



June 2019

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## WE NEED TO TALK

### One Human Race Workshop

Saturday, June 22  
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church



Sponsored by  
*Courageous Conversations of Georgetown*

Registration required at:  
[onehumanraceaustin.org](http://onehumanraceaustin.org)

Read more on page 6.

### Session calls congregational meeting for Sunday, June 2

The Session has called a congregational meeting Sunday, June 2, to elect officers to fill the unexpired terms of Phyllis Perkins and Gary Cox, following the 11 a.m. service. The 2018-19 Church Officer Nominating Committee nominates these individuals to the following offices:

- ♦ **Elder, Class of 2020:** Adrienne Brandt (Education & Nurture)
- ♦ **Elder, Class of 2020:** Tim Smith (Stewardship & Finance)

The Session voted at a called meeting May 13 to approve a one-time suspension of the three-consecutive-year term limit imposed by the Statement of Organization to allow Tim to serve one additional year.

### JUNE WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

#### June 2: "The Unity That We Seek"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/  
Home Communion

Dr. William C. Poe Preaching

Scripture: Psalm 97; John 17:20-26

#### June 9: "The Miracle of Listening"

The Day of Pentecost

Dr. William C. Poe Preaching

Scripture: Psalm 104:24-33; Acts 2:1-21

#### June 16: TBD

Dr. Ken Peters Preaching

#### June 23: "You Belong!"

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. William C. Poe Preaching

Scripture: Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29

#### June 30: "No Excuses"

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. William C. Poe Preaching

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25;

Luke 9:51-62



### Church's needs continue throughout the summer

As we make summer vacation plans, we are reminded that the financial needs of the church *don't* take a summer break. FPC will still pay staff salaries, provide programs for children and youth, maintain our facility and support missions. So let's please remember the church this summer as we take time to enjoy life.



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bill & Nancy Dudley
- 2 Bob & Jerril Jones  
William & Chrystal O'Rourke  
Bill & Bonnie Stump
- 5 Ben & Melissa Pilcher
- 6 Del & Jerry Burkett  
Richard & Joyce Dorr  
Eric & Jeanie Wiesner
- 8 David & G-Ann Martin
- 10 Ron & Liz Weaver
- 11 John & Carole Alsup  
Jeremy & Chessa Rizzotto
- 13 Phil & Jeanne Smith
- 14 Walt & Libbie Ragan
- 15 Howard & Joan Dudding  
Fred & Laura Herbst
- 16 Stephen & Emily Patterson
- 17 Corey & Elizabeth Bailey
- 18 Sam & Jennifer Whitehead
- 19 Jim & Heidi Winter-Johnson
- 20 Aaron & Lindsey Kozak
- 21 Ralph & Willie Gibson
- 22 Doug & Judy Bond  
Don & Marilyn Mehaffey  
Ben & Donna Nichols
- 23 David & Carol Holmes
- 24 Jim & Nancy Marks  
Gary & Polly Nelson
- 25 Shane & Emily Littleton  
Jeff & Judy Willett
- 26 Philip & Magen Smith
- 27 Bob & Dordi Duncan
- 29 John & Ruth McEntire
- 30 David Lee & Sarah Hulsey  
Chuck Keith & Inok Downing

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jay McEntire
- 2 Melissa Wilson
- 4 Caroline Gremillion  
Lily Hulsey  
Demeree Jackson
- 5 C.J. Smith  
Cameron Wenzel
- 6 Jeremy Gambell, Jr.  
Landen Hammit
- 8 Gene Gregory  
Chuck Keith
- 11 Jesse Mahannah
- 12 Linda Thomas  
Sturdy Wanamaker
- 13 Jim Winter-Johnson
- 14 Cora Miller
- 15 Chris Osborne  
Sheila Wooten
- 16 Quinn Riley
- 17 Bob Albers  
Maddox Azuma-Hall  
Steven Jones  
Mary Mitchem  
Gary Nelson  
Catrina Sorensen
- 18 Mary Ellen Burton  
Steven Kirkpatrick  
Camryn Sorensen

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## Among Our People



**Boldface indicates**  
a member of  
First Presbyterian  
Church

**In the hospital last month: Miriam Cockroft, Lloyd Davis, Morris Fisher** (surgery), **Peg Kingsbury** (surgery), **Edna Malone, Polly Nelson** (surgery) and **Nancy Stramler** (surgery).

**In memoriam: Bob Cockroft** joined the Church Triumphant April 26. A service of witness officiated by Dr. William Poe was held May 4. Bob was a member of our congregation from 1976-88 and 1993-present, serving twice as deacon (1976-78 and 1978-80) and once as elder (1981-84).

### Our sympathy to:

- ♦ **Jim & Kaye Bishop** on the death of Kaye's mother, Wilma Ferguson, who passed away at the age of 101 in March.
- ♦ **Phil & Dawn Bookert** on the death of Dawn's brother-in-law, Wayne Watson, May 13.
- ♦ **Minta McIntosh** on the death of her sister, Kaye Martino, May 13. Services were held in Weatherford.
- ♦ **Tom & Peggy Currie** on the death of Tom's sister, Margaret Plunkett, May 18. Services were held in Denton.

**Thank you:** "We want to thank the congregation for all the sympathy cards, prayers and condolences showered upon us after the death of Judy's brother, Steven Brower, on March 11. Your Christ-like love and support during this difficult time were very much appreciated. Thank you."

—**Judy & Doug Bond**

**Serving in the military:** Josh Bengel, **Sturdy & Tammy Wanamaker's** nephew; Maj. Brian Berlakovich, **Ouida Henderson's** grandson-in-law; Lt. Col. Brian Burk, **Larry Burk's** son; Col. Joef 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**; 1<sup>st</sup> Staff Sgt. Matthew L. Johnson, son of **Glen & Ann Kai-**

## Session News

At its April 30 stated meeting, and at called meetings May 12 and 13, the Session:

- ♦ Welcomed new members Florence & Barry Gould; Sarah Hammit, with children Tristan (already a member), Landen, Vivienne & Brayden; Jullee Mapes & Tracy Jackson, with children Madison & Mikey; and Sarah & Chris Crenshaw, with children Eli & Lexa. All will be welcomed in worship on Sunday, June 2. (See more info about new members on page 10.)
- ♦ Authorized the trustees to negotiate, on behalf of the church, the possible sale of part of the Agnes Brinklum farm property.
- ♦ Received and approved, with regret, letters of resignation from elders Phyllis Perkins & Gary Cox, both for personal reasons, and directed the Officer Nominating Committee to seek nominees to fill the unexpired terms in the Class of 2020.
- ♦ Approved the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Sydney Isabella Tolbert, infant daughter of Amanda & Patrick Tolbert on Sunday, June 23, at the 8:30 worship service.
- ♦ Approved a slightly updated and edited version of the church's Statement of Organization.
- ♦ (At the May 13 called meeting) Approved the calling of a congregational meeting to follow the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, June 2, to hear and act on the report of the Officer Nomination Committee.
- ♦ (Also at the May 13 meeting) Heard a report from Property Committee elders and trustees concerning a proposal by Kevin Sukup and John Mueller of Black Box BBQ to construct a BBQ restaurant and bar on the lot between Roberts Printing and our Education Building, with open BBQ pits in the small lot behind Roberts Printing. The Session voted unanimously not to support in any way or provide necessary approvals for this proposal, and has communicated this decision to Mr. Sukup and Mr. Mueller, as well as to appropriate city officials and agencies.

**ser;** 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Paul Rayburn**; Nicholas Stamos, **Larry & Helen Burk's** grandson; and Christian Winckel, grandson of Sandy Hayes.

## From the Pastor's Study

One of my most treasured possessions is a drawing that hangs on the wall in my study at home. I have reproduced it to accompany this article, so that you might see it for yourself. It portrays Jesus laughing. As you will notice, this isn't just a picture of Jesus with a smile on his face, but actually laughing, deeply and with obvious enjoyment.

I am often struck by the comments people make when they see this drawing for the first time. They marvel over the fact that they have never seen one quite like it. Never in their lives have they seen a picture of Jesus laughing quite like this!

Isn't that a shame? We need to reclaim the side of Jesus' personality that reveals his enjoyment of life and living. Certainly, he was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3), but if our Lord was truly human, as we believe, then he also laughed, enjoyed a good joke, loved a good time.



The drawing in my study was originally an illustration for a magazine article by theologian Harvey Cox, whose writings include *The Secular City* and *The Seduction of the Spirit*. The article from which the drawing is taken was on religion and humor. Somewhere along the way, for some of us at least, these two important parts of life became separated from one another, and we are the poorer for it.

Laughter is an important, even essential, part of life, and it needs to be part of our religious lives, as well. I hope you enjoy a bit of laughter with Jesus today, as you see the picture of Jesus laughing. It may bring some joy to your discipleship, as well.

—Yours in the name of a Christ who laughs, Bill



## BIRTHDAYS

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- 19 Sam Brainard
- 20 Mary Ann Fine  
Teresa Wilson
- 21 Carol Siekmeier
- 23 Katy Bedford  
Jullee Mapes  
Barbara Nelson  
Maggie Seaman  
Cindy Sharpnack  
Jeanne Smith
- 24 Ema Osborne
- 25 Sam Matthews  
Bill Poe
- 26 Elijah Crenshaw  
Trinity O'Rourke
- 27 Cindy Roberts
- 28 Celeste Frost  
Tammy Wanamaker
- 29 Louis Fairchild  
Robby Isenhour
- 30 Bruce Gunn  
Mikey Jackson  
Sue Juncker  
Laura Miller  
Amanda Tolbert

## All-Church Retreat



September 13 - 15  
Mo-Ranch  
Hunt, Texas

Speaker:  
Dr. David Evans

As of the *First Word* deadline we have 101 coming to the retreat. If you would like to come with us please contact Joy and she will find a room for you: 512-863-3381 or jbedford2321@gmail.com.



### Flowers in Worship/ June

- 2 Babs Cape
- 9 Betty Smith
- 16 Jim & Heidi Winter-Johnson
- 23 Doug & Judy Bond
- 30 Bob & Dordi Duncan

### Head Deacon/ June

- 8:30 Judy Bond  
Cheryl Dorothy
- 11:00 Cheryl Dorothy  
Thomas Isenhour



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joy Bedford  
Education Director  
jbedford2321@gmail.com



## Snacks needed for our VBS volunteers

Jaime is looking for a few volunteers to bring such things as finger foods, sweet treats, light snacks and beverages for the VBS volunteers to enjoy throughout the week.

If you would like to contribute snacks, please bring your food items, labeled "VBS Volunteers," to the kitchen by June 9.

## "To Mars and Beyond VBS"

June 10 - 14 9 a.m. - Noon  
*Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!*



Registration is open for children kinder-6<sup>th</sup> grade and forms are available online at [www.fpcgeorgetown.org](http://www.fpcgeorgetown.org). Contact Jaime Cowan at [jcowanfpc@gmail.com](mailto:jcowanfpc@gmail.com) or 512-863-3381 for information on how you can be a part of this amazing adventure!

**VBS Volunteers:** Please plan to attend the 11 a.m. worship service June 9 for the commissioning of our volunteers followed by lunch and a brief training in Room 101. After the training we will finish setting up and decorating.

**VBS Donations Reminder:** If you were one of those amazing people who took a donation tag for VBS, please plan to bring your items to the church office by June 3. Thank you so much for helping contribute to the program! We couldn't do it without you!

—Jaime Cowan, VBS Director

## LOGOS wraps up semester with picnic

Another fabulous semester has come to an end for the LOGOS program. We finished with a bang at the All-Church Picnic. (Never underestimate the amount of fun kids can have with water guns and mud).

Thank you so much to all of our volunteers and parents who helped make this midweek miracle happen each week! I also want to say a special thank you to our LOGOS board members. Your dedication to our church and these families is a large part of what makes this program so successful. We would like to share that we are searching for four new LOGOS board members in 2019-20 as the term limits for four members are up this month. We ask you to prayerfully consider helping and let us know if you feel called to serve in any of these rolls. You do not need to have a child in the program to volunteer—just a love of children and the desire to help support this amazing intergenerational program at FPC.

—Jaime Cowan, Director



**LOGOS is searching for four new board members to serve in the following capacities:**

**Registrar**  
**Special Events Coordinator**  
**Dinner Dean**  
**Mission Coordinator**

### Summer & Fall Dates for LOGOS

#### July 22

Manos de Cristo "Back to School" event

#### August 25

Promotion Sunday

#### August 28

LOGOS Orientation/Registration

#### September 4

First LOGOS

## A message from Joy:

Actually, it's more of an announcement: Jaime Cowan, our amazing Education Program Assistant, will step down as Vacation Bible School director at the end of June. She has done an incredible job of leading VBS for the past four years. We will so miss her in that role.

**But she will continue to be our LOGOS Director. YAY!**

During the last year, Jaime added the role of Communications Director to her plate, and we are finding that the hours involved in making our communications be what they need to be is more than expected. Although VBS, is "only" a seasonal ministry, during that period the time requirements are intense. So, are you wanting to lead Vacation Bible School in 2020? Jaime would love for you to shadow her this year if you are interested. Our Administrative Committee will be working out the details and taking applications for this position beginning in September. This position is supervised by the Education Director. Jaime and Joy are available to answer your questions. VBS is one of the ways we minister to the children of First Pres and the community of Georgetown. It also offers our youth valuable leadership experience and gives our adults a chance to get to know the children in a whole new light. It's a fun-filled faith experience. Come join us.

## Summer 2019 Sunday School Plan

**June 2 & 9, 9:40 - 10:40 a.m., Room 113**  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders & parents will make the church ready for VBS.

Infants - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be with our childcare workers.

**June 16 & June 23**  
**Sunday LIFT!**

### Intergenerational Sunday School

What is Sunday LIFT? Sunday LIFT (Living in Faith Together) is a resource for churches that want to build cross-generational relationships on Sunday morning. Intergenerational relationships have been a key component in the life of the church for a long time. Experts are researching

and sharing with churches of all sizes the importance of multiple generations sharing in faith together. You can read what experts are saying here: <https://www.genonministries.org/pages/inter-generational-ministry-all-aboutinter-generational-ministry>.

## For Children, Youth & Adults (together)

### June 16

**Breakfast with Jesus, John 21:1-15**  
**Facilitated by Joy Bedford, Room 113**

### June 23

**A Seed Story, Matthew 13:1-9**  
**Facilitated by Joy Bedford, Room 113**

If you have already signed up, thank you! If you would like to sign up please call the church office. Contact Joy at 512-863-3381 or jbedford2321@gmail.com.

### June 30 - August 4

**Book Reviews**  
**9:40 - 10:40 a.m., Room 113**

Hear a variety of book reviews by a variety of presenters. I am currently working on the schedule and will post as soon as all the details have been worked out. If you have already signed up, thank you. If you would like to sign up to either attend or present, contact Joy at 512-863-3381 or jbedford2321@gmail.com.

**Midweek bible studies and the Men's Breakfast will take a break for the summer.**

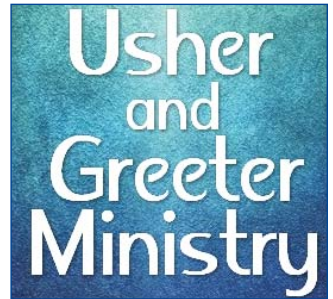
**Adult Sunday School classes meet again starting September 1.**

## Sunday School Dates for Fall 2019

**August 24**  
Teacher Training

**August 25**  
Promotion Sunday

**September 1**  
First Day of Sunday School



## Ushers & greeters needed

Choir members and Sunday School teachers, welcome to summer! This would be a great opportunity for you to join the Ushers & Greeters Team.

To volunteer, contact one of these Usher & Greeter Committee deacons:

♦ Cathy Shirley  
512-863-0630,  
cathyhs@verizon.net

♦ Gail Butler  
512-869-0620,  
gail.butler@suddenlink.net

♦ Thomas Isenhour  
512-636-7193,  
tcike95@gmail.com





## 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 Web-page—** We generally post sermons on our web-page, [www.fpcgeorgetown.org](http://www.fpcgeorgetown.org), the day after they are preached. The past six months of sermons are there.

**Sent by E-mail—** We email Dr. Poe's sermons as an attachment, on request. If you would like to receive sermons by email, contact Christina Bondesen, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor (863-3381, [cbondesen@fpcgeorgetown.org](mailto: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.

## Fun and food at the All-Church Picnic



## Anti-racism workshop to be held at FPC on June 22

One Human Race, a one-day workshop that examines the American concept of race, will be offered at FPC Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The workshop, developed by the Union of Black Episcopalians, is being brought to Georgetown by Courageous Conversations of Georgetown, which was formed in 2014 to explore, address and dismantle racism in our community.

The free workshop centers on the PBS documentary, *Race: The Power of an Illusion*, and facilitates discussion and exercises in small groups. It is free but registration is required. Register at <https://onehumanraceaustin.org/registration/>. Click on the June 22 event. If you cannot attend, other workshop dates in Austin are listed.

"This workshop was transformational in my journey of anti-racism work," said Kathy Kerr Kubatzky, FPC member and a member of Courageous Conversations. "It reveals a history of racism in our country that many of us never learned and is still not being taught."

Kathy added, "The workshop offers a safe space to dive into the generational impact of racism on all of us—white, black, brown, yellow or multiracial—that perpetuates problems we continue to see in our community, our country and our world. I highly recommend this workshop to those committed to building a more compassionate and inclusive community."

If you have questions, contact her at [Kathy\\_Kerr2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathy_Kerr2001@yahoo.com) or 512-705-7696.

YOUTH MINISTRY



The high school graduates were honored with a reception following the 11 a.m. worship service May 12, Shown with Sarah and David Lee Hulsey, Youth Directors, are: (second from left, left to right) Jacob Pilcher, Nicholas Brainard, Nicholas Bondesen and Erika Wenzel. See below for the colleges they will attend and the academic programs they plan to pursue.

	<b>Nicholas Bondesen</b>	St. Edward's University, Accounting Information Technology
	<b>Nicholas Brainard</b>	Vanderbilt University, Mathematics
	<b>Jacob Pilcher</b>	Baylor University, Neuroscience & History
	<b>Erika Wenzel</b>	Texas State University, Sports Medicine

Order your Mission Volunteer t-shirt

The S, M and L sizes are \$9, X-Large is \$11, and 2, 3 & 4X are \$13. We can submit another order to GTX when we have 20 shirt orders. You will find forms for ordering the shirts in the lobby. You may also bring a completed order form with a check or correct change to the church office and the staff will pass it along to me.

—Peggy Currie



“Senior Bible Field Trip”

One of my favorite guilty pleasures of being the Youth Director is selecting the Bibles for our graduating seniors. That may sound a little lame, but I love spending time (usually a couple of hours) looking through the translations, references and notes, and styles of Bibles. Now I know that the Bible is God’s Living Word, but having a tangible and meaningful book of scripture in your hands just feels good.

But this year I wanted to share that experience with our seniors. So we had our first “Senior Bible Field Trip.” And it was a memorable experience that they really got into. It was exciting and thought-provoking, as well as a nostalgic time for the seniors and I to reminisce about their time growing up in our church. I look forward to this tradition continuing as much as I look forward to seeing what God will continue to do in the lives of our children beyond graduation.

—God bless,  
David Lee Hulsey

June Youth Calendar

- 5 - Youth Cookout @ McEntires'
- 10-14 - VBS
- 12 - Helping Hands lunches & movie matinee
- 19 - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spartan Obstacle Race
- 21-22 - Youth @ Presbytery
- 23 - Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip
- 23-27 - In-town Mission Trip
- 26 - Youth Pool Party





*Doing great things together!*

According to Charity Navigator, The Caring Place is the best place in Georgetown at which to volunteer. It has a 4-star rating, the highest awarded.

## Mission Sewing

*Allison Harris, Senior Development Officer from Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services, was our special guest last month. We donated two afghans for PCHAS's graduating high school seniors.*

*Thank you to Linette Harwell, Alison Harrison, Lenice Smithwick and Barbara Caudle, who provided 16 stuffed animals, blankets and books for the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center. Thank you to Alison Harrison for the knitted baby hats.*

*We will not meet in June. Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 12. Room 111.*

## MISSION

### TCP to celebrate 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 7-8

A few items as we start the summer:

The Caring Place celebrates its 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 7-8 with surprise sales and a drawing for gift cards and T-shirts. Join us! I'm sure you will enjoy it.

With hotter summer weather fast approaching, TCP is again having a fan drive in conjunction with Elder Care. Please think about donating fans to help those who don't have air conditioning—because there is none where they live or because they can't afford it. Fans are rather inexpensive at Walmart and other places. Please take them to TCP or leave them in the church office and I will get them there.

If you order online through Amazon Prime, please designate The Caring Place as your charity to receive a small percentage of the total cost of your order.

An excellent place for families to receive food is at TCP's Fresh Food for Families on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9 a.m. Many different types of food are available—usually healthy foods.

We are also nearing summer vacation season. If you stay in hotels, please bring home the extra containers of soap, lotion



and shampoo. You've paid for them so you aren't stealing! They are very valuable to TCP clients who must choose to spend their money on food and may not have any left over for such items.

Food pantry needs include just about anything you yourself might use at home. Bring them in cans or other closed containers and leave them in the tubs marked The Caring Place. Thanks so much for everything you bring.

—Jenny Carswell

### *A reminder about MOW*

Donations solicited in frequent mailings we receive in Georgetown from "Meals on Wheels Central Texas" do NOT benefit our Meals on Wheels program in Williamson and Burnet counties. To donate to the program here in our county, go to [www.mealsonwheels-williamsonburnet.org](http://www.mealsonwheels-williamsonburnet.org) and look for the "Donate" button.

## Presbyterian Cemetery Work Day June 9 and Memorial Tree Program

The trustees invite you to come out to the Presbyterian Cemetery from 4 - 6 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Volunteers for a cemetery "Work Day" will be put to work on small projects such as weeding, identifying monuments that need some TLC, fire ant control, and any other project in need of some workers.

If you don't want to work, but would like to come for moral support and to view the cemetery, trustees will be available to give a brief history of the cemetery, and refreshments will be available.

While you are at the cemetery, you can see the results of the Memorial Tree Program that was initiated several years ago.

This program allows trees planted on the north and south borders of the cemetery to be purchased in order to memorialize your loved ones. After a final planting this spring, 13 trees are available for dedication. The trees are Arizona cypress and crepe myrtles, and they provide additional privacy and beauty.

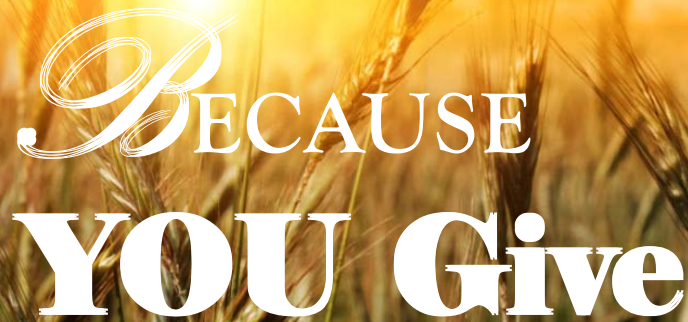
We hope you will join us June 9.

—Bill Stanley,  
Tim Harris  
& Jana McCown





## STEWARDSHIP



BECAUSE  
YOU Give

In 2018, The Caring Place delivered more than \$3 million in goods and services to families in need who live in Georgetown and northern Williamson County. This assistance took the form of free items from the Food Pantry as well as help with utility bills, rent, medicine and other necessities. This assistance often makes the difference between a family getting evicted—perhaps because of a job loss—and staying in their home or apartment. Families in financial crisis receive 10 days of food once a month at TCP. For a family of five, that's a savings of \$300 a month in groceries, money that can be used for other important household expenses. In 2018, there were more than 27,000 visits to the Food Pantry. Because you give, The Caring Place helps meet the basic human needs of people in our community.

## Humor: Church bulletin typos & bloopers

- ♦ Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.
- ♦ Announcement for a National Prayer & Fasting conference: "The cost of attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals."
- ♦ The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment and gracious hostility.
- ♦ Ushers will eat latecomers.
- ♦ The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.
- ♦ The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- ♦ Applications are now being accepted for 2-year-old nursery workers.
- ♦ The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- ♦ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ♦ This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- ♦ Attend the luncheon on Thursday and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.
- ♦ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- ♦ The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- ♦ Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- ♦ Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of the pastor's sermons.



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

## FIRSTWORD

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# Welcome, NEW MEMBERS



**Barry & Florence Gould** joined April 7 by Reaffirmation of Faith. Barry is a retired long-range engineer. Florence is a retired Southwestern professor who enjoys music and volunteering with the Georgetown Festival of the Arts (215 Rio Vista, Georgetown 78626; 512-797-7892).

**Sarah Hammit** joined May 12 by Profession of Faith. She is a health coach, yoga teacher and owner of Journey Wellness. She and her husband, Dustin, have four children: Brayden, Vivienne, Landen and Tristan, who is a confirmed member of our congregation. Sarah enjoys health, nature, yoga and her kids (687 CR154, Georgetown 78626; 512-639-2552).



**Tracy Jackson & Jullee Mapes** joined May 12 by Letter of Transfer from St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Austin. They own Simply Rack and Warehouse Equipment, Inc. and enjoy golf, traveling and doing lots of activities with their children, Madison and Mikey (443 Champions Drive, Georgetown 78628; 512-626-4279 and 512-426-1713, respectively).

**Chris & Sarah Crenshaw** joined May 12 by Letter of Transfer from Gethsemane Lutheran, Austin. Chris is an internet manager for Round Rock Hyundai and enjoys movies. Sarah is a teacher at Learning Tree and enjoys reading, running, walking and volunteering at GISD. They have two children, Eli and Lexa (154 Sierra Rose Loop, Georgetown 78626; 512-784-0434 and 512-350-7003, respectively).



## Wear red June 9: Pentecost Sunday

On June 9 we will celebrate the birth of the church. **Wear red.** The children and youth will have their traditional time together during Sunday School and then all of us (children, youth and adults) will gather in Room 101 during fellowship time at 10:30 for cake, singing, praying and thinking about what **this** church means to us. Come, be part of the celebration.

### Income and Expense Report Year to Date - April 2019 General Operating Fund

	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Pledges	\$335,795	\$857,928	39%
Other	22,628	82,072	28%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$358,423</b>	<b>\$940,000</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Validated Mission	21,461	58,971	36%
Local/Other Mission	11,645	25,992	45%
Ministry of the Word	49,932	154,072	32%
Program/Support Staff	142,837	436,538	33%
Christian Education	9,702	33,350	29%
Music and Worship	9,110	19,927	46%
Evangelism/Care	1,435	7,700	19%
Property	30,885	84,800	36%
Stewardship/Finance	6,638	18,000	37%
Other Oper Expenses	15,065	42,820	35%
Debt Retirement	30,124	90,370	33%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$328,834</b>	<b>\$972,540</b>	<b>34%</b>



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## COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

# Points from Parish Nurse Penny

Are you alone or lonely? Loneliness is not a condition that is limited to any specific age. In our society of connectivity technology and social media, we as a people are lonelier than ever. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. Some people prefer a life that is more “hermit-like”: It’s about the individual’s perception.

According to a study by Holt-Lanstad, 22% of American adults say they “often feel lonely, left out, or isolated.” Loneliness is as bad for your physical health as smoking a half-pack of cigarettes a day, and worse than obesity.

Our relationship with God is inextricably connected to our relationship with ourselves and others. Here are some suggestions for a meaningful relationship that are effective in relieving loneliness: Try starting every day with open and honest conversation with God. Then make an effort every day to have a deep conversation with someone about topics (other than the weather). Ask about another’s “story” or “best moment of the past week” or “number one concern on their heart.”

Your church family has opportunities to connect through worship and small groups. If you would like a Christian friend to come alongside you to visit, give me a call. We will talk about connecting you with various options such as a Care Team visitor or a Stephen Minister.

God created each of us to love Him and others. When you are loving God and feel

loved by Him, the opportunities to love His people and be loved by them will open up. Most of all, know that you are loved and give me a call if you’d like to talk about this.

## Faith in Action speaker set for Monday, June 17

Michelle Wilkerson, Community Engagement Coordinator for Faith in Action Georgetown (FIAG), is speaker for a Stephen Ministry continuing education program at 7 p.m. Monday, June 17, in Room 101.

All interested persons are invited to attend. FIAG has served the senior adult community in Georgetown for 18 years. Its mission is to help seniors maintain their independence and quality of life by providing transportation and other services.

The services help individuals age in place in the comfort of their home. It is well known that FIAG provides transportation to medical appointments and to grocery shop. But there are many other ways FIAG helps, such as care-calling or visits to home-bound seniors. Many seniors live alone and appreciate a friendly call or visit from someone who cares.

Michelle will give an update on FIAG including how to volunteer this summer.



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Other hours  
by appointment

## Seniors Living Smarter Seminar

*“How to Pay for Assisted Living” is the topic on Thursday, June 20, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. While the seminar is free, please call 512-862-7330 to reserve your spot—and bring a friend. Save the date of July 18 for the next seminar on “Living, Dying and Leaving a Legacy.”*



## Coming soon, to a church near you: Stephen Ministry training

The first of 22 two-and-a-half-hour Stephen Ministry training classes (a total of 50 hours) begins September 9 at First United Methodist Church. The classes continue through next February and will consist of trainees from many of the Stephen Ministry congregations in Georgetown, facilitated by Stephen Ministry Leaders from those congregations.

Stephen Ministers are church members who are recruited, selected, trained and commissioned to provide one-to-one lay caring ministry to persons in crisis or with other needs for care. The training includes classes on active listening, maintaining confidentiality, learning about distinctively Christian caring resources, knowing when to recommend professional care, recognizing loss and grief, and committing to meeting weekly with their care receivers.

If you are the least bit interested in this journey, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Penny Leone, Sandie Kienitz, Melissa Pilcher or Judy Thomson. We’ll schedule a time to visit and get an application to you. Applications must be submitted by August 15.

Give this some serious thought. It may be just the mission you want to pursue.

# JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>26</b> Dr. William C. Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship - Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship - WCFH	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed - Memorial Day	<b>28</b> Kathi Davenport on vacation thru 5/30 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Session Meeting	<b>29</b> Philip Smith on vacation thru 6/2	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Church Office closes at noon GISD Graduation	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Communion/Home Communion Dr. William C. Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Worship - WCFH 12:00pm Congregational Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>4</b> 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> Sue Bell on vacation thru 6/16 5:00pm Youth Cookout @ McEntires'	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Church Office closes at noon	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Day of Pentecost Dr. William C. Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am Pentecost Celebration 11:00am Worship - WCFH 12:00pm VBS set-up	<b>10</b> 9:00am VBS	<b>11</b> 9:00am VBS 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Mission Committee 6:45pm Executive Comm 7:30pm Committee Meetings	<b>12</b> 9:00am VBS 12:00pm Youth Helping Hands & Movie	<b>13</b> 9:00am VBS 10:30am Administrative Comm	<b>14</b> 9:00am VBS Church Office closes at noon	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Dr. Ken Peters Preaching 8:30am Worship - Sanctuary 9:40am Intergenerational Sunday School 11:00am Worship - WCFH	<b>17</b> Dr. William Poe on vacation thru 6/22 Jaime Cowan on vacation thru 6/22 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Cont Ed	<b>18</b> 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Stephen Leaders 4:30pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Evangelism Comm 7:00pm Diaconate	<b>19</b> Sue Bell on vacation thru 6/21 6:00pm Youth Spartan Race	<b>20</b> 10:00am Senior Seminar	<b>21</b> Presbytery Meeting, San Antonio Church Office closes at noon	<b>22</b> Presbytery Meeting, San Antonio 8:00am One Human Race Work- shop
<b>23</b> Dr. William C. Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship - Sanctuary 9:40am Intergenerational Sunday School 11:00am Worship - WCFH 5:00pm In-town Mission Trip thru 6/27	<b>24</b> Christina Bondesen on vacation thru 7/10	<b>25</b> 10:30am Pastoral Care 11:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm LOGOS Budget Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Church Office closes at noon	<b>29</b>
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