

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

June, 2019

Summer Schedule

We people are funny. Some folks love change and seem to thrive on doing things differently from time to time. Others don't like change at all and desire that everything stay the same day to day. I have enjoyed watching the "Big Bang Theory" over the past several years. One of the characters on that sitcom, Sheldon, cannot deal with change. His life is so regimented and his routine so defined that any alteration to his schedule throws him off and sends him into a tizzy. It makes for fun TV but I don't know that I've ever experienced anyone who was quite that adverse to change.

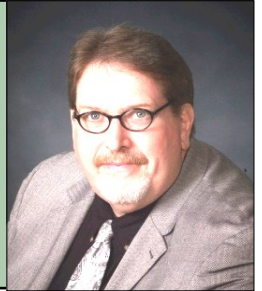
When I was a kid, every now and then my Mom would decide a little change was needed. We'd deep clean the house and try to rid ourselves of things we no longer needed. It was sometimes traumatizing to me as a young kid to give up a favorite toy or to consent to saying goodbye to a beloved shirt I had outgrown. One of the things I enjoyed most about my mother's cleaning frenzies is that we'd move the furniture. Once we got a room nice and clean and removed some of the clutter, we'd move the bed to a different wall and assign the dresser to a new location. It was the same stuff in the same room, but in different places it made the room feel somehow new and interesting to me again. I thought that was great fun.

We have a joke around the church that I sometimes hear repeated: "How many Presbyterians does it take to change a lightbulb? Change?! Change?! WHAT CHANGE?!!!" It's a characterization about us Presbyterians but it does hold some truth. We are fond of saying "But we've always done it this way" with our actions, if not our words. Many of us like the constant drumbeat that keeps us always on a steady path. There's a sense of security that accompanies doing things the same way time after time. It is familiar. It is comfortable. There's good reason we are creatures of habit.

But at times it seems good for us to move at a different pace, to experience life from a new perspective, to live faith with a new slant. Such

From the pastor

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alteration in our schedules, even small changes in our sameness, can be for us a time of Sabbath, a time away to remind us of the value and meaning of our rituals. Such time is a good break to refresh the routines of our lives. It's kind of like moving the furniture now and then.

We do a little changing from our routines around the church during the summer. We move to just one service on a Sunday morning which may mean sharing our favorite pew for a few months. The choir takes a holiday and different individuals and groupings provide music for our worship during the summer months. Church school classes take the summer off and PW activities go on hiatus. We slow down a bit. Many of you will be traveling this summer and several will relocate to cooler climates or to summer homes for the duration of the Texas heat. It is always a different view from the pulpit in the summer months.

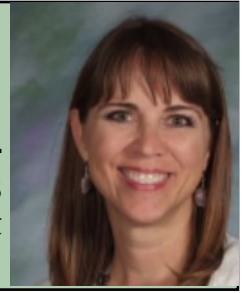
Enjoy the change of pace – even if you're one who would really rather things stay the same. I think switching gears a bit is good for us around the church. And September will return quickly and we'll be back to our usual calendar and comfortably slide into the groove of our routines. Until then, have a great summer and keep in touch – there are some grand things happening around the church house and I am excited about where our ministry is heading.

See you Sunday,

Drew

Congregational Care

Annelle Teal, elder
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Our church family

Gloria Mitchell's husband, Bill was hospitalized at Medical City in Fort Worth for what they have determined is diverticulitis.

Dave Barnett went into hospital with severe abdominal pain on May 18.

Edith George had surgery May 17 at Medical City in Ft. Worth for a blocked carotid artery.

Ann McLaughlin had knee replacement surgery on Monday.

Catherine Lehmann passed away Saturday, May 11, at the age of 100 years old.

Rob and Tim Fish's parents, Jim and Colleen Fish, were inurned in our columbarium May 18.

Our extended family

Gloria Mitchell has asked for prayers for her daughter-in-law's mother, Sue Buerk, a woman who has become a good friend to Gloria. She has been treated for cancer for several years but was hospitalized this week and then sent home on hospice care.

Brenda Hafner's mother passed away at age 102. Her funeral was in Midlothian on May 14.

Shanna Adkins has asked for prayers for her daddy, Dwayne Eby, who has been experiencing severe neck and back pain for quite a while.

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



Steve and Nancy Wilmeth have relocated to Arizona.

We will miss their presence so much here at FPC.

Their new address is:

Steve and Nancy Wilmeth
20641 W. Minnezona Avenue
Buckeye, AZ 85396

At home and/or receiving treatment

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

Denise Williams
Dan Blanchet

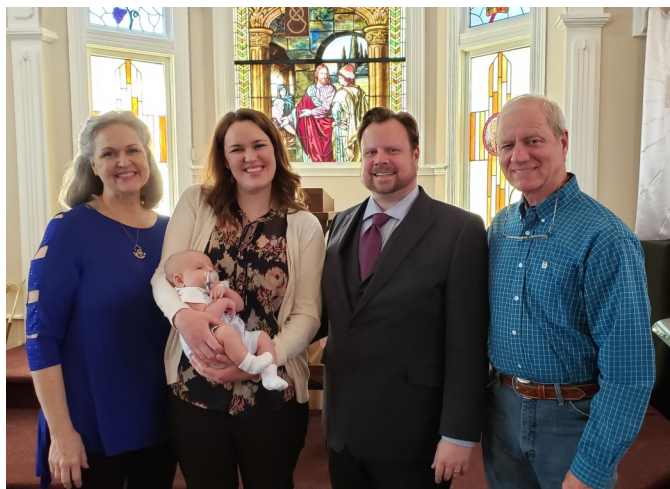
Card of thanks

The family of Lee Tobel would like to extend our gratitude and sincere appreciation for everyone at FPC who helped us with the Memorial Service.

We could not have gotten through it without you!!

It was a beautiful service that would have made my Dad proud.

Much Love and Blessings,
Carrie Young"



Baptism

Baby Elliott with parents Emily and Tony Graham, flanked by grandparents Nancy and Terry Worcester.

Prayer of the Month

Pat Collins

Prayer chain coordinator

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June prayer of the month

Father, we look at dappled sunlight falling through trees, onto our yards and into our homes and see your beauty. We feel a gusty breeze and absent darkness during day, we are gratified to feel the movement of our hair and clothes and feel refreshed from steam beginning to rise from the grass.

We take none of the graces of your natural world for granted for we have seen devastation and know of suffering in its wake. Still, you are our God and we worship you in all things and give thanks for the lives in Christ you have given us to lead.

We pray for our nation and it's leaders. Strengthen our kindness to one another. Let all of us live from our greatest of purpose every day, every minute.

We pray for people who are suffering because of physical, emotional or mental injury or illness. Bring caregivers and comfort to all who need release from suffering.

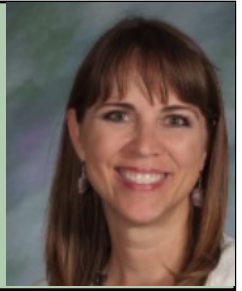
We pray for our church and its leaders. Bring wisdom and certainty to their minds and hearts as they guide us to be paneless windows so your love can be known.

We pray for all who struggle to make sense in a world beyond our comprehension. Remind all to be in, but not of, this world, and to understand, gut-level, that the Holy Spirit will never leave us. Let us fall daily into a renewed grace that does not numb us to the misfortunes of others but gives us strength to be, to act, to pray as you have taught us.

In your name.
Amen

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June anniversaries

1
Lawson & Linda Allen

2
Les & Brenda Staples

3
Shanna & Aaron Adkins

6
Janna & Kim Sullins

9
Paul & Emily Holmes
Jimmy & Sherry Johnson

14
David & Claudia Southern

17
Sallie & Peter Garland
Wayne & Marijane Harvey
Ray & Carolyn Llewellyn

18
Shawn & Roger Deeds

19
Mark & Lori Collinsworth

22
Carrie & Robert Young

24
Mark & Saunya Bishop
Debbie & Greg Schneider
Kim & Scott Wylie

30
Drew & Rhonda Travis

June birthdays

1
Julia Hinterleiter

2
J.D. Finlay

3
Bernice Deeds

4
Shirley Shaffer

5
Bert Cunningham
Neita Daughtrey
Peggy Lewis

9
Emily Holmes

11
Lillian Ethridge

13
Lorraine Schmitz

15
Stephen Reinke

17
Carol Gadbois
Dana Sutton
Dee Holt
Don Williams

19
Madison Reed Jr.
Ted Goller

20
Jim Dean

22
Fred Crawford

25
Gwen Clay

26
Bill Lowe
Pam Christopher

27
Nancy Blakely

28
Ron Deeds

30
Bret Diedrich
Edith George
Robert Werbung

Administration

Roy Schoeneman, elder
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Church attendance report

28 Apr: 147

5 May: 152

12 May: 158

19 May: 141

Record of giving and budget need

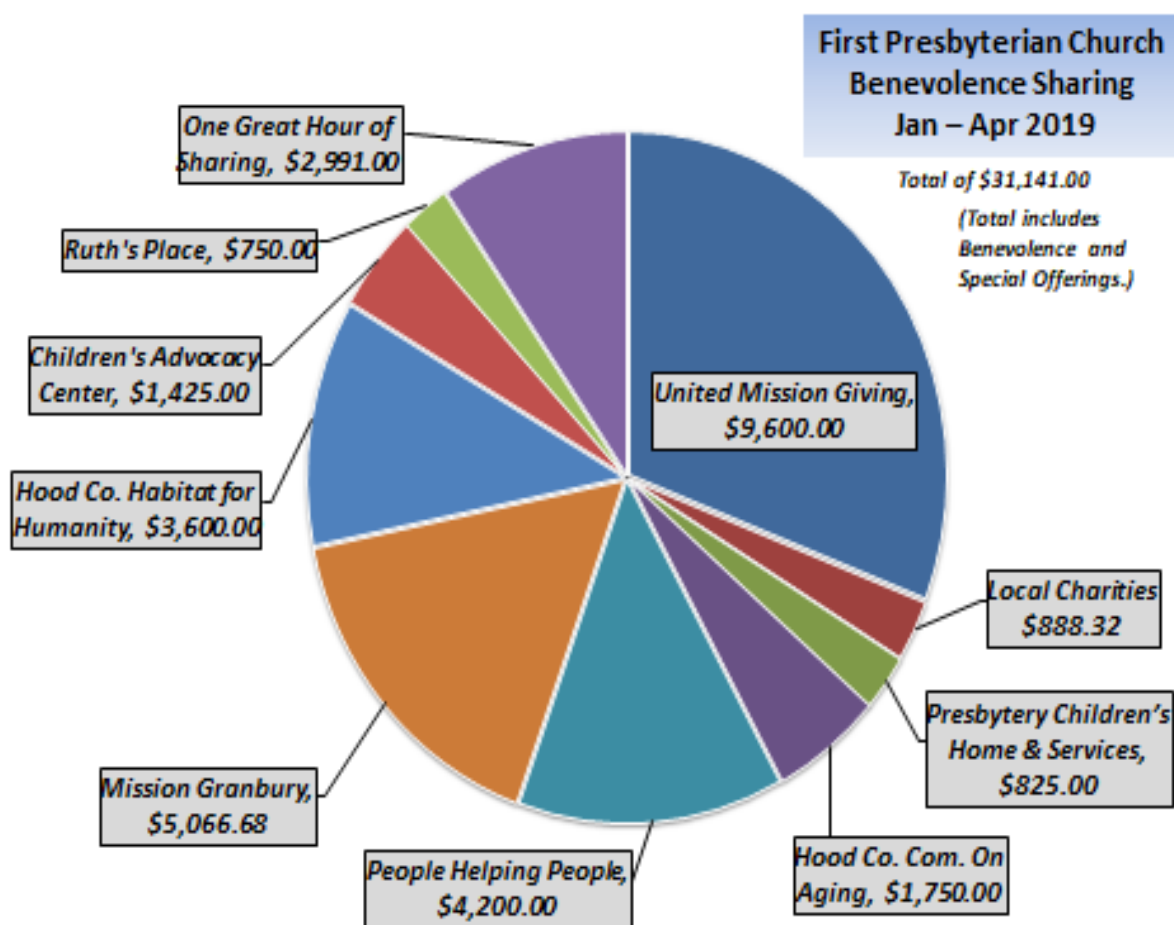
Year-to-date (Jan - Apr 2019)

Giving: \$210,723.25

Year-to-date (Jan – Mar 2019)

Budget Need: \$161,349.92

The following is provided for information on Benevolence support by our Church for the period of January – April 2019. Everyone's giving makes this kind of outreach possible throughout the year.



Outreach and Mission

Bianca Brownfield, elder
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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

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.



FPC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

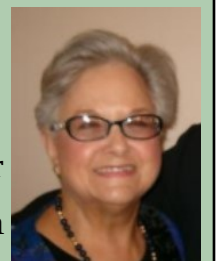
Church Picnic: By the time this newsletter comes out, we will have already had our annual church picnic. I hope it didn't rain and I bet we had a good time and lots of food! Thanks to Ann Mitchell for providing us a great place!

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. If you are a new member, this is a great way to get to know other church members. We take turns hosting. Usually the host provides the main dish and the rest of us bring side dishes, desserts, salads, appetizers, etc. Or we meet at a restaurant and go "Dutch Treat". Sign-up will be in the narthex by mid-August.

Fellowship

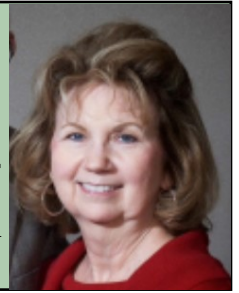
Linda Allen, elder
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Membership

Brenda Staples, elder

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Welcome to the church

Dave and Dennie Treat moved to Granbury and our congregation from Vernon, TX. Dennie grew up in Abilene and Dave in El Paso. They met while they were both in college at McMurray in Abilene.

Dave had realized before he graduated from high school that he was called to the ministry. At McMurry, he studied Philosophy and Religion, while Dennie was majoring in Elementary Education. After Dave graduated they moved to North Carolina for Dave to attend divinity school at Duke University. They both allow it was hard to be that far away from home for the newlyweds.

After graduation, Dave served churches in the United Methodist Church for thirty years in various Texas churches including beginning in Leveland and retiring from Lubbock Asbury UMC. Along the way Dave had returned for graduate seminary work at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK where he studied Counseling and Psychotherapy. He used this education after leaving Lubbock at the Graham Regional Medical Center as chaplain in hospice and counseling work. Three years later, a friend got him interested in doing interim pastoral work.

He was called to First Presbyterian in Vernon, TX as interim for one year, which turned into eight more years when he was invited to stay on as their full time pastor. After leaving Vernon, Dave and Dennie chose to move to Granbury for retirement.

Dennie's first priority has always been to be a wife and mother. She has felt very blessed to be able to do that while pursuing a part time career in preschool education. She became certified in the UMC lab school and in UMC children's ministry. During their years in the Methodist church, Dennie helped start two church preschools and served as their director.

The Treats have two grown children who are married and each have three children. Daughter Tricia and husband Peter Reed, who live in



Lubbock, have Grace, 19, Maggie, 16, and Will, 14. The Treat's son Todd and wife Renee live in Crowley, TX with their adopted children: Tim, 17, from Taiwan, Sam, 16 from Ethiopia, and Kate, 14, from China.

Hobbies include pickleball for Dave and crafting for Dennie. They like to travel (especially to Crowley and Lubbock to visit the grandkids), but they have also enjoyed travels to Romania, Israel, Egypt, and mission trips for Dave to Haiti and Guatemala.

They are already very much involved in the life of our church with Dinners for Eight, PW for Dennie, as well as Dave leading a night of the Lenten study and participating in the Men's Wednesday Bible Study. Welcome to Dennie and Dave.

We are blessed to have them in our church family.

Secret marriage comes to the surface

“The Keepers of the House”

by Shirley Ann Grau

The first William Howland did not return home to Tennessee on his way back from the War of 1812. Instead, he settled on a hill in rural Mississippi, overlooking a small river.

He was later killed in an Indian raid, but since then, a descendant of William Howland, most often a male named William, lived in the house and dominated affairs in Madison City and Wade County, which sprang up around Howland's original settlement.

The fifth William Howland was the last man bearing the name to live in the house. His wife died young, leaving him with a young daughter, Abigail, and an infant son, William, who died just a year after his mother.

Abigail married an English professor who abandoned her with a child, also named Abigail, when he went off to fight in World War II. When she died, William Howland was left to take care of his granddaughter Abigail. He also brought Margaret, a new African American housekeeper to the house to live with him. Throughout the county, she was known as his mistress and the mother of his other children.

What no one knew, however, was that William had secretly married Margaret to ensure that the children were legitimate. Once their children came of age, William Howland and Margaret sent them north so that they could pursue lives as whites.

The secret of the marriage came out only after the younger Abigail was married to John Tolliver, an up-and-coming politician, who was running for governor. In the turbulent racist atmosphere of the South, Tolliver aligned himself with the Klan and came out with racist statements against Blacks.

This infuriated Robert Howland, the eldest son of William and Margaret, who was living in obscurity in Seattle. He released the news to the

story of his origins to the press, crippling Tolliver's campaign. Tolliver, who regarded Abigail as a trophy wife, declared that their marriage was over and headed north to his family.

Both William Howland and Margaret are dead, but a mob gathered to vent its anger about the mixed marriage on Abigail and the Howland house. They kill the livestock and set fire to the barn, but Abigail succeeds in driving them away from the house with her grandfather's shotguns.

At the end of the book, Abigail takes her revenge on the people of Madison City. Over the past generations, her family had come to own most of the county, making her one of the richest people in the state.

Over the course of a single day, she takes revenge on the locals for betraying her grandfather by shutting down the hotel and bringing most of the local economy to ruin. Once she has done that, she places a call to Robert, with the intention of informing his new family that his mother was black.

Coming soon!

Please remember to look for the book cart in Fellowship Hall. The newest Miss Julia book will be on the cart soon.

Worship

Kathy Long, elder
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Presbyterian Women

One Sunday service at 10 for the summer

As a reminder, summer Sunday services are at 10:00! Our choir also takes a much needed break, as many of our choir members will be traveling as well as entertaining family and friends when they visit. If you or any of your family and friends have special musical talents and are willing to share them with us, please see Marty Gump about scheduling a Sunday! We so appreciate your special musical gifts!

Pastor Drew and Rhonda will also be taking some time away in June with their family and all those grandchildren! We are very fortunate and pleased to have Reverend Tim Kidd and Reverend Doug Travis preaching.



Sunday mornings @ 9:00 AM

June 23—July 14th

Fellowship Hall

Whether you are new to the Presbyterian church or someone that has been around for awhile, come and learn more about what our denomination is all about.

Rev. Travis will lead the lessons

** Pastor's Periodic Presentation Pertaining to
People Pondering the Possibility of Preparing to
Practice Presbyterianism*

Margaret Gulinson will be moderator for coming year

The spring showers have surely given us a gift this year. The grass is green and lush, and the wild flowers are glorious.

Presbyterian Women had its last meeting for the year on May 10. The election of new officers was held and they were installed during the Worship Service on May 19.

The new officers are:

Moderator:	Margaret Gulinson
1st Vice Moderator:	Saunya Bishop
2nd Vice Moderator:	Emily Holmes
Secretary:	Mary Hayden
Treasurer:	Jamie Sanders
Historian:	Paula Jenkins & Julia Hinterleiter

Ruth Gump presented Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership Award to Connie Darne' during the May 19 service.

The final program this year was given by our church organist, Jane Seley. Through music and her delightful sense of humor, she took us back to our youth and right up to the present day. We sang along to favorite old hymns and songs that brought back fond memories. Thank you, Jane

Enjoy your summer. We look forward to another year with PW, starting in Sept.

"Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are."

Luke 12:27

Christian Education

Nancy Bennett, elder
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Volunteers Needed!

Call/Email Nancy Bennett

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Shepherd/Small Group Leader

Activity Center Leaders

Mission Science Crafts Recreation

Snacks • Music Leader • Decorations

**VBS will be
July 29—August**



JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM One Service	27 Office Closed for Holiday 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon	28 12:00 PM APNC Meeting 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Disciples II Bible Study	29 10:30 AM Permanent Funds Committee 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study	30 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00)	31	1
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2019 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders

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