

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

March, 2019

Work continues with matching process for associate pastor

As you are aware, our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been working hard since their election late last fall. The committee has completed all the paper work necessary to begin the matching process for possible candidates for our position. (See the letter from the APNC in this edition of The Bridge.)

It has been an interesting process to see this work unfold. A group of the session prepared a mission study and sought out information about our congregation and our community in preparation for our search. That material was gathered and a report was shared with session.

The session adopted the report and passed it on to the APNC and it formed the basis for the answers the committee provided on our Ministry Information Form to be used in the denominational matching process. The mission study was essentially designed to answer the question of who we are as a congregation.

I like the work that was done and have appreciated digesting the report.

It's good to stop periodically and ask the question: "Who are we as a congregation?" It's particularly helpful when congregations are preparing to engage in a pastoral search.

I think it's a great question for us to be asking ourselves often. It's not asking who we were in the past or who we aspire to be in the future, but who we are now.

Scott Lumsden suggests that members, young and old alike, ask themselves the following questions often to answer the question of congregational identity.

From the pastor

Rev. Drew Travis
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Take a minute to ponder these questions:

- Three words that describe our church are:
- An important characteristic about our church is:
- An important event in the life of our church is:
- A time when we were most tested was:
- The thing I most appreciate about our church is:
- The thing I most appreciate about being Presbyterian is:
- Something that's never made sense to me about our church is:
- One thing I've always wondered about us is:
- Three things we must continue to do are:
- Three things we could stop doing are:

It's an interesting exercise and I hope you'll think on it a bit. Hold on to your answers, maybe soon we'll compare notes.

Grace and peace and all good things,

Drew

Congregational Care

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At care facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury
Mary Skinner

Waterview at Lake Granbury
Kathleen Moore
Pat White

The Cove at Lake Granbury
Jim Bandy
Eloise Pauli
Maddie Reed
Jean Teal

Quail Park
Ruth Garrett
Pete & Nancy Pauley

Lake Granbury Medical Center
Shirley McDonald

Granbury Care Center
CH Tubbs

At home and/or receiving treatment

JD Finlay	Martha Ferrill
Mary Skinner	Eloise Pauli
Ed Hughes	Ed Smith
Catherine Lehmann	CH Tubbs
Harley Murray	Stan Bowlin
Shirley McDonald	

Our church family

Howard Ferrill passed away and his celebration of life was February 23. We pray for comfort for Martha and family.

Alicia (Allen's wife) Hardin's breast cancer has returned. Her daughter, Melody, is having a hysterectomy and cancer is feared as well.

Shirley McDonald was treated at Harris for blood clots and was in rehab.

Stan Bowlin had a bout with bronchitis.

Jim Bandy fell and broke his hip.

Harley Murray was in the hospital with a lung infection, but is to be released.

Our extended family

Nancy Worcester's friend, Melba McLemore had a fire in her home.

Linda Bowens' great-granddaughter, Rosie, age 6, was taken to Cook's Children with a higher fever. She is home and improving but needs our prayers in her recovery.



March birthdays

1 Kathleen Moore	23 Carolyn Llewellyn
2 Betty Lynne Dean	Doyle Seley
3 Richard Root	Mike Cress
Bob Gadbois	25 Dave Treat
8 Angela Young	28 Doris Dinkel
Gary Lewis	Tim Bennett
9 Felicia Peters	29 James Witt
10 Jean Matthews	Mark Bishop
11 Ben Mays	30 Linda Allen
12 Elizabeth Clements	31 Jean Teal
13 Gloria Mitchell	Randy Clements
Rebecca Bennett	
Susan Kidd	
14 Curt Armstrong	
19 Shanna Adkins	
Steven Wilkes	



March anniversaries

31 Greg and Sharon Wilemon



Elinor Foote's sister, Bonnie Murphy, passed away February 23rd. Elinor would like to thank Drew for his call and prayers. Bonnie wrapped her arms in Marcia's prayer shawl every night. It meant so much to her. Your beautiful prayers will be missed. She loved Drew and our church very much.

Sincerely,

Elinor Foote

Prayer of the Month

Pat Collins

Prayer chain coordinator

huhwhat777@att.net



We have a group of prayer warriors for our congregation. If you are in need or are in doubt about what we do, just call us!

Prayer for March

We welcome Spring, Father, and see all the signs of its quick approach as robins appear, branches swell, and days lengthen.

Lent will soon begin and we prepare ourselves for the start of that inward journey just as nature claims more and more of our attention.

Soon are the days when soil is amended readying it for the demands of new life and growth and soon are the days of preparing our souls to experience anew the steadfast miracle of resurrection and the ways it can express itself in our daily witness of the Word.

We pray, Father, that you comfort the grieving, bring ease to the ill, lift up the lonely and renew the weary. Bring to us new ways to see the needs of the world and our roles in meeting those needs. Inspire in us the work of Lent and ready us to fully apprehend the meaning of Easter.

We pray all things in the name of Christ.



Worship

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Presbyterian Women

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Lent and Easter season will soon be upon us

It is just amazing to think that we are now planning for Lent and Easter!

Along with the Christian Education Committee and Fellowship Committee, your Worship Committee is working to make Lent and Easter Sunday meaningful and special to our members and visitors.

Holy Week begins on April 14 with Palm Sunday services. During Holy Week, we will have a Maundy Thursday service with Communion at 7 p.m. on April 18 in the Sanctuary. Easter Sunday is on April 21.

We will once again have beautiful Easter lilies available for purchase to honor or remember a loved one or friend. There will be 40 lilies available at \$10 each and can be taken home after the second service on Easter Sunday. A form will be available in the next few weeks in the bulletin.

Since most people want to take their lily home, we will be very careful to make sure to let you know when the 40 lilies have been spoken for. However, we can still add your honored and loved ones to the list that will be printed in the bulletin.

White Breakfast and Communion Service coming Ash Wednesday

The White Breakfast/Communion Service will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 6. So that we are sure to have enough food for everyone, please sign the attendance sheet in the Narthex, or call Shanna at the church office.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it's been very busy.

On February 8, the program for our monthly meeting was presented by our own Jaimie Sanders. Before Jaimie moved to Texas from Illinois, she was very involved with fundraising efforts and support groups for "Preventing Suicide." She informed and educated our group as to the importance of these programs. Kudos to her.

On February 27, the FUN Circle will host a Style Show by Stuff 'N Nonsense. A Potluck Lunch will follow.

This is a fun event, as we get ready for spring and summer fashions. Models will be from the congregation.

Administration

Roy Shoeneman, elder
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Church attendance report

27 Jan: 157
3 Feb: 143
10 Feb: 158
17 Feb: 136

Giving and budget need

Year-to-date (January 2019)
Giving: \$101,404.73
Year-to-date (1 Jan – 31 Jan 2019)
Budget Need: \$46,327.89



White Breakfast/Communion Service

8:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Please sign the attendance sheet in the Narthex, or call Shanna at the church office

Lenten Study

5:30–7 p.m.

Sundays, March 17, 24, 31 and April 7

The Passion Narrative: Four Perspectives

Led by Pastors Drew Travis, Jimmie Johnson, Tim Kidd and David Treat



Lent is a time set aside to prepare for the celebration of Easter, and Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our Lenten preparation. It is a service rich in ritual and symbolism. Palms waved at the previous year's Palm Sunday service are saved and burned to create ashes for the next Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday we come forward for our minister to mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross in ashes, saying the words, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return," from Genesis 3:19. With these words, we are reminded of our mortality and, when combined with the sign of the cross, we are also reminded of the hope of the resurrection. The Lenten season, the time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday gives us an opportunity to focus on who we are as Christians, bound in death and life to Christ.

We here at FPC of Granbury will begin Lent with our Ash Wednesday White Breakfast on March 6th at 8:30 A.M., provided by Presbyterian Women. Then we will meet on the Sunday evenings of March 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a simple pot luck meal as an opener for our Lenten study. The Fellowship Committee will host these meals. Food assignments will be made according to the first letter of your last name as follows:

3/17 3/24 3/31 4/7 Legend:

A-C:s D-J:s K-R:s S-Z:s s=soup or stew

D-J:b K-R:b S-Z:b A-C:b b= bread/crackers, sandwiches

K-R:v S-Z:v A-C:v D-J:v v= raw veggies or fruit

S-Z:d A-C:d D-J:d K-R:d d=dessert (we have lots of vanilla ice cream)

Ministry Information Form submitted

Each of us very much appreciates, and we are very honored and privileged to serve you, our church and our Lord and Savior in this very important task of selecting an Associate Pastor for our church.

Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has met regularly each week except for holidays, starting with our first meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018.

Don Hogg, with the Committee on Ministry (COM) of Grace Presbytery, met with us and Drew at our first meeting in November. He, Drew and the staff at Grace Presbytery have been very helpful in assisting us through this process.

The APNC has been working to prepare a Ministry Information Form (MIF) that sets forth a great deal of information about our church and the characteristics we are seeking in an Associate Pastor. The purpose of the MIF is to provide prospective Associate Pastors with online information on the Church Leadership Connection site about Presbyterian churches with openings for such calls.

Prospective Associate Pastors (candidates) also provide an online form called a Pastor Information Form (PIF) that provides information for prospective churches to review. COM assists

with the matching of candidates and churches based upon the information provided in the MIFs and PIFs.

Your APNC prepared the MIF and submitted it to COM for revision and approval. Approval was granted on February 12, 2019. Thereafter, the Session of our church reviewed the MIF, and it was approved by the Session on February 19, 2019. We are now looking forward and expect to begin to receive PIFs from candidates and perhaps direct referrals. We are preparing our interview methodology so we will be able to act without delay when we identify the most outstanding candidates.

Thank you very much for your prayers. We continue to ask that the Lord guides the right person to our church and that the Lord provides us with the eyes, ears and hearts to follow God's selection of an Associate Pastor for our church.

Linda Allen

Connie Darne, Co-Chair

Derek Faulkner, Technology

Mike Gulinson, Secretary

Marty Gump

Ann Mitchell

Mark Collinsworth, Co-Chair



Membership

Brenda Staples, elder

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Moore's enjoy the lake life - and First Presbyterian

New FPC church members, Hayward and Meg Moore were received by transfer from Grace Point Church in Coppell, TX on February 17, 2019.

Hayward was born in Jacksonville, FL, grew up mostly in Austin, TX, but graduated high school in New Hampshire when his dad's job took the family there. Hayward also goes by the nickname "Scoash."

He earned a degree in political science from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. He and Meg are both still big U of L Cardinals football fans.

Meg was born at Homestead AFB in Florida, mostly growing up in Dallas. As an Air Force "brat," she also lived in Arkansas and Nebraska. She has a B.S. in business management.

Scoash and Meg moved to Granbury to escape the crowds and traffic in Coppell. They have found Granbury to be the perfect balance of entertainment, attractions and restaurants. They love the people here and have made many wonderful new friends in the last two years.

Living in Bentwater, they often meet their neighbors for a potluck on someone's boat for what they have named "Breakfast on the Brazos."

They have been married for 15 years, meeting while working for the AAFES, a supplier of PX / BX's on military bases. They both retired from AAFES, where Scoash was vice president of New Businesses.

Meg is now employed with J. Dawson Realty in Granbury, where she particularly enjoys working with senior clients who are often making some big decisions about where they want to live at this stage of their life or perhaps selling a beloved home of many years.

Meg is also the "social media diva" for a local boutique, Signature Beauty Bar & Fashions.



Welcome new members, Hayward and Meg Moore.

They are a blended family with his two girls, Kaitlyn, 28, and Jessica, 22, and Meg's two boys, Jason 36, and Craig, 26. They also are enjoying their four grandchildren, with another on the way.

Their hobbies include traveling, boating and entertaining. When entertaining Meg says Scoash is the "emcee" and she is the "chef." Hayward also enjoys playing golf two days a week.

They have a dog and a cat, Ringo (a black mutt) and Willie (a Russian Blue kitty).

We are so delighted to welcome them to our church family, and Meg gives credit to her friend Lynn (Rogers) Silvestri (also a recent new member) for inviting them to visit First Presbyterian Church of Granbury.

Mission and Outreach

Bianca Brownfield, elder
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Caseworkers with Family Protective Support will be showered with supplies

This April, we have volunteered again to support the workers of Hood County Family Protective Services. It is such difficult work and this is a simple way that we can show that we appreciate their service in our community.

There are 41 employees including clerical, aides, legal liaisons and caseworkers. Their jobs are mobile and they work all over Hood County and often travel to neighboring counties as well.

We'd like to provide breakfast items and stock their kitchen with snacks and drinks throughout the month. If you'd like to help deliver muffins, bagels and fruit on a Monday in April (2.6 miles from church) please contact Bianca Brownfield by calling 817-751-2319.

We'll be collecting items at the church office and Fellowship Hall.

Items for gift bags

Hand Sanitizers or Lotion - small personal size

Tissue Packets

Hand Wipes

Car Air Fresheners

Fun memo pads

Mints or Gum

Items for break room

Keurig pods - non flavored coffee, cocoa & tea



RAINBOW ROOM
A PROMISE OF HOPE
& A HEART FOR CHILDREN

assortments

Individually wrapped snacks: almonds or other nuts, granola bars, power bars, trail mix, fruit cups, etc.

Oatmeal packets

Drink Mixes: Gatorade powder, instant Nestea, Lemonade, etc.

Fragrant Pump Soaps & Sprays for the bathrooms

Christian Education

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Prison Ministry: Send books, cards, letters

The Education Committee, together with the library committee, have begun a new prison ministry. We will be sending books and cards and writing letters to prisoners who do not otherwise have a support system.

We will not be sending money or adding to inmate's commissary accounts at this time.

Would you like to help? Here's what you can do: commit to sending cards for birthdays and holidays or writing letters if you like. We will provide inmate's addresses and very basic information.

You can receive return letters to the church office rather than your personal address.

You may certainly send cards anonymously or with just your first name if you like.

Books must be sent through our committee, but in the coming weeks we will be ready to gladly take your used books. We need to get set up for that first, and we'll let you know when we're ready.

We would also like unused cards and stationary of all types and stamps. These may be taken to the church office.

If you would like to help on this committee, would be willing to write or send cards to an inmate, or can offer other help, please contact Nancy Worcester at nancybw@gmail.com or 817-578-0478.

Ushering

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Schedule change for ushers is considered

First, let me thank everyone who has ushered this past month. I appreciate your willingness to serve.

I have formed a committee to formulate and implement new ways to better serve the congregation. Those serving on the committee are Carl Dinkel, Bret Diedrich, Brad Bell, Pat Collins, Kathy Long and Lawson Allen. Bret or Brad (1st service) and Carl (2nd Service) will always be present to greet and assist people coming and going before, after and during the service.

The suggestion has been made to try a new

way of securing the ushers. We would like to try to schedule for March, April and May the same persons to serve the first Sunday of each month, same persons for the second Sunday etc.

I would always be able to reschedule if for some reason someone can't be there. We would like some feedback on this and any other ideas you might have for our committee. Feel free to contact any of us at any time so that we can better serve all who attend our worship service.

Wedding bells ring



Carol Boyd and Jerry Althouse marry during church service



MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 8:45 AM First Service 10:00 AM Church School 11:00 AM Second Service	25 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Al-Anon	26 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Disciples II Bible Study	27 10:00 AM FUN Circle 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	28 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles	1 Prep Church	2
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Bring your rummage sale items by the Fellowship Hall

April 1st- 4th!!!

2019 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders

Administration, Roy Schoeneman

Christian Education, Nancy Bennett

Clerk of Session, Mike Gulinson

Congregational Care, Annelle Teal

Property, Lloyd Sigrist

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Long-Range Planning, Jerry Althouse

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