

# The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

August, 2018

## Session votes to seek Associate Pastor

At our May meeting, the session voted unanimously to add an Associate Pastor to our staff. We have been discussing and researching this addition to staff for more than a year and a half. As you are aware, we held two “town hall” meetings to discuss with the congregation the possibility of calling an Associate Pastor. We also prepared a congregational survey to which almost 100 members responded. The comments at our meetings and the results of the survey indicate that there is overwhelming support for our decision to call a new staff member.

The session took into account questions and comments made at our town hall meetings as we discussed this decision. We have thoroughly, thoughtfully, prayerfully moved through this process. We have considered our financial picture and, with some careful budgeting and spending on behalf of session committees and some increased stewardship support, we believe that we can accommodate this addition nicely. The Board of Pensions has also instituted a new program for which we qualify that will save us money required for pension and major medical expenses.

So, what happens next? The session met with Don Hogg, Chair of Grace Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry, in June. Don outlined for us the process we are to follow to elect an Associate Pastor. The session must first complete a mission study which considers our history, our demographics, our ministry plan for the future, and how we anticipate this new staff member may be utilized to help us conduct our ministry. When that task is completed and approved, we will proceed to nominate members to serve on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Once elected, the APNC will complete the necessary ministry papers to submit to the denomination’s Church Leadership Connection. This paperwork will be the main channel through which we will be matched with candidates who may fit our profile. Ministers from across the country utilize the Church Leadership Connection process to seek calls within the PC(USA). As the APNC receives dossiers from potential candidates, the committee will interview and make a selection to present to the congregation for vote. This whole process takes some time but we are

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committed to moving it along as speedily as possible. We’ll keep you informed along the way.

First Presbyterian Church is a place of ministry. There are so many marvelous things that occur in this place that are nurturing and beneficial to our members and helpful to others in our community and the world who need the resources we have to share. We feel strongly that an added pastoral staff member will only help us to do these things better and add to the activities and ministries that we can offer. There is much pastoral care that needs doing in our congregation. An Associate Pastor will help us care better for one another. There are many new folk moving into the Granbury area looking for a church home. We have much to offer to these new community members and an Associate Pastor will help to better reach these new residents. There are many programs we dream of offering – all of them will be aided by the presence of another staff member. The session is excited about where we are headed with this decision.

We solicit your prayers for this process and for the members who will be in charge of conducting this search. One of those members may be you. We’ll keep you posted along the way. It’s an exciting time to be part of First Presbyterian Church. I’m glad we do church together and I look forward to working with all of you as we step out on this new journey together.

See you Sunday,

Drew

# Congregational Care

## August 2018



Annelle Teal, Elder  
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### Care Facilities

#### Courtyards at Lake Granbury

Mary Skinner

Howard White

#### Waterview at Lake Granbury

Kathleen Moore

Jean Teal

Pat White

#### The Cove at Lake Granbury

Jim Bandy

Eloise Pauli

Maddie Reed

#### Quail Park

Ruth Garrett

Pete & Nancy Pauley

### At Home &/or Receiving Treatment

Howard & Pat White	Lee Shaffer
Mary Skinner	CH Tubbs
Ed Hughes	Stan Bowlin
Catherine Lehmann	Lee Shaffer
Harley Murray	Carolyn Llewellyn
Shirley McDonald	Jimmy Callahan
Willie Callaway	Jay Thomas
Howard & Martha Ferrill	Edith George
Ed Smith	



Willie Callaway joined the church triumphant on Friday, July 27.

A service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Monday, July 30 at 11am.

Visitation with the family will be Sunday, July 29 from 12 to 4 at the home of Willie's daughter, DeAnn Krakos, 3211 Crystal Lake Drive.

### Our Church Family:

Jimmy Callahan is having heart issues. Please pray for him and his wife, Donna.

Jay Thomas's back surgery on July 6 was successful and he's doing well.

Alicia Hardin, Allen's wife, is a breast cancer survivor. Doctors recently found a lump in her breast and test results should be back soon. Please pray that the cancer has not returned.

Shirley McDonald had a new procedure performed to relieve her back pain on July 23.

### Extended Family:

**Praise Alert!** Shanna Adkins' Uncle Bill has finished chemo and radiation and was just given word from his doctor that he appears to be cancer free! Thank you for all the prayers.

A "hello!" to everyone from Coy Wallace. He says he misses everyone at the church very much.

On July 14 Stephen Rose passed away. We pray for his wife, Judy, and family.

A Celebration of Stephen's life will be held September 8 at 11am in Fellowship Hall.



Shirley McCullough joined the church triumphant on Thursday, July 26.

A service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, August 11 at 11am.





AUGUST

- 1 Shirley McDonald
- 2 Christopher Smith
- 3 Rhonda Travis
- 5 Nancy Bennett
- 8 Jane Johnson
- 9 Cory O'Carroll
- 10 Donna Callahan
- 13 Jim Deaver
- 13 Connie Gilmore
- 14 Cynthia Horner
- 15 Sue Root
- 16 Howard L. Lovelady
- 16 Mark A. Higgins
- 18 Ruth Garrett
- 19 Catherine Lehmann
- 20 Mark Collinsworth
- 24 Wanda Moon
- 26 Daniel Fick
- 28 Cindy Cress
- 29 Elinor Foote
- 29 Kaila Wilkes



AUGUST

- 2 Jamie Rae Sanders & James Witt
- 5 Andy and Lou Ann Attaway
- 12 Derek and Vanessa Faulkner
- 17 Terry and Nancy Worcester
- 23 \*Ted and Trish Goller
- 24 Gary and Brenda Towers
- 25 Mike and Margaret Gulinson
- 27 Richard and Paula Hicks
- 28 Kathy and Jerry Long
- 28 Max and Ruth Ann Jewell
- Howard and Winette Lovelady

# Prayer



Here is Marcia Sigrist's prayer of the month.

Marcia is our **prayer chain coordinator**. Please contact her (msigrist824@gmail.com or 817-279-1130) when in need of prayers. She writes beautiful, meaningful prayers to give the members of the prayer chain things to think about as they pray for specific things for our friends.

***Especially for our new members, know that we have this group of prayer warriors, among a variety of other things we do for our congregation. If in need or are in doubt about what we do, just call us!***

Father God,

In the quiet of the evening, We thank you for this day. For our homes, our families, our daily bread and all of the sights and sounds and experiences of this day... your gifts to us, we thank you.

As the day passes into evening, we think of those in our church family that are grieving, in pain or facing serious illness and ask your grace and care of them. Pain can be so constant that it may rob us of peace and rest and simply wear us down. We ask for blessed rest and healing wherever possible.

You know the needs of the people Lord, so varied, and yet there are even more unspoken names held in our hearts. We ask that you cover them with your care in ways we can only imagine. May they feel the warmth of your presence and the peace of your grace..

In Jesus' name we ask these things... Amen



## Administration

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## Outreach and Mission

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## For the record Church Attendance Report

24 June: 133

1 July: 114

8 July: 104

15 July: 100

## Record of giving and budget need

Year-to-date giving

**\$231,056.06**

Year-to-date budget need

**\$234,364.27**

## Summer lunches continue thanks to all the volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who've taken lunches out to Sky Harbor this summer.

So many people have expressed their wonder that we would volunteer to do this for their neighborhood and so many families have thanked us for bringing these meals out to the kids!

I love that we are able to serve our community and these children. Thank you for being a part of that blessing!!

## Meet and greet college student at potluck Aug. 8

We have an opportunity to host and meet Eulalia Velasquez (Yaya) for a potluck dinner before she starts school this fall.

As a congregation, we have joined a team of small Presbyterian churches that are working together to send this young woman to Schreiner College in the fall.

We will send out more details on what to bring but mark your calendars and plan to join us and welcome this remarkable young woman.



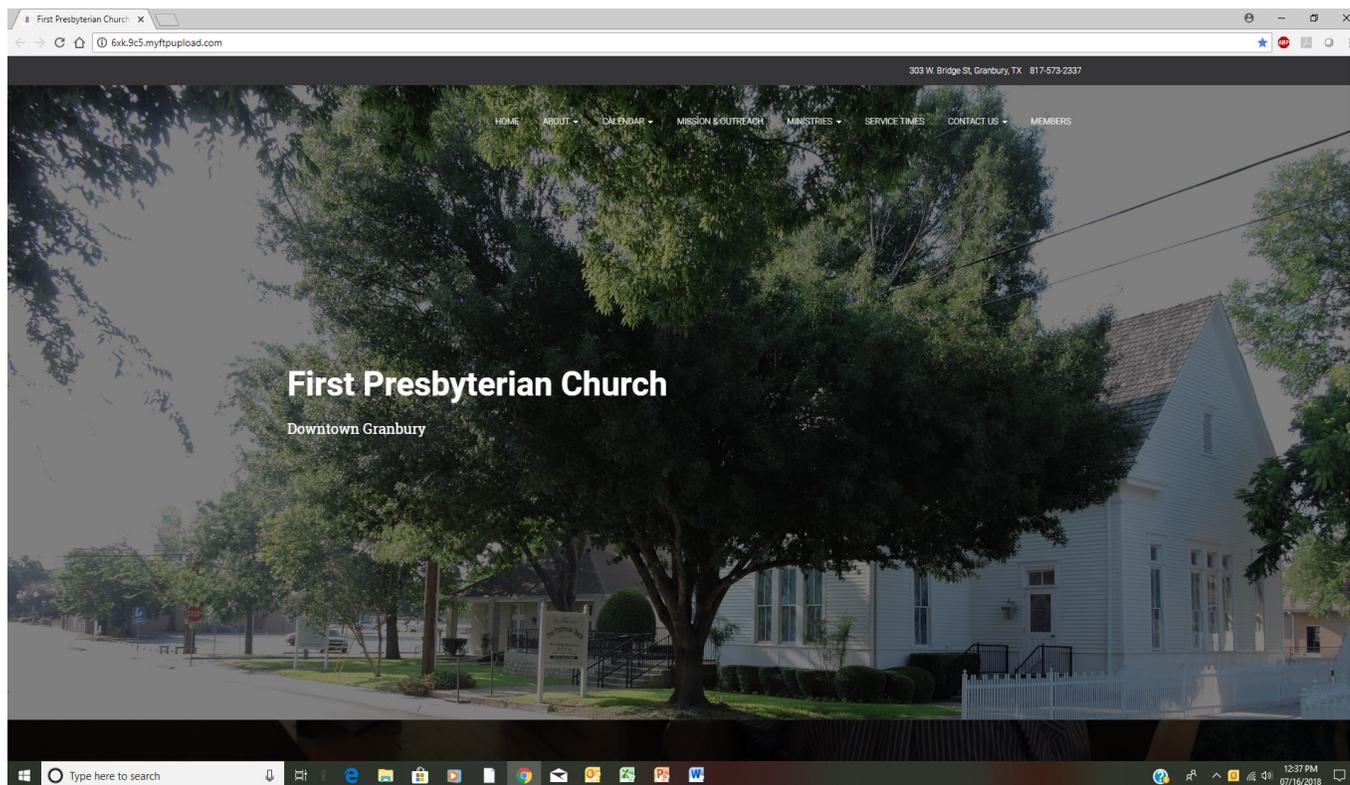
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## COMING SOON

The church's website is currently being redesigned and will be ready for use very soon. The new site will provide a very pleasing look that will provide ease of navigation throughout the site making information readily available. The new site will also include a "Members" section that will be password protected for sharing communications from the church with members in an area private to members only. The old site will remain active until it is replaced by the new site. We will notify everyone when the new site is available. The following is a preview of the new website's Home Page.



## Mid-year Giving Statements

Anyone interested in receiving a mid-year Giving Statement should request one from Shana Adkins, by email at: [office@fpcgranbury.com](mailto:office@fpcgranbury.com) or by phone at 817-573-2337. She will ensure that a statement is provided.



# The heat didn't keep us from Fourth of July parade, picnic

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer! We had a great July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration with about 150 members, friends, relatives and "town" guests for our annual BBQ and Hot Dog Lunch. Everyone was glad to get in out of the heat and have a cold drink, great food and a chance to visit. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies to share!

## Bring your appetite to this fellowship

Dinners for Eight will begin again in September. Get-togethers can be dinner, breakfast, brunch, or lunch in your home or at a restaurant- whatever works best for you and your group. The sign-up sheet for the fall will be in the narthex by late July. These get-togethers are a great way to get to know new members and have quality visiting time with old friends. If you can't commit to participating every month, you can sign up and indicate that you would like to be a substitute.

## Fellowship

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## Potluck to welcome return to fall

We have a Potluck Lunch scheduled for September 9 following the 11 a.m. service. This will be our first Sunday to return to our two worship service schedule. Even if you come to "early" service, please consider returning for lunch. The fall FPC Arts and Crafts Show date will be either Sunday, Oct. 21 or the 28. If you enjoy painting, knitting, woodworking, quilting, jewelry making, or any other art/craft, we would love to see your talents on display. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex by mid-August.



## AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 AM One Service	30 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	31	1	2 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Merck Diabetes Class	3 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Carol Davis	4
5 10:00 AM One Service	6 10:00 AM Co-ed Bridge 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	7 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party	8 6:00 PM Missions Dinner	9 5:30 PM Session	10 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Bernice Deeds	11 11:00 AM Shirley McCullough Memorial Service
12 10:00 AM One Service	13 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	14 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Granbury Knitters	15	16	17 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Julia Hinterleiter	18
19 10:00 AM One Service	20 Bridge Articles Due 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM DAR 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Oddfellows Lodge #237 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	21	22	23	24 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Wanda Lowe	25
26 10:00 AM One Service	27 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	28 9:00 AM PW Intro to Horizon's Bible Study	29	30 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles	31 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Ruth Gump	1



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

The 2018-2019 Event Calendar for Presbyterian Women is in the process of being printed and will be available in August. Stop by the church office or contact Ruth Gump to obtain a copy.

**2018 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders**

Administration, Roy Schoeneman  
Christian Education, Nancy Worcester  
Clerk of Session, Mike Gulinson  
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Fellowship, Linda Allen  
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Ushering, Ann Mitchell  
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