



May 2019

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Church Picnic



Wednesday, May 8

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Booty's Road Park
1631 Booty's Park Road

Sponsored by LOGOS

Burgers with fixings will be served at this all-church, congregational picnic. There will be activities for all ages! RSVP by calling the church office at 512-863-3381 or emailing Jaime Cowan at jcowanfpc@gmail.com. We hope you will plan to come and enjoy great food, along with some fun and fellowship with our church family!

MAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

Dr. William C. Poe Preaching all month

May 5: "Blinded by the Light"

3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-20

May 12: "The Beloved Psalm"

4th Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:22-30

May 19: "Mirrors"

5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 26: "Now I Remember!"

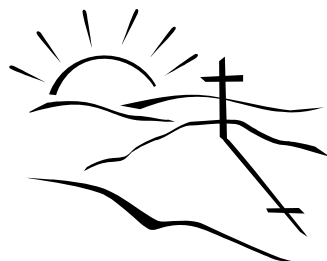
6th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5;

John 14:23-29

All-Church Retreat

"Psalms: The Windows into the Soul"



September 13 - 15

Mo-Ranch

Hunt, Texas

Speaker: Dr. David Evans



Registration has begun. Pick up a form in the Fellowship Hall lobby or register online by visiting the church website. Lodging is a little different this year so pay close attention to the details in the registration form. If you have questions, contact Joy Bedford at 512-863-3381 or jbedford2321@gmail.com. **Please register ASAP.** A \$100 deposit is all that is needed to reserve your spot.

(Read about the retreat and Mo-Ranch page 15)



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Sue & Walter Juncker
Cindee & Roger Molenda
12 Mary Ann & Jerry Fine
Ashlin & Morgan Miller
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
Haley & Lyndy Watkins
27 Lynn Azuma & Brian Hall
Haley & Bobby Weisbrod
30 Cindy & Thom Bausch
31 Cathy & Rob Fullinwider
Anne & Robert Gowdy
Carolyn & Gene Gregory

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Barry Gould
Florence Gould
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
15 Alaina Guthrie
17 Kitty Bristow
18 Robert Bedford
Rod Burke
Sandie Kienitz
19 Jack Schmalstieg
Jay Shiffler
20 Cherril Lemmink
22 Josef Bookert
23 Vivienne Hammit
Aaron Kozak
Betty Anne Poe

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Among Our People



Boldface indicates
a member of
First Presbyterian
Church

In the hospital last month: Nancy Dudley (surgery).

In memoriam: Pat Hilgeman joined the Church Triumphant March 24. A memorial service officiated by Dr. Kenneth Peters was held April 1. Pat had been a member of our congregation since 1967, serving two terms as elder, two terms as deacon, a LOGOS team leader, church office volunteer and PW Bible study leader, among many other things.

Our sympathy to:

♦ **Nancy Stearns & Fred & Laura Herbst** on the death of Nancy's sister and Laura's aunt, Karen Samples, April 4. Services were held in Dallas.

♦ **James & Angela Ramsey** on the death of Angela's grandmother, Margaret Toyo Hawk, April 9. Services were held in Virginia.

♦ **Cindy & Mike Roberts** on the death of Cindy's father, Robert Row, April 18. Services will be held May 10 at La Jolla Presbyterian Church in California.

Thank you:

*Dear Church Family,
Your kind words, cards and shared memories have given us great comfort since Pat's passing. Her kind and loving spirit, her friendly nature, her concern for others and her strong Christian belief were witnessed by all of those who knew her. She felt a calling to send notes and letters to members who needed a lift and to give home communion to our homebound members.*

So many things come to us these days and all we can say is thank you for your prayers and memories. —The Hilgeman Family

(See column at right for Pat's often requested sheet cake recipe.)

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,

Update from:

Pastor Nominating Committee

Our Ministry Information Form (MIF) has been activated in Church Leadership Connections (CLC). This matching process has begun with potential candidates suggested by the CLC. We will reach out to PC(USA) seminaries across the country as well as advertising in *The Presbyterian Outlook* magazine. You may not hear from us for a while as we thoughtfully consider each Personal Information Form we receive. We thank you for your continued prayers as we discern God's call for our next loving shepherd, who will share and inspire the fulfillment of our vision. —Debbie Pilcher

Pat's Chocolate Sheet Cake Recipe

2 cups sugar	2 eggs
2 cups flour	½ cup buttermilk
1 stick oleo	1 tsp. soda
¼ cup Crisco	1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup water	1 tsp. cinnamon
4 Tbsp. cocoa	

(To change sweet milk to buttermilk, add one tsp. vinegar to one cup milk). Cook oleo, Crisco, water and cocoa until it boils rapidly. Add sugar and flour while hot. Add unbeaten eggs, buttermilk, soda, vanilla and cinnamon. Bake at 400° for 20 minutes. Use 15 ½ x 11 ½ size pan.

Icing:

1 stick oleo	4-6 Tbsp. milk
4 Tbsp. cocoa	1 tsp. vanilla
1 box powdered sugar	

Cook together until smooth. Ice while hot.

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;** 1st Staff Sgt. Matthew L. Johnson, son of **Glen & Ann Kaiser;** 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.

Session News

At its Stated Meeting on March 26, the Session:

- ♦ Approved a transfer of membership for Elaine Eddings to Faith Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- ♦ Approved a proposal from Property and Education/Nurture committees on cleaning of the red-cushioned chairs.
- ♦ Approved a new column in *First Word* entitled, "Because You Give..."
- ♦ Heard a report on possible development of the property next to Roberts Printing. We are in discussion with city leaders about the matter.
- ♦ Heard a report from commissioners to the March 1-2 meeting of Mission Presbytery at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin.

Volunteers wanted. . .

- ♦ To take care of the flower box outside the 7th Street entrance. The flowers must be hand-watered three times a week. Contact Babs Cape, 512-864-3650 or babs@precisiontravel.com.
- ♦ To serve as an usher or greeter at the 8:30 or 11 o'clock Sunday morning worship service. Contact one of these Usher and Greeter Committee deacons: Cathy Shirley, 512-863-0630 or cathyhs@verizon.net; Gail Butler, 512-869-0620 or gail.butler@suddenlink.net; or Thomas Isenhour, 512-636-7193 or tcike95@gmail.com.



RightPath Health Screening will be conducting ultrasound screenings at FPC Thursday, May 23. This is a nonprofit organization (formerly HealthScreens, since 1986) that has visited FPC many times to provide ultrasound and doppler screenings to detect various diseases. Their staff is professional and friendly and gives you a quality report at the end of your appointment. By participating you can find out if you are at increased risk for stroke, aneurysm, heart disease and many cancers. If you chose to have all 11 tests, the total cost is \$200, but the tests are also available in smaller packages as well as individually. For pricing of individual tests or smaller packages, call the scheduling number, 800-770-0240. Space is limited so call to ask questions or to schedule your appointment.

Order your Mission Volunteer t-shirt

They're here! Our Mission Volunteer t-shirts. We have long felt the need to make our FPC volunteers more visible in our community and beyond. FPC has volunteers active with Faith in Action, Meals on Wheels, Backpack Buddies, The Caring Place, at Habitat work sites, at the Christmas Stroll, with Friends in Deed and more.



See the amazing shirt pictured here. 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. There will be a table for ordering the shirts in the lobby beginning Sunday, May 5. You may also bring a completed order form with a check or correct change to the church office and they will pass it along to me.

—Peggy Currie

BIRTHDAYS

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- 24 Reece Cowan
Richard Jenny
Jacob Wenzel
- 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 Ann Kaiser
Henry Koenig
- 30 Edna Malone
Ron Place
- 31 Russell Hawkins
Maggie Stenborg



Flowers in Worship/ May

- 5 Jones/Staller/McClure Family
- 12 This could be you!
- 19 Sid & Celeste Frost
- 26 Mike & Larian Carson

Head Deacon/ May

- 8:30 Kathy Jones
Cathy Shirley
- 11:00 Cathy Shirley
Betty Anne Poe

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

	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % Annual Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$284,398	\$857,928	33%
Other	16,734	82,072	20%
TOTAL	\$301,132	\$940,000	32%
Expenses			
Validated Mission	17,461	58,971	30%
Local/Other Mission	9,050	25,992	35%
Ministry of the Word	38,471	154,072	25%
Program/Support Staff	106,365	436,538	24%
Christian Education	8,400	33,350	25%
Music and Worship	8,178	19,927	41%
Evangelism/Care	1,019	7,700	13%
Property	21,548	84,800	25%
Stewardship/Finance	4,891	18,000	27%
Other Oper Expenses	11,889	42,820	28%
Debt Retirement	22,593	90,370	25%
TOTAL	\$249,865	\$972,540	26%

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joy Bedford
 Education Director
 jbedford2321@gmail.com



Kids, you'll meet EP3-20, the robot, at VBS. His name comes from Ephesians 3:20. His eyes and mouth light up at the thought of all the fun you'll have each day at VBS June 10 - 14!

Who's ready for a trip to Mars? June 10 - 14 9 a.m. - noon

To Mars and Beyond VBS:
 Registration is open and there's still limited space for kinder-6th grade (preschool classes are full). To register, go to www.fpcgeorgetown.org and complete an online form. We request forms back by May 20 to ensure your child receives a custom t-shirt. We also still need volunteers to help with VBS. Contact me at jcowanfpc@gmail.com to find out how you can be a part of this amazing adventure!

Voyagers of all ages will go on a space travel adventure to explore where God's power can take them! Along the journey, Voyagers discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God through experiences in Bible story, science, craft, games and much more!

—Jaime Cowan, VBS Director

Teachers needed for children, youth

The Education/Nurture Committee is still seeking teachers for some of our children and youth classes. Is God calling you? Contact Joy Bedford to hear about the opportunities available or if you have questions. Whether or not you have children or youth in our programs, you can still be that person who teaches our kids what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Come join our amazing Teaching Team!

A note from Elaine Eddings (who taught kinder Sunday School before she moved to Colorado to be with her grandchildren): "I would like to ask you to search in your heart to see if you can find the time to be a Sunday School teacher next year. The rewards are priceless and the time spent is negligible compared to the impact you can make on these children. In this uncertain world, now more than ever, they need the consistency and security of the love and caring, not only in their personal homes, but from their church family as well. Try it, you'll like it! 'nuf said..."

VBS Donations Needed

Beginning Sunday, May 5, there will be a large donation board in the lobby that will have lists of all the donations we hope to collect for VBS June 10-14! If you are able, please take a donation item tag (or two) and return it with your donation to the church office by Monday, June 3.



LOGOS themes for May

Date	Theme	Attire	Game/Activity	Menu
*1	Cinco de Mayo (last LOGOS)	LOGOS T-shirt	Mexican Hat Dance	Tacos
*8	All-Church Picnic (Booty's Road Park)			Burgers
*Youth eating with us				

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

Adult Elective

"Ennea-WHAT?: Introduction to the Enneagram," May 5 - 26, Room 113

Sarah Hulsey

Somehow people who are drastically different from one another all bear God's image. Perhaps, then, the image of God presents in pieces—like light in a prism—via the variety of our personalities. The enneagram identifies nine lenses through which people see the world and notices patterns of behavior affected by core desires and fears. The enneagram's ancient roots have been vivified in the last century, and the growing work on this dynamic tool yields compelling information to gather and use for personal growth. Join in learning about the nine types and add to your understanding of yourself, family and others. *(Please note: Myers Briggs and other personality tool fanatics are welcome. Personality tools are not mutually exclusive.)*

Surveyors

"1st John"

May 5 - 26, Room 207

Gary Nelon

Join us as Gary Nelon facilitates a month-long discussion of the major themes of this letter from the great Apostle, truly a love letter to all of us.

Crossroads, Room 107

"Wired Word"

Amanda & Patrick Tolbert

From Nobel Prize winners and government surveillance to rock and roll, no week is ever the same. This class uses stories in the 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 wondering what's next in God's plan for you, Crossroads is the place for you.

Homebuilders, Room 112

"Listen, Love, Repeat: Other-Centered Living in a Self-Centered World"

Through May 26

Karen Jones

This study of the book by Karen Ehman gives practical, creative ways to scatter kindness, including loving our family and friends, reaching out to the lonely, blessing the "necessary people" who help us get life done every day, and loving the hard-to-love.

Other Education Opportunities

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

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

Men's Lunch Bible Study

Meets at 12 noon each Wednesday in Room 101 to study scripture and eat lunch together. The men are currently studying Genesis. The last meeting of 2018-19 is May 22.

Ladies' Lunch Bible Study

The group continues their study of the apostle Peter, his life and ministry. Bring your lunch and join us at noon on Wednesdays in Room 207. The last meeting of 2018-19 is May 22. Meetings will resume in August. Call Joy at 512-863-3381 to sign up for the class.



LOGOS in May

The LOGOS spring semester is winding down, but we still have some fun activities planned before we break for the summer! Please see the opposite page for our May calendar as well as our spring mission project.

LOGOS School Supplies Mission Project: We are asking for donations again this spring of new or gently used school supplies to be donated to the C.U.P.S. (Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud) mission program. These items will be sent to residents of northern Mexico. If you would like to contribute, please drop off your items in the collection barrel in the church office or the main lobby between May 5 - June 16. Suggested donations are basic school supplies such as crayons, markers, pencils and pens, construction paper or paper of any type, scissors, erasers and rulers.

—Jaime Cowan, Director





Two NEW Opportunities this summer



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 the Sunday School hour and then all of us (children, youth and adults) will gather on the north lawn 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.

1 Sunday LIFT! Intergenerational Sunday School

June 16 and 23

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/intergenerational-ministry-all-aboutintergenerational-ministry>

GenOn Ministries is committed to helping churches explore and grow intergenerational ministry. Here at First Pres we use their resources and training for our LOGOS program (LOGOS has been our midweek program for children since 1989). GenOn created LIFT in hopes of bringing a variety of generations together around

tables with the sharing of food, fellowship and learning.

So we are looking for a few brave souls to come and learn with children, youth and adults together on June 16 and June 23 during the Sunday School hour. More details as we get closer to June.

Sign up in the lobby. Questions? Contact Joy (512-863-3381 or jbedford2321@gmail.com).

2 Sunday Summer Mornings—Book Reviews

Would you be interested in attending a book review during the Sunday School hour this Summer?

Since there is no Sunday School we will be offering a chance to attend book reviews. We are in the process of setting up the dates and speakers. Please let me know if you have a book you would like to review during this time and/or if you think this is a great idea.

Sign up in the lobby. Questions? Contact Joy (512-863-3381 or jbedford2321@gmail.com).

Elijah album preorders now being taken

You can preorder the album, *Mendelssohn: Elijah*, by going to <http://tinyurl.com/ElijahFPC>, or by using the tear-off form below. Expected release is early fall. The album was recorded during the live concert in March by the combined choirs of FPC and Wellspring United Methodist. The choirs were conducted by Philip Smith and joined by professional orchestral musicians, along with soloists Bruce Cain, Lori Fisher, Beth Everett and Scot Cameron. You can also order the FPC choirs' earlier album, *In His Light*. Note: *Mendelssohn: Elijah* is available in digital download only through an online order.

ALBUM ORDER FORM

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After completing this form, attach your donation and turn it in to the church office or mail to: FPC, 703 S. Church St., Georgetown, TX 78626

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth consider relevancy in Bible studies

Relevancy. It's a term that seems to become prominent at the end of every semester in Youth Bible Study. *How is the Bible relevant to our lives today? What does the Bible say about the things/topics that are relevant to my life?* So it is no surprise that as our Wednesday night Bible studies draw to a close this spring, we have covered topics that are relevant to our youth, all the while seeking how God's word still speaks to us today.

At the end of April, we covered popularity and what God values in us is not the same as what our world values in people. Next, we touched on the subject of grief and how to comfort others who are grieving. And at our last Bible study on May 1 we will discuss a tricky one: smartphones and bringing technology to the light!

I look forward to God's Word speaking His truth into our lives!

—God Bless, David Lee Hulsey



Youth Calendar

1

Last Bible Study

5Senior Recognition,
11 a.m. service
G2G: Senior de Mayo**8**LOGOS-sponsored
Church Picnic**20**

Bread Breakers

Book Review: A look at aging and death

"Life is choices and they are relentless. No sooner have you made one choice than another is upon you." Dr. Atul Gawande makes this statement in his book, *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, as he discusses the choices his father made when faced with a major illness.

I could not help but think of my mother and the myriad choices she made between the ages of 78 and 90: downsizing from her home to a one-bedroom apartment, a broken leg, hip replacement, congestive heart failure, diabetes, assisted living and skilled nursing. Had I been exposed to Dr. Gawande's thinking at that time, could I have made her aging and her health choices easier? Dr. Atul's book is not just about dying and the limits of medicine but about living to the last with autonomy, dignity and joy.

One reviewer of the book writes, "In his newest and best book, Gawande has provided us with a moving and clear-eyed look at aging and death in our society, and at the harms we do in turning it into a medical problem, rather than a human one."

Please join me as I present a review of *Being Mortal* on Monday, May 20, at 7 p.m. in Room 101.

—Melissa Pilcher

Help get John Knox Ranch ready for camp

Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This Mother's Day weekend, honor your mom by helping get John Knox Ranch ready for Summer Camp!

Projects may include painting, clearing brush, organizing, sweating and being a part of something bigger than yourself. Bring work clothes, gloves, swimsuit, loppers, pruners and a chain saw (if you have one and feel comfortable using it).

This is a drop-in event. Come for all or part of the day. Registration is not necessary, but if you plan to bring a large group please give us a heads-up by calling 830-935-4568. Check out the day's schedule below:

9 a.m.: Check in at the Dining Hall and sign up for specific jobs

9:30 a.m. - Noon: Work!

Noon - 1 p.m.: Lunch at the Dining Hall

1 - 4 p.m.: More work!

4 p.m.: Cool off in the Blanco River.

Meet at the outdoor pavilion
ready to swim!

5 p.m.: END

Thank you so much!
johnknoxranch.org

Time to register for summer camp at John Knox Ranch!

Go to
www.johnknoxranch.com
to register.

Our own Minta McIntosh will be the chaplain
July 14-20.

Need a recommendation
from those who
have been?

Talk to the Pratt
family, the Bradford/
Brainard family,
Maddie Levensen,
the Basey/Hunt family,
David Hulsey or
Joy Bedford.

TCP Food Pantry needs in May:

Cereal, all types
Canned tomatoes
Fruit juices
Ketchup
Shampoo
Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Dish soap
Laundry detergent
Diapers sizes 5 & 6

Mission Sewing

Last month, we donated 13 comfort pillows to St. David's Hospital Georgetown. We also delivered 12 stuffed animals, blankets and books to the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center.

Thank you to:

- ♦ *Debbie Chase for the knitted hats for the Cancer Center*
 - ♦ *Linette Harwell and Judy Willett for the comfort pillows for the hospital*
 - ♦ *Alison Harrison, Lenice Smithwick and Barbara Caudle for the stuffed animals, blankets and books*
 - ♦ *Demeree Jackson and Linda Gambell for the embroidered quilt and stuffed animal*
- Our next meeting is at 10 a.m. Friday, May 10, in Room 111.*

MISSION

Nearly 500 volunteers help TCP provide services

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month. Did you know that in 2018 The Caring Place volunteers gave 80,215 hours of their time for the mission of this organization? The value of this time was \$1,980,508! The nearly 500 volunteers can be found in every aspect of TCP and the organization couldn't do all that it does without them. If these volunteers inspire you, please consider joining the team. Volunteers are always needed,



in reception, pricing, merchandising, food pantry, the stores, donations, programs & services and more. If you have a special skill, let TCP know! Find out more about volunteering by going to www.caringplacetx.org.

Save the date: TCP's signature fundraising event, Deep in the Heart of Caring, is set for Saturday, October 5.

Thanks to those helping with the Passover meal

Many thanks to our congregation, Education/Nurture and Fellowship committees, along with Bill and Betty Anne Poe. The team effort helped us all enjoy a family-oriented Passover meal. Thanks also to Plaka Greek Cafe for preparing the gyro meat, pita bread and tzatziki sauce. We hope our congregation will frequent Georgetown's only Greek restaurant in the future. — *The Fellowship Committee*

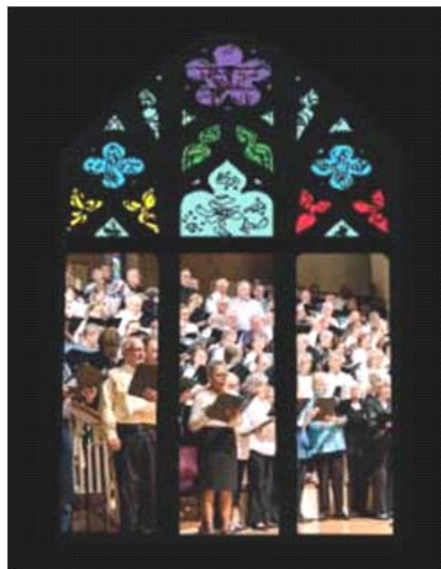
Several people requested Mona Andersen's Copper Penny/Carrot Salad recipe (at right).

Copper Pennies - serves 10

2 lbs. carrots: sliced, cooked until tender, and drained
1 medium chopped onion
1 colored bell pepper, chopped - optional

Mix the following and bring to a boil:
2/3 cups sugar
3/4 cups white vinegar
1/2 cup canola oil - optional
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp prepared mustard
1 10 3/4 oz can of Campbell's tomato soup
Pinch of salt and pepper

Once sauce has cooled a bit, pour over drained carrots and onion/pepper. Let sit for hours or overnight. This will keep for several weeks.



FIAG annual benefit concert is May 9

Faith in Action Georgetown presents "Engage for Every Age," its 18th annual benefit concert, at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at First Baptist Church.

Admission is free. An offering will be taken to help keep seniors connected to their community through FIAG transportation and other support services!

Memorial trees available at FPC Cemetery

The last phase of a program to add memorial trees with accompanying plaques to the Presbyterian Cemetery has been started this spring with the planting of 15 additional trees. When those trees are bought and memorial plaques situated next to them, the project will be completed, according to the FPC trustees.

This program was approved by the trustees in 2013 as a way for congregation members to honor or memorialize a

loved one, while enhancing the appearance of the cemetery and neighborhood. The trees are a mix of crepe myrtles and Arizona pines. Beside each tree is a granite plaque engraved with the name of the honoree and the donor. To date 34 people have been honored or memorialized.

To reserve a memorial tree at a cost of \$375, contact one of these trustees: Bill Stanley, 512-876-6865; Tim Harris, 512-560-9763; or Jana McCown, 512-789-1122.



The newly planted memorial trees are a mix of crepe myrtle and Arizona pine.



An engraved plaque beside one of the memorial trees.

STEWARDSHIP

BECAUSE
YOU Give

As the LOGOS program begins its 30th year here at FPC, we can reflect on all that the program is, and has done, for the members of our congregation and community over the years. LOGOS is an intentional time for all ages to learn about, and practice the art of, Christian relationships. These relationships are the key to the program! Through the continued support from FPC, we have been able to create an opportunity to build lasting relationships across generations that give our young people a foundation of faith to carry them into adulthood. Through group mission projects, shared meals, meaningful bible studies, learning about worship arts and recreation time, all who are a part of this program are bonded together with each other and with God. For this we would like to say thank you! Your gifts of time, talent and financial support have made a difference in lives for 30 years, and we hope for many more to come!

Friends in Deed



Members: For help with routine home maintenance, call the church office to schedule a visit from one of FPC's Friends in Deed.

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Presbyterian Women of FPC wishes to thank Mission Sewing for the beautiful blankets the women made to go with the stuffed animals and Easter baskets for the PCHAS foster children.



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

FELLOWSHIP

PW fill Easter baskets and hear PCHAS speaker

Presbyterian Women held their Spring Easter Hat and Dessert Gathering April 7 when circle members filled 20 Easter baskets to overflowing for children served by Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Baskets included books, small toys, toiletry items, plastic eggs, candy and snacks. PW gives more to PCHAS than to any other ministry they support. The board has received several emails from PCHAS staff and a parent expressing how much the children enjoyed the baskets.

Women were encouraged to wear an Easter hat, and in a contest for the most creative, Dawn Bookert took 1st place.

Allison Harris of PCHAS spoke about how the agency serves children and fami-

lies in central Texas. She also showed plans for building more PCHAS homes for single-parent families in San Antonio.

Circles meet in May and then break for the summer before starting again in September with a new *Horizons* study or other Bible study. All women of the church are welcome to join a circle. In the fall there will be six circles meeting weekdays, with one circle meeting in the evening (see below for May's schedule). We are always looking for younger members, and childcare could be arranged here at church. Contact Becky Hesson-Smith (512-635-2294, becky_hesson_smith@msn.com) or me (512-868-3487, tazmaniandogs@hotmail.com) for more information. —Judy Bond



Wearing Easter hats, members of Presbyterian Women's circles pose at the recent gathering with Easter baskets and stuffed animals with blankets made by Mission Sewing members. All items were donated to foster children served by the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Taking first place in the creative Easter hat contest was Dawn Bookert (standing, second from right), 1st, and Judy Bond (standing, sixth from right), 2nd.

PW May Circle Meetings

Circle	Date	Time	Hostess	Phone	Address
Elizabeth	5/7	6:30 p.m.	Theresa McKenna	512-930-3751	3601 Brangus Road
Esther	Contact Nadine Tanner for information			512-240-5005	
Lydia	5/8	1:00 p.m.	Wanda Brune	512-819-9595	615 Whispering Wind
Sarah-Ruth	5/13	10:30 a.m.	Peg Kingsbury	512-864-3498	Brunch out, TBA
Martha	5/15	9:30 a.m.	Jenny Carswell	512-864-3559	114 Trail Rider Way
Rachel	5/15	11:00 a.m.	Sandie Kienitz	512-868-2519	Lunch out, TBA
Hannah	5/15	11:00 a.m.	Marty Curtis	501-517-3503	Lunch out, Room 111-112

COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

Focus is on skin cancer prevention in May

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. Skin cancer incidence is on the rise, and we know that the best way to prevent it is lifelong sun protection. Sun protection is more than just sunscreen. The first line of defense is sun avoidance when practical. This means avoiding extended sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when UV radiation is the most intense.

The second line of defense is sun-protective clothing and hats. This clothing doesn't have to be hot; there are many brands that make long-sleeved shirts, swim tops and hats that remain relatively cool and breathable.

The third line of defense is sunscreen. Let's be honest: No one likes putting it on. The good news? Sunscreen is becoming more cosmetically acceptable, and formulation options are expanding, making it easier and easier to apply. There are many good products to choose from. The best sunscreen for your face may be different from the best sunscreen for your body. Look for an SPF of 30-50. While SPF 100 probably provides superior protection, the difference may not be worth the cost.

There are two categories of sunscreen: chemical blockers and physical blockers. Both do an excellent job of protecting from UV damage.

Chemical blockers are absorbed by the skin and then absorb UV light. Their advantage? They are quick to apply, easy to rub in and come in a variety of forms (spray, foam, gel, stick and cream). Their disadvantage is that some people are concerned about the effect on the environment and the theoretical concern of these sunscreens being absorbed into the bloodstream. Many studies have been done on the safety of chemical sunscreens, and they continue to be approved by the FDA as safe and effective products.

The physical blockers sit on the surface of the skin and reflect light. Their advantage? They may be less irritating to individuals with sensitive skin. They don't get absorbed by the body; nor do they appear to be an environmental concern. Their disadvantage is that they are often



white/opaque and are difficult to rub in. They may also feel "heavier" on the skin.

No sunscreen can last all day. If you are outside for more than two hours, or if you have been perspiring heavily or swimming, you need to reapply. Be mindful that some of the "daily" sunscreen formulations that are meant for the face are not water-resistant. This allows them to be more lightweight and elegant, but they are not appropriate for a trip to the pool or for intense activity outdoors.

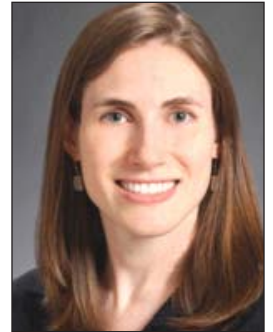
For my family, I use sun protective clothing as much as possible when at the park or pool, and then a combination of sunscreens. I like the "stick" sunscreen, a chemical blocker, for my children's faces because it's fast and easy to apply without leaving a white residue. I use a physical blocker cream on the rest of their bodies to limit exposure to the chemical sunscreens.

Some days all we can muster is a quick spray sunscreen and that is ok, too! A side note about spray sunscreens: It's harmful to inhale these particles so to limit inhalation I always spray and then quickly move away from the plume and rub in the product a few feet away. Never spray directly on the face. One final thought on sun protection: Don't forget to wear sunglasses and lip balm with SPF.

As this summer starts, remember that sun protection is more than just sunscreen. Experiment with several types of sunscreen products until you find the right ones for you and your family!

—Elizabeth Miller, MD

Guest column by:



Elizabeth Miller, MD
FPC Member
& Dermatologist



Seniors Living Smarter Seminar

"What's What with Personal Assistance, Home Care and Home Health" is the topic of the seminar Thursday, May 16, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Register by calling 512-818-0988.



In the Spotlight

Kayla Isenhour Collick and her mission trip to India



The current population of India

is estimated at 1.3 billion. According to the 2011 census, 79.8% of the population of India practices Hinduism, 14.2% adheres to Islam, 2.3% adheres to Christianity and 1.7% adheres to Sikhism.

The Hindus are most numerous in 27 Indian states.

By 2050, the Muslim population of India is projected to grow to 311 million and surpass Indonesia to become the world's largest Muslim population, although India will retain its Hindu majority (about 77%).



College students will work with two ministries that rescue girls and women

KAYLA ISENHOUR COLLUCK, FPC MEMBER who was active in the Youth Ministry while in middle and high school, is heading to India this summer with a team from Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas, where she is a junior. It is a part of her college's "Juniors Global" program that gives students there who are juniors the opportunity to learn about Christian life, service and leadership in the global classroom—while doing mission work in Asia, Africa, Europe and Central America.

The daughter of church members Thomas and Susan Isenhour, Kayla will travel with five other Barclay students to cities and states in southern and northern India during the June 25 to July 11 trip. At Barclay she is majoring in youth ministry with a minor in psychology. She is married to Barclay graduate student Marcus Collick, who is studying pastoral ministry.

This semester as part of a Juniors Global class she and her teammates are read-

ing about and exploring the Indian culture. They will visit the cities of Dharwad and Bangalore in the state of Karnataka, and sites in the state of Goa, both in southwestern India, and Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra. The team will also visit Agra, on the banks of the river Yamuna in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, and Dehli, both a city and a territory of India that is home to New Delhi, the capital of India.

The group plans to work with two organizations that have a presence in India, Caring Hands and the Elisha Generation. Caring Hands ministers to women and children trapped by the "devadasi" system. Caring Hands' work in southern India is with poor people at the bottom of the Hindu religious caste system who live in dread of a goddess who is appeased by families' dedicating their daughters to her service as temple prostitutes or "devadasis."

The Elisha Generation challenges young adults in Asia to be part of carry-

ing out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ through cross-cultural mission work. It is holding a conference July 1-6 at the Ecumenical Christian Centre in Bangalore that the six Barclay students will attend along with students from Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Cambodia, the Philippines, Taiwan and India.

"We will work with those ministries that rescue girls and women from sex trafficking situations," Kayla said. "India is primarily Hindu and in their beliefs the men are dominant and woman are seen as possessions. Because of that, young girls are sold for money by their families to be religious prostitutes."

She said the ministries have worked to bring children to the Caring Hands orphanage and school to help them escape being sex-trafficked.

Before returning to the U.S., the Barclay team will spend a few days visiting the Taj Mahal in Agra and doing some sightseeing.

Kayla explained how she came to choose India as her destination. "Every year Barclay has four teams and four different countries they travel to. This year

the countries are Ireland, Kenya, Greece and India. The Greece trip happens every year, but the other three change. When you apply you can choose two out of the four countries and explain why you want to participate in a trip to that location. My two choices were Ireland and India, and I ended up being accepted for the India trip. I had chosen India because of the challenge and the spiritual growth that I expected to experience." Her team will be led by a Barclay professor.

Kayla is no newcomer to mission work. While in the Youth Ministry program here, she participated in local Community Restore mission projects every year from middle school through her sophomore year of college. She also went on a trip to Alabama and worked with ministries to the homeless, and she went on the Costa Rica mission trip before her freshman year of college.

Originally planning to pursue a career as a youth minister, Kayla said recently God called her to do something different. In her psychology studies, she said "I have learned about family minis-

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Barclay College

was founded by Quaker settlers in Haviland, Kansas, in 1917 as the Kansas Central Bible Training School and was formally known as Friends Bible College from 1925 to 1990.

Spiritual growth comes through the collective interplay of classes, chapels, Christian service, deep personal relationships and the larger community. There is time to seek God at Barclay College in preparation for carrying out the mission of Christ. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). As Bernard of Clairvaux said, "There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is love." Barclay College exists to equip students to serve God.



Kayla's group from Barclay College will work with ministries that serve girls and women in an orphanage and school run by one of the ministries.

In its third year at Barclay, Juniors Global is a cross-cultural mission experience where students travel to various locations for two to four weeks. Prior to the trip, they spend the spring semester preparing for cross-cultural communication and service, and studying location-specific material. Students research general concepts such as language, ethnicity, gender, kinship, politics and religion of the country they will visit. Special attention is given to aspects of cross-cultural ministry most relevant to effective evangelism, relationship building and an understanding of discipleship.

Learn more about the work done by WellAware before the meeting by going to: www.WellAwareWorld.org

Kayla Isenhour Collick

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try as a whole and how important it is to minister to the whole family not just the youth. Now I plan to pursue a master's degree in clinical social work so that I have the capability of ministering to families."

As a summer Youth Ministry intern at FPC in 2017, Kayla helped with summer programs by leading devotions, organizing events, planning games, communicating information about events to the youth, and continuing her spiritual growth.

—Marty Curtis

If you are interested in learning how you can help support Kayla's Juniors Global trip, contact her at kayla.isenhour@barclaycollege.edu.



Engineer who drills wells in Africa will speak at Men's Fellowship Dinner May 20

Kristi Shaw, a groundwater engineer with some 20 years in water supply planning, will speak at the Men's Fellowship Dinner meeting Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the last meeting before our three-month summer break, and we want to try something a little different this month. In addition to inviting the men of the church to the May meeting, we also want to invite any women who are interested in the topic of our guest speaker. You can join us for a catered dinner at 6:30, or you may skip the meal and come at 7 to hear the speaker.

Kristi has a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M and a master's in civil engineering from UT-Austin.

About a year ago, WellAware, a non-profit organization, asked Kristi to help facilitate a well drill for a children's home near Meru, Kenya. She accepted the challenge and in June found fresh drinking water for the children. She was so inspired that she joined the technical team. Then about five months later, she returned to Kenya to drill a well for a semi-pastoral,

nomadic community near the Tanzanian border. Both water supply wells were successful, adding to the 100% success rate of WellAware-drilled wells still producing water. To help keep the wells flowing, the WellAware technical team recently completed a beta version of a phone app that local community leaders will use to troubleshoot and maintain the wells.

Kristi is inspired by the impact her work has in the communities that finally have life-giving clean water. She will share what she has learned about the water situation in Kenya, such as: What is the average distance a person walks to fetch water? What does safe, reliable drinking water mean for a community? What direct impact does this have on educational opportunities? Join us to hear the answers to these questions, and more!

If you plan to participate in the catered meal, please contact me (512-818-2094 or marv.mcf@suddenlink.net) no later than May 18 to make your dinner reservations. Cost of dinner is \$10.

—Marv Hulshizer



“Psalms: The Windows into the Soul”

The Psalms occupy both a central place in scripture and are also central to the Reformed/Presbyterian understanding of the life of faith. These 150 chapters have become personal in the past two years for the Rev. Dr. David M. Evans. David will be our Mo Ranch retreat leader in September. He will “go deep” into three Psalms in particular.

Many of you will remember David as our Acting Pastor during Mike’s sabbatical months in 2012. He became chair of the Mo-Ranch Board of Trustees in April. David recently returned from a week in Florida watching his beloved Houston Astros in spring training. We are so blessed that he is able to be back with us as he leads our retreat this year.



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Spotlight on FPC Missions

Mo-Ranch celebrates 70 years of church service

Mo-Ranch, located in the Texas Hill Country on the banks of the Guadalupe River just west of Hunt, has served the church for 70 years as a place for retreat, renewal, recreation and growth in the faith. Originally a several thousand acre ranch, the Synod of Texas bought the land from the widow of Dan Moran, who was for several years the president of Conoco Inc. In 1949 Presbyterians in Texas began meeting there each summer for conferences and family gatherings.

Mo-Ranch offers camps and conferences for youth and their leaders and an annual men’s and women’s conference. Its facilities host numerous creative arts and spiritual retreats and can accommodate some 525 people. Recreational opportunities abound. One can swim in the river, hike up to the rapids, or enjoy the swimming pool with its in-laid tiles. There is also a lovely chapel near the pool, and for those willing to hike a bit, an even lovelier outdoor chapel under the cross on a hill overlooking the river.

So Mo-Ranch is a lovely place and has served the church for 70 years now. What does this have to do with First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown?

Perhaps several things. One is obvious: We will again have our All-Church Retreat there, the weekend of September 13-15. Dr. David Evans, a pastor well-known to our congregation, will be speaker. He, our transitional pastor, Bill Poe, and an-

other member of our church, Ben Nichols, all serve on the Mo-Ranch board, making our church the source of strong leadership for Mo-Ranch.

But Mo-Ranch is important to us in other ways as well. Besides helping to educate our youth and adults in the faith, Mo-Ranch offers courses in environmental leadership, rope courses to build confidence and trust for young and old alike, and summer camps for children in the valley whose limited means or physical distance from Mo-Ranch prevents them from coming to the conference center. So Mo-Ranch goes to them and gives them two weeks of a Christian camping experience every summer.

The demand for space has outstripped Mo-Ranch’s ability to accommodate all conferences and reunions, so a site is being developed for new dormitories and a smaller dining hall. A new columbarium near the outdoor chapel overlooks the river.

Why do we go to Mo-Ranch? For Sabbath rest. For renewing worship. For stimulating growth in the faith. And for sheer delight in God’s good creation. The hills, the river, the sky—along with such remarkable contrivances as the catwalk and kittywalk and slide—combine to make Mo-Ranch a gift to all who seek to follow Jesus Christ and find in him our life together.

—Tom Currie



MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28 Poppy Festival Dr. Tom Currie Preaching 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship – WCFH</p>	<p>29 6:15pm Retreat Planning Meeting</p>	<p>30 Sue Bell on vacation thru 5/5 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>1 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 5:00pm LOGOS 5:40pm Youth Bible Study 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2 9:00am Treehouse Learning 12:00pm LOGOS Board Meeting</p>	<p>3 Church Office closes at noon</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Dr. William C. Poe Preaching 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am New Member Class 11:00am Worship – WCFH 12:00pm High School Graduate Reception 12:30pm Childcare Worker Luncheon 4:30pm G2G Event</p>	<p>6 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>7 9:00am Treehouse Learning 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am S&S Training with Staff 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle 7:00pm S&S Training with Officers</p>	<p>8 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Lydia Circle 5:30pm Congregational Picnic 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 9:00am Treehouse Learning 9:00am P.E.O. Meeting 10:30am Administrative Comm 12:30pm Stephen Leaders 7:00pm FIAG Concert</p>	<p>10 Church Office closes at noon 10:00am Mission Sewing</p>	<p>11</p>
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