

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

May, 2019

The season of Easter continues

Lent has come and gone and we celebrated Easter Sunday. Now we are fully engaged in the “season” of Easter. I am often asked after Easter Sunday how I feel now that Easter is over. Truth is, though, Easter has just begun. Easter is a season, not a day.

We’ll be celebrating the Easter Season for 7 Sundays until the Day of Pentecost on June 9. That’s the way the calendar works: Pentecost is the 50th day after Easter Sunday so we’ll be celebrating Easter until Pentecost. Well, actually, we celebrate Easter every Sunday but you know what I mean.

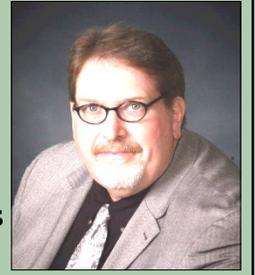
I have to admit I am a bit winded after our Holy Week and Easter services. We put a lot on our plates during those days. I thought it was a meaningful time. I appreciate all of you who participated – we had 25 to 30 folks each day of Holy Week. Your support means much to those of us who prepared worship and served at the table.

I particularly want to thank Kathy Long. Kathy chairs our Worship Committee but she was also the Elder-in-Charge during the month of April which means she had all the responsibility for arranging the services and being present to help me. I thank her for the generous way she does her work.

And while I’m thanking folks, thanks to Rhonda Travis for making the cloths which draped the cross during the week and will be used through Easter. Thanks also to Linda Allen and her crew for the marvelous reception enjoyed by folks on Easter morning. It takes a lot of us to get everything done around here.

In fact, thanks are due to the choir for their marvelous music and for singing at 5 services that week. A lot of work and rehearsal goes into each performance. Then, of course, we thank Marty and Jane for all their extra time preparing their music which adds so very much to our worship. See what I mean?

From the pastor



Rev. Drew Travis

You start thinking of all the folks who pitch in to get done what we do around here and the list keeps growing.

We also had a very good and meaningful Lenten Series. Tim Kidd, Jimmie Johnson, Dave Treat and I each took one of the gospels and did a little digging in the passion narratives in each. We had good food each night and wonderful presentations.

It was enlightening and fun to take a look at how each of the gospels addresses the passion and the exploration was made even more interesting by having the varied presentations each gave.

I am grateful to Tim and Jimmie and Dave for their willingness to share their energy and time and thoughts with us. It was fun to listen in. We are blessed to have retired clergy in our midst and they enhance our ministry together in myriad ways. Thanks to you guys.

I enjoyed this Lent and Holy Week more than any I can remember. I made connections with the story and with the faith and with others in this place that I had not made before. It made Easter relevant in ways I had not considered.

I am grateful for the experience. It was a lot of work for many people, yet this is the kind of church work that enables us all to do the work of the church. That’s why we do what we do.

Good Easter to each of you. I hope the experience helps you to live the resurrection.

See you Sunday,
Drew

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Our church family

Chris Smith's wife, Kathy, is having some tests and would like our prayers.

Carrie Young's father, Lee Tobel, died and services were on 4-27.

Claudia Southern fractured her wrist in a fall.

Judy Farley fell and has a hairline fracture on her pelvis.

Gardner Davis has been fighting a C. Diff infection, passed out and fell, injuring his back, and had tests run for urinary problems.

Lorraine Schmitz was hospitalized overnight due to a spike in blood pressure. Her daughter, Lorraine is battling lung cancer.

Jane Craddock passed away at age 95 on April 5. There was a graveside service on April 20 at the Granbury Cemetery.

Wanda Moon had shoulder surgery on April 11 and is home.

Jim Bandy died April 14. No service was planned. Interment was a family affair to celebrate both Jim and his wife, Francis.



Our extended family

Wayne Harvey was admitted to the hospital and is doing much better.

Ann McLaughlin's good friend, Rusti Inlow, has an abdominal mass which doctors suspect is cancer.

One of Beverly Williams's twin grandsons was thrown from an ATV and seriously injured: multiple bones broken, collapsed lungs, hematoma on the brain. He is much improved.

Jane Johnson's mother was in hospice and passed away.

Cindy Beard's sister had a stroke and passed away.

Don Weckbacher, Marcia Sigrist's brother, had a defibrillator put in after his heart stopped.

At care facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury

Mary Skinner

Waterview at Lake Granbury

Kathleen Moore

Pat White

The Cove at Lake Granbury

Eloise Pauli

Maddie Reed

Jean Teal

Quail Park

Ruth Garrett

Pete & Nancy Pauley

Granbury Care Center

CH Tubbs

At home and/or receiving treatment

Mary Skinner
Ed Hughes
Catherine Lehmann
Harley Murray
Shirley McDonald
Shirley Shaffer
Eloise Pauli
Martha Ferrill
Ed Smith

CH Tubbs
Stan Bowlin
Denise Williams
Dan Blanchet



Hosanna!

Palm Sunday was festive at First Presbyterian Church.



Prayer of the Month



Pat Collins

Prayer chain coordinator

What happens in May?

Well, the bluebonnets are fading fast and the delicate jonquils, iris, and lilies are, by and large, just a pleasant memory. Heartier blooms are being installed in shaded beds. The mowers are now coming weekly and summer will soon be full bore.

But first, there are graduations! Grade schools, high schools, and colleges are promoting either to further education or into the world! That last one is exciting but also risky, isn't it? Such a big world, and such inexperienced lives starting the adventure.

We who are older often carry joy in one hand and fear in the other. So much can happen to those blessed grands and great-grands! Anxious hearts? Yes, even the best (and the mediocre!) Christians find ourselves with an anxious heart, rebellious in its determination to proceed with blinders to the full grace recently rebirthed in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We know the "cures" to fear: prayer and inspiration found in the Word of God. It is fail-proof when faithfully applied . . . starting now:

Prayer of the month for May

Heavenly Father, we begin our summer with great gratitude for our lives in Christ.

We ask your shelter for tender life on both sides of the continuum of age and rest assured in the knowledge of your care.

Faithfully, we follow the path you have laid before us in the example of Jesus.

Strengthen us in all the places we are broken both mentally and physically so we may serve you when and where you call.

In Christ's name we pray all things. Amen.

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May anniversaries

- 10**
David and Annelle Teal
- 13**
Hank and Pamela Wurtz
- 18**
Ed and Fran Smith
- 19**
Emily and Tony Graham
- 21**
Madison and Linda Reed
- 22**
Beverly and Charles McKusick
- 23**
Earl and Connie Darne'
- 28**
Jan and Marlin Massengale
- 29**
Doris and Carl Dinkel

May birthdays

- 2**
Ed Smith
- 3**
Pamela Wurtz
Kim Sullins
- 5**
Scott Wylie
- 7**
Margie Reynolds
- 9**
Aaron Adkins
Robert Young
- 10**
Stan Metcalf
- 11**
David Teal
- 13**
Lawson Allen
- 14**
Jean Haight
- 16**
Lou Ann Attaway
- 18**
Jimmie Johnson
- 20**
Carrie Young
Steve Wilmeth
- 25**
Ruth Ann Jewel
- 27**
Elizabeth Chandler
Linda Reed
Paula Jenkins
- 29**
Brenda Hafner



Fellowship

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Church picnic will be June 1st

The Fellowship Committee has been very busy lately with our Lenten Pot Luck dinners and the Lenten studies from the four gospels led by Rev. Drew, Jimmie Johnson, Tim Kidd, and Dave Treat. We went immediately into Easter with our Easter Celebration Coffee and Sweet Bread event.

Next, we will be planning our church picnic. It will be June 1st. Closer to the picnic date we will have sign-up sheets for volunteers to help set up, cook burgers and dogs, and clean up.

Ann Mitchell has graciously invited us to have it at her home again.



Fourth of July comes next with the parade and our annual barbeque lunch open to one and all. We are indeed blessed, we do church together!

Spotted at the Country Spirit Jamboree



Member Bernice Deeds, center, was supporting Hood County Cancer Care at its annual Country Spirit Jamboree fundraiser in April. The huge silent auction is a big part of the benefit.

Outreach and Mission

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You can help feed children this summer

Each summer we participate in the summer meal program coordinated by Granbury ISD. They prepare sack lunches in the high school cafeteria and local churches and community groups deliver them to locations around town.

We will be serving lunches at the Sky Harbor Community Center again this year. I encourage you to consider volunteering a time or two this summer. It takes about 90 minutes.

You can sign up in the narthex or call to sign up!

WHAT DO I DO??

If you have any questions about volunteering please call Bianca at 817-751-2319 or Shanna in the office at 817-573-2337!



Here is a rundown of all the information that you need.

1. Arrive at Granbury High School at 11:30 am. Count the meals prepared for Sky Harbor before leaving GHS.
2. Take the lunches to the pool area in Sky Harbor Community Center, 2707 Galaxy St. (7 miles/15 min)
3. Hand out lunches from 12:00-12:30 - give an entire meal to each child.
4. Track how many meals were given out on the Daily Meal Count Form. There are two meals included for the volunteers to eat
5. Return the form & empty cooler bags to GHS by 2 pm the same day. Any extra food can be given away, just note those meals under the 'donation' section on the form.

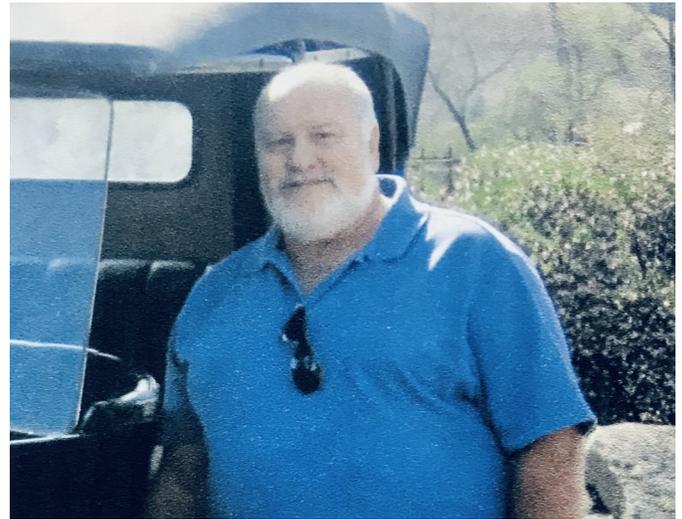
This is such a lovely chance for us to serve and bless children in our community and maybe receive a personal blessing in the process.



Membership

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Welcome new members, the McMillans

New members Bill and Kay McMillan moved to Indian Harbor on Lake Granbury from the small town of Ligonier, Pennsylvania where they had lived for 50 years. They were both born in Pennsylvania, Kay in Pittsburgh and Bill in McKeesport. They met while they were in college at California State (which is also in Pennsylvania).

Kay and Bill are both retired teachers. Living in a small town, it was quite challenging to be asked to teach several subjects or age ranges in the same school day. Kay taught English to grades seven through twelve at the same time. Bill, at one time was the Industrial Arts teacher half the day and the Assistant Principal the other half, as well as being the school wrestling coach.

Originally Granbury was just going to be a snowbird home for them part of the year. After they lost their beloved, only son, Sean Angus, to Type 1 diabetes at age 41 five years ago, they made a move to Granbury permanently.

Their only daughter Kim, her husband Chip, and their sons, Chase (10) and Will (6) live not too far away in Flower Mound. At the moment, they are also babysitting grand dog Molly.

Kay's hobbies include reading, gardening, and making homemade greeting cards and decorative houses out of paper. After a friend who was her "secret sister" at her former church gave Kay a hat, she has since found herself with a growing hat collection.

Bill also enjoys gardening and yard work, and he is an avid sports fan of the Pittsburg Pirates, Steelers, and Penguins.

They both enjoy going for leisurely rides in their boat. The lake is what attracted them to Granbury as a change of pace after living in a mountainous area for many years.



Members spotted in General Granbury Birthday Parade

From left, members Earl Haberkamp and Ted Dolan play with the Granbury Sax Quartet on a float during the parade for General Granbury's Birthday Bash on the square.

Dutch honored during Gen. Granbury parade

At right, member Dutch Wilkinson, who passed away in January, was remembered as an active member with the Chapter P Gold Wing motorcycle club during the General Granbury's birthday parade in March.



Granbury Easter Egg Hunt at City Park draws a crowd

Best buddies at church join the competition at the Granbury egg hunt. Baylor Southern and Sabrina Brownfield were having fun waiting for the Easter egg hunt to start at City Park on the day before Easter.

F.U.N. Circle

Peggy Losher, F.U.N. Circle



Worship

Kathy Long, elder

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Join us, we're having FUN!

F.U.N. Circle will have a planning session for next year's programs on May 22. Please bring your ideas to share and help plan our FUN activities.

Potluck salad!

Summer services will be at 10 a.m.

It's hard to believe we are now into the month of May. As a reminder, we will return to one Sunday morning service at 10:00 on May 26, Memorial Day Weekend. The one service Sundays will continue through Labor Day Weekend.

Our wonderful choir will continue their regular schedule through May. "Summer Music" schedule with our own talented church members, as well as visiting musicians, will start in June. We do church together!

Library committee

Not a new book, but it is still charming

"THE QUILTMAKER'S GIFT"

By Jeff Brumbeau and Gail de Marcken

This is not a new book but it is so charming it bears rereading, reading for the first time, or sharing with children.

A generous quiltmaker, with magic in her fingers, sews the most beautiful quilts in the world and then gives them away.

A greedy king, his storehouse stuffed with treasures, yearns for something that will make him happy.

Will the quiltmaker sew a quilt for the king?
Will the king ever learn to share?

Can the quiltmaker teach the king to be happy? What will the king do with all his splendid things?

You will find the clues to the story in the quilts.

This book is on the library cart in Fellowship Hall. Just sign the card, drop it in the little box and be ready for a fun experience.

You can also find a variety of children's book on the red cart in the same hall. Beautifully illustrated Bible stories such as Hanna Barbera's "The Greatest Adventure Series," and the "Heaven and Mirth Series".

The Heaven and Mirth stories teach biblical values in a fun and entertaining way. You will probably read these laughter-filled tales over and over again!

So all you grandparents (and parents too), take a look at the red card, check out a book or two, and have fun sharing--or just enjoy yourself!

Christian Education

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Vacation Church School starts July 29

Mark your calendars for Vacation Church School!

When: July 29-August 2, 9 AM to noon
What: To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!
Who: Led by Nancy and Her Friends
How: Because of great volunteers like YOU!

We will again be having Vacation Church School for ages Pre-K to Grade 5.

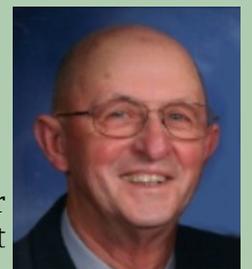
Volunteers are needed to do everything from helping with set up/clean up to registration, from prepping snacks to teaching art, science, music and more!

Please contact Nancy Bennett (817-578-1827 or nbebbett0803@gmail.com) if you'd be interested in helping.



Administration

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Church Attendance Report

24 Mar: 138
31 Mar: 145
7 Apr: 145
14 Apr: 152
21 Apr: 246

Record of Giving and Budget Need

Year-to-date (Jan - Mar 2019)
Giving: \$172,428.25

Year-to-date (Jan - Mar 2019)
Budget Need: \$122,783.66

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:45 AM First Service 10:00 AM Church School 11:00 AM Second Service	29 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Al-Anon	30 12:00 PM APNC Meeting	1 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	2 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles	3	4
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