

Care packages to be collected in November

We will collect items and notes for our College Care Packages on November 4 and 11. We have more than 40 students to care for this year.

Notes are very important to the students. If you would like to write a note, there will be paper and pens and a list of students on the counter in the Fellowship Hall lobby.

You can also write notes at home and bring them to the church office. If you have candy you would like to donate, please bring it to Joy's office. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth prepare for Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is coming up on November 11 and, yes, as the Youth Director, it is one of my favorite Sundays at our church. It is a joy and an honor to lead shoulder-to-shoulder with our youth as we glorify and worship God. And I am so impressed every year (though I shouldn't be surprised) just how serious our youth take this Sunday. You might not think that was the case if you saw us practicing the Wednesday night before. But like so many things in our faith, you shouldn't take everything too seriously, and it's probably healthy to have a little fun with it!

—God bless, David Lee Hulsey



Participating in the Youth Beach Trip are (from left) Kyle Chapman, Alvin Gusman, David Lee Hulsey, Connor McClure, Abby Staller, Anna (exchange student from Finland), Erika Wenzel and Sarah Ferguson.

In Everything Give Thanks (Poet Unknown)

For all that God in mercy sends—
For health and children, home
and friends;
For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy talks and holy thoughts;
For guidance in our daily walk—
In everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
For song of birds, for horn of bees,
For the refreshing summer breeze,
For hill and plain, for streams
and wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood—
In everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep which comes
with night,
For the returning morning's light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky—
For these and everything we see,
O Lord our hearts we lift to thee;
In everything give thanks!



MISSION

OCC shoeboxes to be collected this month

It's time to fill your Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox(es)! Bring them to the church on Sunday, November 11 or 18. Elizabeth Bailey, mission advocate for OCC, will get the shoe boxes to the next collection spot on November 19.

Look for pre-printed OCC shoeboxes at the visitor stand in the lobby. Or use any cardboard shoebox or plastic box of the same approximate size. If you wrap your box, remember to cover the box and lid separately. The shoeboxes are delivered to children around the world who might not receive any other presents at Christmas.

Fill your shoeboxes with toys, school supplies or other items for a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Go to www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ to print girl/boy labels and to see age-appropriate gift suggestions. Items not to include are: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items (such as toy guns, knives or military figures), chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers and aerosol cans.

Go online to the web page above to donate \$9 and receive a tracking label to "Follow Your Box" and discover its destination. The \$9 covers cost of shipping.



Order tamales again this year and support Manos de Cristo



FPC is supporting Manos de Cristo's Annual Tamale Sale again this year! The gluten-free tamales are \$15/dozen and come in five varieties: pork, jalapeno pork, chicken, non-vegetarian bean, and vegan southwestern blend. About \$8 from each dozen sold goes directly to Manos de Cristo, a Presbyterian-related, nonprofit agency and one of FPC's local missions.

Look for an order form in the Sunday bulletin November 11, 18 and 25. Deadline for orders and checks is December 2. The order will be placed December 3, and the tamales can be picked up Friday, December 7, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall lobby. For more information, contact Jeff Pratt at 512-970-5030 or jeffmarkpratt@gmail.com.

Manos de Cristo, based in Austin, offers affordable dental care to under- and uninsured individuals, educational classes for adults, emergency food and clothing relief and school supplies to children in need.

**Order & pay by Dec. 2.
Pick up your order Dec. 7
from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall lobby.**

Mission Sewing

At last month's meeting, four weighted blankets made by Judy Willett were presented to Allison Harris, Senior Development Officer at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

Bridget Chapman discussed the need for help in preparing fleece fabric for a LOGOS project supporting Comunidades Unidas por Salud (CUPS), a Mexico border ministry that is one of our church's missions.

*Thanks to:
♦ Lenice Smithwick and Barbara Caudle for the stuffed animals and blankets.*

♦ Debbie Chase, Linette Harwell, Barbara Caudle and Judy Willett for sewing the smocks for breast cancer patients.

Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m. Friday, November 9, in room 111. We will collect and deliver stocking caps to The Caring Place for distribution during the Coats for Kids program.



FPC supports Su Casa de Esperanza in Pharr, Texas

For the past several years FPC has supported the work of an organization in Pharr, Texas, that seeks to improve the lives of children and their parents through a faith-based family education program. The overall goal of Su Casa de Esperanza (Your House of Hope) is to improve the lives of the people by breaking the cycle of adolescent pregnancy, child abuse, illiteracy and poverty. Specifically, Su Casa de Esperanza works with expectant mothers along the border of Texas and Mexico, offering classes in infant development, nutrition, early childhood education and parenting skills. Su Casa also offers a course in English and Spanish literacy, encourages lifelong learning, and makes weekly home visits for infants up to nine months to support proper growth and development.

This program focuses on infants and children, but also provides an after-school experience for school-age youngsters, teaching Bible, tutoring in academic subjects, and seeks to prevent (and provide alternatives to) crime, violence and drug abuse.

Su Casa de Esperanza is located in the Las Milpas community of Pharr, ministering in the midst of some 15,000 people. Incorporated in 1991, it is affiliated with Mission Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Executive Director, Belinda Flores Simons, is a graduate of the University of Texas-Pan Am with a B.S. degree in math and a master's in counseling. She has 43 years of experience in the field of education.



Doing great things together!

The needs for the food pantry this month are:

- Cereal
- Ketchup, mustard and mayo
- Canned beans, not green beans
- Canned and dry pasta
- Juices
- Shampoo
- Hand soap
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Diapers size 4, 5 and 6 are in great demand!

“Sweets, Treats and Trees” is November 8

Well folks, Christmas is fast approaching, ready or not. The next big thing on the agenda is the annual “Sweets, Treats and Trees,” which is an annual event and fundraiser for The Caring Place. There are free cookies, music, decor and holiday spirit—and great door prizes. It begins at 6 p.m. November 8. There are lots of beautiful Christmas decorations and it's just a fun night to be at The Caring Place.

Unfortunately, the daily needs go on, and the need for food seems to increase. As our community grows, so do the needs.

Pretty simple. You know you can buy lots of personal items at the Dollar Tree at the corner of Williams drive and North Austin Avenue. Everything in that store costs one dollar. It's well worth checking out because it is so cheap and you can get so much for your money.

Don't forget the Good Neighbor Fund. You can add \$1 to your utility bill. That money will go to The Caring Place to help with utility bills for those in need.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

—Jenny Carswell

EVANGELISM

Volunteer to help with FPC's outreach at stroll

The holidays are just around the corner, and Georgetown's 38th annual Christmas Stroll is set for Friday evening, November 30, and all day Saturday, December 1. This will be FPC's second year to have a presence at the stroll, with the Evangelism Committee overseeing activities. The stroll provides an outreach opportunity for our church into the community. We plan to set up on the church lawn at the corner of Church and 7th streets.

Again this year we will open our historic sanctuary to visitors and allow them to ring our bell. We will hand out cookies to children who come into the church to ring the bell.

The committee calls on you again to volunteer to make this a warm and welcoming event for the community as we hand out bottles of water, cookies and crafts for children.

We are asking for individuals to volunteer to donate three dozen cookies each, to be brought to the church kitchen by noon that Friday. If your cookies do NOT have any kind of nuts or nut products, please label them as such since some chil-



dren are allergic. If you will donate cookies, contact Ann Hindman at 325-234-4047 or ann.hindman@angelo.edu.

To help with children's crafts, contact Beverly Dennis at msde140@bellsouth.net.

To provide live music in the sanctuary, contact Karen Rayburn at krayburn04@yahoo.com.

To sign up to staff the booth or the sanctuary on Friday or Saturday, contact Kathy Kerr Kubatzky at kathy_kerr2001@yahoo.com.

To help on November 18 as we leave invitations on the doors of our neighbors, contact Minta McIntosh at mintamcintosh@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support!

—Katherine Kerr Kubatzky & Ann Hindman

There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex and the lobby of Fellowship Hall after services in November for you to sign up to volunteer for all of the Christmas Stroll opportunities.

Putting out door hangers on November 18



Don't forget about our Pre-Thanksgiving Service Project! We will promote our church's presence during the Christmas Stroll and our Advent services and events with "door hangers" distributed in Old Town east and west neighborhoods between Church Street and Walnut Street and the numbered north and south streets between 4th and 10th. This area will be divided into three sections to be covered by three different groups.

Sunday School classes, 5th through 12th grades, are being asked to participate along with parents who want to be a part of it. Other members of the congregation are welcome to join us, too. We will gather Sunday, November 18, at 3:30 p.m. at the church and divide into three groups that will be assigned one of three sections for distribution of the door hangers. There will be pizza and ice cream afterwards at the church, provided by the Evangelism Committee, to celebrate "a job well done."

We look forward to a fun afternoon as we perform a service for our church. Please respond to Joy Bedford at jbedford2321@gmail.com or me at mintamcintosh@yahoo.com if you want to be a part of this Pre-Thanksgiving Service Project. —Minta McIntosh

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Dr. Mohsen Ahmadian

UT nanosensor researcher to speak to men's fellowship

Dr. Mohsen Ahmadian, a project manager and scientist at the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas, Austin, will speak at the Men's Fellowship Dinner meeting Monday, November 19 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcome. The meeting begins with fellowship, followed by dinner at 6:30 and program at 7.

Dr. Ahmadian manages cutting edge nanosensor research programs for the Advanced Energy Consortium that focus on oil exploration. Dr. Ahmadian will give an overview of his work at UT.

Contact Marv Hulshizer (512-818-2094 or marv.mcf@suddenlink.net) no later than November 17 to make your dinner reservation. Cost of dinner is \$10.

FELLOWSHIP

PW to adopt Hope Alliance families as Christmas project

Presbyterian Women circles at FPC will again adopt Hope Alliance of Williamson County for our 2018 Christmas project. Hope Alliance provides services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. It gives victims a safe haven where they can heal and access resources and support as they start a new, violence-free life.

Circles will have the opportunity to "adopt" a family or families for the Christmas season through Hope Alliance, much as we did last year. We will provide holiday food baskets and Christmas gifts for children and their parent.

Many victims of abuse must leave their homes with little more than the clothes they are wearing, so toys and books for the children—as well as food, toiletries and clothing—are much appreciated.

More details of how we can help people served by Hope Alliance will be shared with circle members at the November meetings. —*Judy Bond*

Christmas Night Together is Dec. 2

The Fellowship Committee cordially invites all of our FPC family to share dinner at the annual Christmas Night Together on December 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Children and youth will present a Christmas program, and Christmas Night Together is always an enjoyable event.

We hope you will join us for a delicious meal and fellowship! Watch for reservation forms in the church bulletin on November 11, 18 and 25. Please place completed forms in the offering plate or call the church office by November 26 to let us know you will attend so our committee can plan the number of meals to prepare.



Hope Alliance
Crisis Center

**Williamson County's
Domestic & Sexual
Violence Program**

November PW Circle Meetings

Circle	Date	Time	Hostess	Phone	Address
Elizabeth	11/6	6:30pm	Theresa McKenna	512-930-3751	3601 Brangus Road
Esther	11/7	2:00pm	Nadine Tanner	512-240-5005	FPC Room 107
Sarah-Ruth	11/12	10:00am	Janice Wallace	512-863-0182	FPC Parlor
Martha	11/14	9:30am	Carolyn Gregory	512-868-6583	114 Cold Springs Drive
Hannah	11/14	11:00am	Marty Curtis	501-517-3503	FPC Room 111-112
Lydia	11/14	1:00pm	Kitty Bristow	512-843-4288	116 Marbella Way
Rachel	11/28	9:30am	Sandie Kienitz	512-868-2519	FPC Room 111-112

COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

Points from Parish Nurse Penny

When the holidays aren't so happy

Whether it is grief or caregiving, sometimes when the world is celebrating, we can feel sad, overwhelmed and, well, just not happy. I want to arm you with some events that might help coming up in November and December.

GriefShare at First United Methodist Church will have a one-session event, "Surviving the Holidays," Saturday, November 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in FUMC Room 208. There will be a \$5 fee for the workbook, but scholarships are available. Join us and invite a friend to the seminar. For more information, contact me or Suzanne McFarland at 512-686-1778.

Hospice Austin will hold its annual "Surviving the Holidays" gathering on Thursday, November 15, 7-9 p.m. at Westover Hills Church, 8332 Mesa Drive, Austin. This evening of support and guidance for those grieving the death of a loved one during the holiday season will include a program and refreshments. No need to RSVP and the event is free.



The 21st annual Worldwide Candle Lighting event is for family and friends who have experienced the death of a child, grandchild or sibling. Sponsored by the Compassionate Friends of Brushy Creek Chapter, they will join chapters around the world to light a candle for children gone too soon. Arrive at Christ Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, with a framed photo of your loved one. There will be refreshments and a

short program, which will end with lighting of the candles.



A month for family caregivers

This is National Family Caregivers Month. Caregivers Action has a great website at www.CaregiversAction.org with links to:

- ♦ I just realized I'm a family Caregiver now.
- ♦ I have been a family caregiver for years.
- ♦ I don't live by my family, but I'm a caregiver.
- ♦ I have a job and I'm the caregiver for my loved one.

There are so many resources on the site including 10 Tips for Family Caregivers, Family Caregiver Toolbox, and specific information for caregivers of those with rare diseases, cancer or Alzheimer's.

A Prayer for the Caregiver

Unknown and often unnoticed,
you are a hero nonetheless.

For your love, sacrificial,
is God at His best.

You walk by faith in the darkness
of the great unknown,
and your courage, even in weakness,
gives life to your beloved.

You hold shaking hands and provide
the ultimate care:

Your presence, the knowing,
that you are simply there.

You rise to face the giant
of disease and despair.

It is our finest hour,
though you may be unaware.

You are resilient, amazing
and beauty unexcelled,

You are the caregiver
and you have done well.



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Seniors Living Smarter Seminar

"What Does 'Ready' Look Like? How Do I Know If I Am Ready?" is the topic of the Senior Seminar on Thursday, November 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

These two questions are often prominent when seniors are considering the possibility of making the transition from home ownership to an apartment or cottage in a senior community.

Seniors who have made the transition to independent living will share their stories. From moving with positive anticipation to moving with great reluctance, hear their stories, including... What were their concerns? What triggered their move? How have they made the adjustment?

Call 512-818-0988 for a reservation and so that we will have enough handouts. This is open to the community so bring a friend!

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Reformation Sunday Dr. William Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am New Member Class 11:00am Worship 12:00pm New Member Luncheon 4:30pm Youth Scavenger Hunt	29 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	30 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Session Meeting (moved this month only)	31 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Grief Group 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Chancel/Cantata Rehearsal No LOGOS or Youth Bible Study	1 Bill Poe out of town thru 11/3 6:00pm Choir Sectionals 7:15pm Jubilation Ringers	2	3
4 Communion/Dedication Sunday DST ends/fall back Dr. William Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am New Officer Training 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Bread Breakers 12:00pm LOGOS Blankets	5 11:00am PW Board 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	6 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm LOGOS Board 5:30pm Evangelism Committee 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle	7 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Grief Group 2:00pm Esther Circle 5:00pm LOGOS 5:40pm Youth Sunday Practice 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Chancel/Cantata Rehearsal	8 Philip Smith on study leave thru 11/13 9:00am P.E.O. Administrative Committee 10:30am	9 Sue Bell out of town thru 11/10 10:00am Mission Sewing Committee	10
11 Youth Sunday David Lee Hulsey Preaching OCC Shoebox Collection 8:30am Worship 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am New Officer Training 11:00am Worship	12 10:00am Sarah-Ruth Circle 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	13 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Safety & Security Committee Meeting 6:45pm Executive Committee 7:30pm Committee Meetings	14 9:30am Martha Circle 11:00am Hannah Circle 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Grief Group 1:00pm Lydia Circle 5:00pm LOGOS 5:30pm Veteran's Night 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:15pm Chancel/Cantata Rehearsal	15 10:00am Senior Seminar 6:00pm Choir Sectionals 6:00pm Diaconate Meeting 7:15pm Jubilation Ringers	16 7:30am Men's Breakfast	17
18 Dr. William C. Poe Preaching OCC Shoebox Collection 8:30am Worship 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am New Officer Training 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Pre-Thanksgiving Service Project	19 11:45am Stephen Leaders Meeting 6:00pm Men's Fellowship Dinner	20 Sue Bell on vacation thru 11/26 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Chancel/Cantata Rehearsal	21	22 Church Office Closed	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 Dr. William C. Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Youth G2G Game Night	26 Penny Leone on vacation thru 12/15 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	27 9:00am Treehouse Learning 11:00am Pastoral Care 7:00pm Staff Meeting Session Meeting	28 9:30am Rachel Circle 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Grief Group 5:00pm Christmas Angel Shopping 5:00pm LOGOS 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Chancel/Cantata Rehear.	29 6:00pm Choir Sectionals 7:15pm Jubilation Ringers	30 Christmas Stroll	1 Christmas Stroll
2 First Sunday of Advent Communion/Home Communion Dr. William C. Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 5:30pm Christmas Night Together						