

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

July, 2018

Working together as a part of the body of Christ

I am always amazed at how many folks it takes to keep the church working. I look around at what we are doing in terms of mission and ministry and I am impressed at the number of folk who are busy about the work of the church. Some of what these members do is obvious and the work they do is clearly seen. Much of what occurs around the church is done behind the scenes and we really don't consider the efforts that go unannounced.

It takes a lot of time and energy to keep four buildings up and running, especially when one of those is a 120 year old sanctuary. Each of us knows the constant work that must be done around the house to keep things in good repair. It's a never ending task. There are roof repairs to be made and paint to be touched up and light fixtures to replace and leaking faucets to fix. It takes constant vigilance and it takes a good number of people to keep on top of it. I am grateful to those who do that work.

Have you ever considered the finances of the church? It's more than a matter of stewardship emphasis which we engage in once a year. There are budgets to be developed and followed and deposits to be made and investments to be cared for. We are in the process of considering a proposal to develop a permanent funds ministry and it takes a bit of work to be sure we are investing to the best advantage of the congregation while also being good stewards. My skills are not found in financial matters and I am impressed by those who understand and care for such.

These endowment funds will further support the mission and outreach ministries of our church. Again, it takes a lot of people to do what we do in caring for others. It is more than simply a matter of deciding where our mission dollars will go. We do

From the pastor

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several special projects throughout the year to provide supplies to school kids, to aid children in foster care and support others in our community around holiday times. We feed Habitat for Humanity workers monthly. We have recently taken on a project with other Presbyterian churches to provide support for a young woman from Mexico to attend Schreiner University. The mission we do matters and it is all supported by so many in this congregation through hands-on efforts and through the generosity of stewardship which you practice.

And then, of course, there is the teaching ministry of the church and our worship life together. There is music and preparation of the sacraments. Pastoral care is a constant. There is constant administration. There is planning for the future and plans for building changes and expansion to better enable our ministries. We are involved in ministries of hospitality to invite others to join in our congregation as members of the church. There is just a lot of work that goes into being the church. By that measure, First Presbyterian Church in Granbury, Texas is very much a place of ministry.

The Apostle Paul speaks often of the "body of Christ" and how each of us individually is part of that body. It's a marvelous metaphor for our corporate life in Christ. Thanks to each of you who are individually part of this congregation in myriad ways. Thanks for your faithfulness. Thanks for your energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Thanks for lending a hand in making us part of the body of Christ. It matters.

See you Sunday,

Drew



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Carol Davis
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Donna Barden
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Coy Wallace
Roy Schoeneman
Sally Attebury
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Meghan Teal
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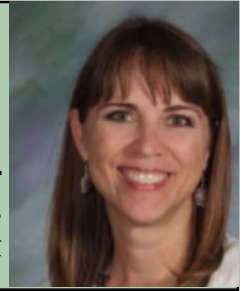
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Sharon Wilemon
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Ruth Gump
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Shawn Deeds
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Ruth Ann Collins
Sylvia Hickey
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Ray Llewellyn

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Linda & Charles Somervill
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Mike & Pam Christopher
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Bill & Deece Robertson
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Prayer of the Month

Marcia Sigrist
Prayer chain coordinator



Here is Marcia Sigrist's prayer of the month.

Marcia is our **prayer chain coordinator**. Please contact her at msgrist824@gmail.com or call 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,

When we reflect on the good things in your creation, we are amazed. We know that these things are from you and we are truly blessed.

There are also awful things in our world Lord, and we need your help in dealing with them. Things like cancer and disease, disasters and floods, and all the things that would steal our joy and love from us.

It can be hard for us to stay centered on you and your plans for us. Clear our minds and let us allow you to take care of tomorrow and guide us to the right things of today.

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

Outreach and Mission

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Where the money is going...

As a congregation, we have joined a team of small Presbyterian churches that are working together to send a young woman to college.

Her name is Eulalia Velasquez and she was attending a small school in an orphanage in Mexico. She and her teachers hoped that she would be able to continue onto high school but it was too far away and too expensive. A group of small Presbyterian congregations joined West Plano Presbyterian and paid for her tuition, room and board at the Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, Texas.

That was 4 years ago and she has just graduated this May!! She is headed to Schreiner College in the fall.

This parking lot fundraiser is one of the ways that we are raising money to give towards this young woman's education.

Summer lunches

Thank you to all the volunteers who've taken lunches in June and to those who have signed up in July.

There are still some days open and you can sign up in the narthex or call!

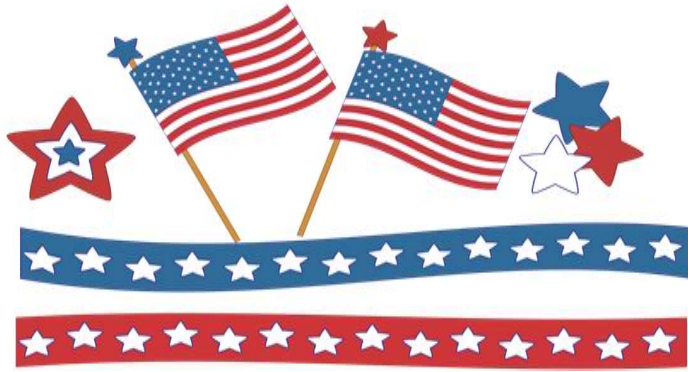
If you have any questions about volunteering please call Bianca at 817-751-2319 or Shanna in the office at 817-573-2337!



Volunteers needed for parking lot benefit on Fourth of July

On July 4, we will be asking for a \$5 donation for parking during the parade. If you'd like to help collect the fees on that day we need 3-5 volunteers who are willing to stand at the entrance to a parking lot and collect cash or help direct folks into spots.

Please contact Bianca Brownfield 817-751-2319 if you'd like to help for approx. 2 hours from 8am until the start of the parade at 10am on July 4th.



Barbecue and hot dogs planned after 4th of July parade

Join members, friends, neighbors, and families on the lawns of Administration, Memorial and Fellowship buildings to enjoy the Granbury July 4th parade.

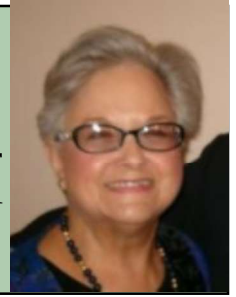
Bring chairs and get your place early for the parade which begins at 10 a.m. Barbeque and hotdogs will be served beginning at 11:15 in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Fellowship

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Pot-luck Dinner

We will have a pot-luck dinner following the 11:00 service on September 9 to mark the return to two worship services.

More information to come.

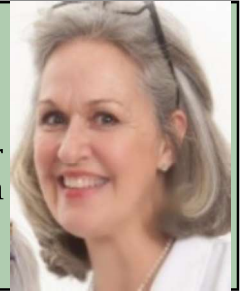
Dinners for Eight

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. Sign-up will be in the narthex by mid-August.

FPC Arts and Crafts Show

Be thinking what you might like to display at the Fall FPC Arts and Crafts Show. This popular event will take place in October. Pick out your display items from things you already have or get busy creating something new for all to enjoy. There will be a sign-up for displayers later in the summer.





Katelynn Phelps joins staff working with youngsters

Our newest employee is Katlynn Phelps. You will find her, alongside our wonderful Louise Murray, loving on our youngest members and visitors in the nursery. Stop in sometime and introduce yourself. She is a lovely young lady.

Class is continuing

The "Conversations on the Holy" class is continuing to meet on Sunday mornings in the administration building. Each week finds us sharing coffee and donuts and having casual yet meaningful conversations on the wisdom of The Word. Join us anytime at 9 a.m.

No Bible School this year

We will be taking a hiatus from Vacation Bible School this year. Schedules would not seem to work together for that this year, but we will have some exciting news forthcoming about a fall program. Watch this space!





Books needed for prison ministries

In this age of information at our fingertips, the church library is no longer being utilized as much as in past years, so your library committee has been hard at work thinking of new ways to be the hands and feet of Christ.

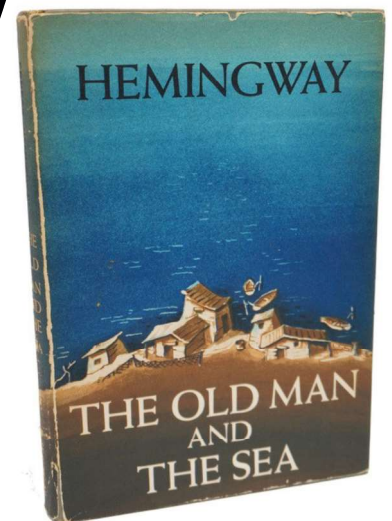
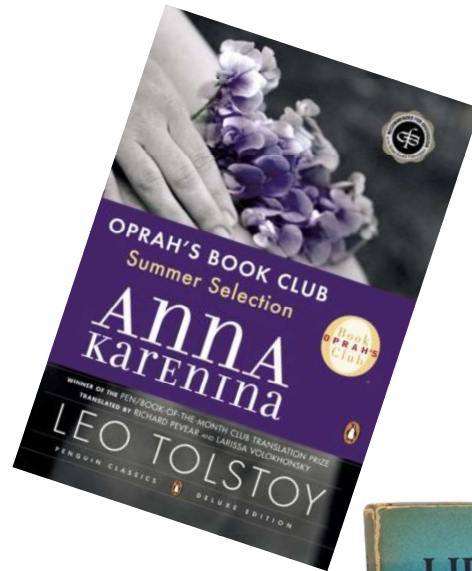
To this end we have prayerfully formed a Prison Ministries Bookstore. To date we have sent nine books to prisoners requesting them, and it is our hope to continue this important work.

Here is a list of books that have been requested. We can send these books inexpensively through media mail if we have copies of them. Would you check your personal libraries and see if you have copies available? Or if you are a regular shopper of garage sales and resale shops, keep this list handy! They can be left in the church office any time during regular hours.

- Anna Karenina* – Tolstoy
- Narcissus & Goldmund* - Herman Hesse
- Leaves of Grass* – Walt Whitman
- Walden Pond* - Henry David Thoreau
- The Alchemist* – Paulo Coelho
- Desert Solitaire* – Abbey Hoffman
- Arrowsmith* – Sinclair Lewis
- Dalva* – Jim Harrison
- The Little Prince* – Machiavelli
- Thirteen Moons* – Chris Frazer
- The Creative Habit* – Twyla Tharp
- The Old Man and The Sea* – Hemingway
- A Farewell to Arms* – Hemingway
- The New Earth* – Tolle

Additionally, if you know of a prisoner who would benefit from this ministry, please let us know. We will be happy to add him or her to our list. We will, of course, keep this information completely confidential.

And as you pray, remember those imprisoned for you are thereby doing unto the Savior.



Matthew 25:44 "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' 45 "Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Nancy Wilmeth honored with life membership

Presbyterian
Women

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Presbyterian Women presented the Honary Life Membership to Nancy Wilmeth. Each recipient receives a personalized certificate and a silver pin.

The pin is very symbolic. The supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe.

At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.

So meaningful to our recipients.

Decide in your heart

We must decide in our hearts how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.

"For God Loves a person who gives cheerfully."
2 Corinthians 9:7

Pottery finds new home with children

You may recall that we attempted to sell the pottery dishes in the Fellowship Hall, but to no avail.

Tim Bennett suggested that perhaps the Presbyterian Children's Homes in Waxahachie could use them. They graciously accepted the offer.

Connie and Earl Darne' packed the dishes and the staff came to Granbury to pick them up. The dishes have been distributed to the families in their single parent homes. We received a lovely card of thanks. And thank you, Tim.

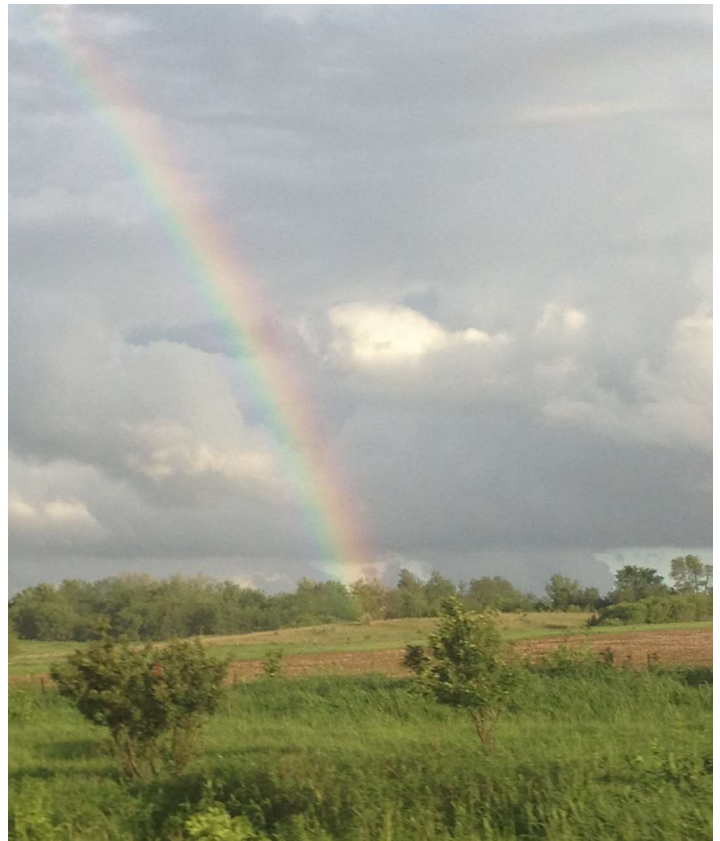
Card of Thanks

Thanks you for presenting me with the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership. It was a complete surprise and I commend Steve for not spilling the beans!

I am overwhelmed with gratitude and will continue to support the church I love as long as I am able.

Thanks & blessings,

Nancy Wilmeth



Over the rainbow!



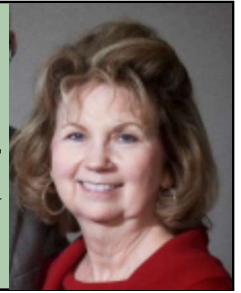
Welcome new members!

Ray and Carol Llewellyn are new members who came to us from Grace Presbyterian in Arlington, Texas where they lived for two years when they first came to Texas. They decided to settle more permanently in Granbury on a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre country lot, where Carol says that she really enjoys seeing nearby cattle and even hearing the occasional rooster crowing.

Carol grew up in New Jersey. Ray was born in southern California, but his family moved to New Jersey while he was still in grade school. He and Carol started dating when she was 16. She says that she knew right away that Ray was the guy for her, and they married three years later. This year on June 17th they celebrated their 51st anniversary!

Membership

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Ray's career in security and fire alarm companies took them and their growing family over the years to New Jersey twice, Illinois, Virginia, and thirty years in California before making the move to Texas. Ray was director of National Accounts for ADT. He is semi-retired now and enjoys working part time for Enterprise Car Rental in the Granbury location. He helps reposition cars from place to place.

Since one of his hobbies is driving, he and Carol often take drives revisiting some of the quaint towns he has passed through for Enterprise. Ray also likes to play golf and watch old westerns on television.

In addition to raising her children, Carol built a career as an administrative assistant. She worked several places, including eight years for Hartwell Corporation in California where she was Senior Staff Administrator, reporting to the president and upper management team. She left Hartwell to become office manager at her son's general contracting business. Carol's hobbies include reading, cross stitch, and quilting.

They have four grown children, Ray Jr., Chris, Tim, and daughter Lisa. Their seven grandchildren are Lauren, Emmery, Wyatt, Jacob, Katy, Hannah, and Sophia, ranging in age from 24 down to 7.

Carol and Ray are both currently serving on the Membership committee. We give them a big welcome to Granbury and to our church family.

New paraments were hand made in Ecuador

I'm sure you all have noticed the beautiful Communion Table and Parament set that have been in place the last few Sundays.

With the liturgical color of the Christian year being green from now until almost every Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent, it seemed fitting to purchase these new additions to our worship linens and paraments.

The cloths are hand made and fair trade from the Sibimbe Cooperative in Ecuador. This cooperative is made up of women and the hand production of these cloths makes it possible to provide them with decent work to improve the quality of life and support the ministry of these women.

Our support is greatly appreciated.

Worship

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Communion by passing or intinction

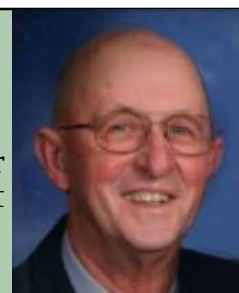
On May 29th, the Worship Committee met with Pastor Drew. One of the many topics we discussed was the serving of communion. The committee voted to begin alternating the serving of communion every other month by intinction and passing.

For the months left in 2018 we will serve by intinction August, October, and December. Passing of communion will be in July, September, and November. Please remember that if you are unable or do not wish to come forward for communion by intinction, the serving elders will gladly come to you.

The Worship Committee always welcomes your thoughts and suggestions to enhance our services at First Presbyterian!

Administration

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For the record

Church Attendance Report

27 May: 123

3 June: 125

10 June: 113

17 June: 152

Record of giving and budget need

Year-to-date giving

\$215,414.06

Year-to-date budget need

\$213,992.90

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM One Service	2 10:00 AM Co-ed Bridge 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	3 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Merck Diabetes Class	6 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Carol Davis	7
8 10:00 AM One Service	9 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	10 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Granbury Knitters	11	12 5:30 PM Session	13 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Barbara Sloan	14
15 10:00 AM One Service	16 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 7:30 PM Nancy Worcester	17 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Jewel Educational Services	18	19 1:00 PM Civic Chorus Meeting	20 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Maureen Walker	21
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