

# The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

July, 2019

## Home and Family

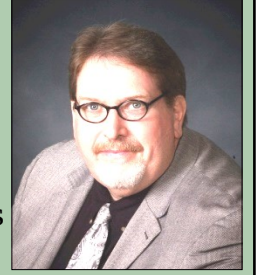
Rhonda and I just got back from vacation. It was a good time. It was a great trip. It was marvelous sabbath. We poked around in New Mexico where it was cool and the air was dry in the mountains. It's been a wet winter in the Land of Enchantment and the snow pack was phenomenal and the rivers are full and even the high desert is green as the summer heat begins to roll in. Traveling through the landscape offered us a treasure trove of memorable sights.

Then we spent some time in West Texas in the Davis Mountains. From there, we sojourned down into Big Bend and stopped at several spots along the way. (Thanks to Linda and Lawson Allen for the map and guidance!) Again, the landscape was unusually green for this time of year because the rains have come early. It was new territory for both of us to explore and it was great fun to see a part of the state we have not ventured to previously.

Yep, we saw some great sights along the way and enjoyed good rest and drove way too many miles. It was good. But the best part of our travels was being with family and friends. We spent the first several days with all our children and grandchildren – all 29 of us before the week was over. We shared hiking and games and fishing and a fish fry. The kids surprised us with a marvelous dinner in honor of our 40th anniversary. It was a great time and a fun celebration. It's always a marvel to me to think back on the days of raising our 6 children and to see where they are in life now with their own families. I like my family.

Upon our return, I gathered with my 4 siblings and my father for a day of just being together. We haven't often had the opportunity to do that. Schedules are difficult and we're scattered about the country and travel has become more taxing for our father. But we gathered and we ate and we swam a bit and we talked and laughed and shed some tears together. Several of my siblings have been working hard tracing our ancestry and my sisters produced three rather incredible notebooks filled with old letters and keepsakes and reminders of those who have gone before us. We spent time

## From the pastor



Rev. Drew Travis

hearing some of the stories of our family's past and reading the history of the tale they are working hard to put together. One does not know what the future holds but it is most likely that this gathering was the last time that the six of us will have the opportunity to be together as a family. It was special. Quite special.

Well, that's what I did on my summer vacation. You didn't need to know all that. But I tell you the story because it is a reminder to me of the importance of family. I was struck so many times in the past few weeks of my connections with this particular bunch of folks with whom I share DNA. I am most grateful to them for who they are and I am most grateful to this congregation for affording me the opportunity to be away so I might be with them.

I am also reminded that this congregation is a family. The warmth of your reception this past Sunday, your questions about our trip, your kindnesses shared upon our return – all these things remind me that we are indeed among family here in Granbury. This month marks the sixth anniversary of our ministry together and as we drove back into town it was good to know that we were indeed heading home. Thanks for allowing us to be part of this place, part of this church's story, part of this church family that shares together the life of faith in this place. Indeed, it's good to be home.

See you Sunday,

Drew

## Congregational Care

Annelle Teal, elder  
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## Our church family

Margie Randles had been very ill with an intestinal virus, but is feeling much better now.

Ruth Ann Jewel was in ICU in Granbury because of fainting spells. She is home now.

Jimmy Callahan was taken to the ER in Granbury. Symptoms suggest he possibly had another stroke.

Keith Nolan had fallen and was taken to the hospital. although bruised with some internal bleeding, he is now home.

Louise Murray's husband, Harley Murray, passed away. A funeral was held at our church on June 22nd for both Harley and his mother, Bonnie Murray (100).

Beverly Williams had hip replacement surgery on June 25th.

Ann McLaughlin's knee replacement surgery went well and she is currently in physical therapy.

After struggling with congestive heart problems for several months, Bianca Brownfield's step father, Wayne Harvey, has been placed in hospice. Please include his wife, Marijane, in your prayers.



## Our extended family

Mary Hayden's son, Tom, has been diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma - benign tumor located between hearing and facial nerve.

Becky Swindle fell and broke her wrist



## At care facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury  
Mary Skinner

Waterview at Lake Granbury  
Kathleen Moore

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  
Shirley McDonald  
Eloise Pauli  
Martha Ferrill  
Ed Smith  
Stan Bowlin

## Administration

Roy Schoeneman, elder  
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## Church Attendance Report

26 May: 150  
2 Jun: 121  
9 Jun: 132  
16 Jun: 120

## Record of Giving and Budget Need

Year-to-date (Jan - May 2019)  
Giving: \$232,564.72

Year-to-date (Jan – May 2019)  
Budget Need: \$176,578.33

## Prayer of the Month

Pat Collins  
Prayer chain coordinator  
huhwhat777@att.net



## Prayer of the month for July

We come to you, Father, giving thanks for your blessings, asking forgiveness of our sins, and then seeking: guidance for our routine days; help for our difficult times; wisdom in crises; peace in turmoil; strength for challenge: healing for our ills; intercession for friends, family...the world.

The list may not be complete but it says so much about our lives. Some would pray for food; clean water to drink and bathe in; medicines and doctors; protection from the elements; safety from predators; safety, period; education and opportunity to rise above subsistence.

No matter how or what we pray, how could any of us survive without God to lead us forward day to day? We know from experience that we can't function at all if our focus surpasses what our minds and hearts can take in. We become frozen, overwhelmed by the magnitude of choices to be made. Not just in the big, big world, but the little world that is my life and your life. Narrowing our focus gives clarity to a manageable portion of our immediate world, a portion we can impact in God's name and spirit.

When we want to make a difference in the world, don't stand behind the lens at Fort Davis Observatory. Again metaphorically, cup your hands to your eyes and look at what is laid right in front of you to do. Are you prompted by a plea in the newspaper? Has our mission committee offered involvement in a project? Does something speak to you softly or loudly? God is calling. Even through the hot summer months ahead, God calls us.

Heavenly Father, guide our prayers, our words, our steps, our lives in you. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

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## July Birthdays

<b>2</b> Emily Graham Lynn Silvestri	<b>17</b> Joe Ethridge
<b>5</b> Carol Davis	<b>18</b> Debbie Schneider Pat Collins
<b>6</b> Donna Barden	<b>20</b> Betty Simpson Bianca Brownfield Dorothy Hughes
<b>7</b> Coy Wallace Roy Schoeneman Sally Attebury	<b>25</b> Max Jewell Rhiannon Orbe
<b>8</b> Meghan Teal	<b>26</b> Judy Rose
<b>9</b> Andrea Kennedy Jay Thomas	<b>27</b> Nancy Wilmeth Sharon Wilemon
<b>11</b> Hank Wurtz Pete Pauley	<b>28</b> Ruth Gump
<b>12</b> Anne Mays Gilbert Andia	<b>29</b> Shawn Deeds
<b>13</b> Dan Crise	<b>30</b> Ruth Ann Collins Sylvia Hickey
<b>14</b> Derek Faulkner	<b>31</b> Ray Llewellyn
<b>15</b> Earl Darne'	

## July Anniversaries

<b>3</b> Bill and Laneal James
<b>7</b> John and Hannah Briese Linda and Charles Summervill
<b>8</b> Mike and Pam Christopher
<b>17</b> Jimmy and Margie Randles Richard and Sue Root
<b>18</b> Sandy and Earl Haberkamp



## Fellowship

Linda Allen, elder

[lindaallen33047@gmail.com](mailto:lindaallen33047@gmail.com)



# FPC Fellowship Opportunities

**Fourth of July Picnic:** Join members, friends, neighbors, and families on the lawns of Administration, Memorial, and Fellowship buildings to enjoy the Granbury July 4th parade. Bring chairs and get your place early for the parade which begins at 10:00 AM. Barbeque and hotdogs will be served beginning at 11:15 in Fellowship Hall.

We welcome donations of cut-up ready-to-eat fruit or cookies. Please bring these to Fellowship hall before the parade. There will also be an opportunity to make monetary donations to help defray food costs.

**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. They are a great way to get to know each other! Sign-up will be in the narthex by mid-August.

## Christian Education

Nancy Bennett, elder  
[nbebbett0803@gmail.com](mailto:nbebbett0803@gmail.com)



Vacation Bible School will be July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Nancy and Her Friends will again visit to help the children learn and grow in their faith. The theme this year is To Mars and Beyond!

Registration for children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors can be done online via the church website. Just click on the pink **Register for VBS** button on our home page. The link also has a place to volunteer as well!

If you aren't able to volunteer the week of VBS, you can help in by making donations of snack foods or craft supplies.

To help with snack foods, please contact Ann Mitchell or Jane Seley. To help with craft supplies, please contact Dennie Treat or Rhonda Travis.

Hope you can participate this year and *Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!*





## Outreach and Mission

Bianca Brownfield, elder  
biancabrownfield@gmail.com



## 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!



## Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Dear Congregation,

Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has been reviewing numerous Personal Information Forms (PIFs) of prospective associate pastors from throughout the country that have been supplied to us by Grace Presbytery.

The APNC is being very selective in this process seeking the very best person for this position. We are expanding the scope of our search beyond the sole reliance upon Presbytery to outreach through publication advertisements and to seminaries placement departments.

We have been in contact with prospective associate pastors that were interested in this position at our church but were unable to continue the process due to either being called-up in their military service or family needs requiring they stay in their present geographical area.

Thank you very much for your prayers and the opportunity to serve in this selection process. We continue to ask that the Lord guides the right person to our church and that the Lord provide 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

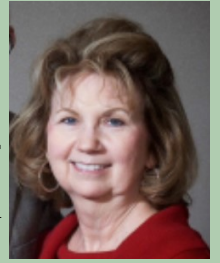
Ann Mitchell

Mark Collinsworth, Co-Chair

## Membership

Brenda Staples, elder

Brenda@flytx1.com



## Welcome new members, Julie & Jim Dean

Jim and Julie Dean joined the church April 28<sup>th</sup> along with her mom, Judy Butler. Julie and Jim met while attending Iowa State University. After marrying, Julie wanted to return to her southern roots, and they settled in Shreveport, LA. Jim's career in architecture has him working between Louisiana and Texas. He is still commuting back and forth, but he is gradually doing more business in Texas. Julie enjoyed being a devoted wife, mother, and community volunteer. They have been married 36 years and decided that they would like to eventually retire in Texas. Julie literally googled desirable places to live near Fort Worth, where one son lives. She discovered Granbury, paid a visit, and fell in love with the friendly little town. She and Jim talked her mother Judy into selling her own home in Shreveport and moving down and living with them.

Julie and Jim have two grown sons. The eldest, Justin, 32, is a family physician. He and wife Carrie, live in Charleston, SC. They have two children, Sam, 3 ½, and Sullivan, 17 months. They also have a foster daughter, Jennifer, 17, and her two year old son, Adrian.

Jim and Julie's younger son, Jentry, 29, is an engineer. He and wife Katye have been married a year and live in Fort Worth.

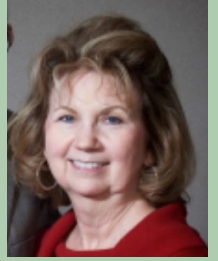
Julie's prior church activities include being a deacon, Senior High Youth Advisor, PW, VBS coordinator, and Parish outreach leader. Jim enjoyed using his architectural skills at annual Fall Retreats to lead banner making workshops. Jim also was very involved with his sons in scouting. Before joining our church Julie and a friend had already attended MoRanch Women's Conference, where they met church member Ruth Gump, who encouraged them to visit the church. Julie is also interested in becoming a CASA volunteer.

Jim and Julie's main hobby is spending quality family time enjoying their backyard and pool with cookouts for family and friends. Their family pets are two Labrador retrievers, Maggie and Brees. They are looking forward to the whole family coming over for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend this year. One of the planned activities will be enjoying the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade with our church family.

Welcome to Julie and Jim and mom, Judy, to the church!

## Membership

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## Welcome new member, Judy Butler

Judy Butler joined our church on April 28 this year. She lost her beloved husband, Jim, six years ago, after 52 years of marriage. They both grew up near the small town of Ottumwa, Iowa, where Judy enjoyed growing up on a nearby farm. After they were married, they joined the Presbyterian Church and became very active members. Jim's career in starting credit card systems took them to living locations in Louisiana and once briefly to Amarillo, TX. Judy has two daughters, Julie and Jill. Judy now lives in Pecan with daughter Julie and son-in-law Jim. Daughter Jill is married, lives, and works in Shreveport, LA.

Judy fondly recalls that she and her husband Jim enjoyed hosting exchange students from Guatemala for seven years. She still corresponds with them today.

Judy says that she felt right at home when she visited our church, and it wasn't the historic sanctuary as much as the friendly warmth of the congregation that made her feel so welcomed. Judy compared this to the old saying about "A house is just a house. It's the people who make it a home."

Judy's hobbies include reading, travel, and jogging. She often jogs three miles a day around her neighborhood. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.



# Presbyterian Women



Margaret Gulinson  
PW Moderator

## PW Stewardship in Action

Each year in May, one of the ways PW expresses our stewardship is by making donations to various organizations with member donations and the money we make from our Fall and Spring Rummage Sales. Thank you for your participation in this church wide event. We could not do this without you! Recipients of this year's \$6400 are as follows:

- Presbyterian Disaster Relief
- Grace Presbytery PW
- Schreiner University partial scholarship for YaYa
- Ruth's Place
- Mission Granbury
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Habitat for Humanity
- People Helping People
- Forward Training Center
- Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)
- Hood County Meals on Wheels
- Joseph's Locker
- Suicide Prevention



In addition to these donations, PW participates yearly in the international Thank Offering, Fellowship of the Least Coin and Birthday Offering.

Bridge Circle and the Trinity Mission Nursing Home Birthday Party will continue to meet over the summer. Contact Raye Klieman or Lorraine Schmitz if you want to play bridge on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 10 am – 2:00 pm. Bring your lunch. The Trinity Mission Birthday Party is on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. We need volunteers to enjoy a fun time and serve cake and ice cream to the residents. Contact Pat Collins for more information.

The Coordinating Team is making plans this summer for the upcoming year starting in September. Some of the dates you may want to put on your calendar are:

Aug. 27 – Intro to Horizon's Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone", authored by Rev. Eugenia Gamble.

She will entice us with the introduction to this year's study.

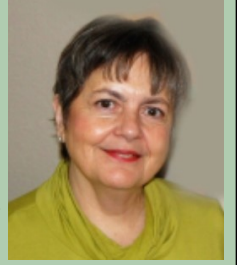
Sept. 13 First PW Meeting

October 4&5 Rummage Sale. Start gathering your donations now.

Nov. 1 FPC Women's Fall Retreat

We welcome all women to come participate and enjoy our fellowship. If you are a woman and a Presbyterian, you are a member of PW.

## Worship



Kathy Long, elder  
Kathy\_long@charter.net

## Summer services will be at 10 a.m.

As a reminder, we will continue one Sunday morning service at 10:00 through Labor Day Weekend.

"Summer Music" schedule with our own talented church members, as well as visiting musicians, will start in June.  
We do church together!

## Library committee

Ann B. Ross is the author of the favorite "The Miss Julia" series. Your church Library has all 20 books in this series. Miss Julia is a feisty, strong-willed Southern lady, always getting into one adventure after another.

Ann has two daughters and a son; she is the Grandmother to four grandsons and two granddaughters who are her namesakes. She is now living in Hendersonville, North Carolina and must be constantly writing. Ann also enjoys reading, needlepoint, horseback riding and spending time with her family.

Ann returned to college while her children were in college. She received her Bachelor's degree in Literature from the University of N.C. at Asheville. Not wanting to return to an empty nest she went on to receive her Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of N.C. at Chapel Hill. Ann returned to Asheville and taught Literature and the Humanities at the University. Asheville is near the little town where Miss Julia lives.

Ann has a general idea of how the book will begin and end. The characters fill in the rest of the story. I hope you will enjoy reading about Miss Julia who lives across the street from her Presbyterian Church in Abbotsville, North Carolina.

Your Church Library has just added the newest book *Miss Julia Takes the Wheel*.

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A few other new books are:

Barbara Brown Taylor *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others.*

Jim Lehrer *A Bus of My Own.*

J.B. West *Upstairs at the White House: My Life with the First Ladies.*

You can find all of these plus many others on the Book Cart in Fellowship Hall.

# JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM The 10 P's Class 10:00 AM One Service	1 10:00 AM Co-ed Bridge 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Al-Anon	2 12:00 PM APNC Meeting 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party	3	4 Office Closed for Holiday 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00)	5	6
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**2019 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders**

Administration, Roy Schoeneman  
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Congregational Care, Annelle Teal  
Property, Lloyd Sigrist  
Fellowship, Linda Allen  
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Membership, Brenda Staples  
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