

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

January, 2019

Changes coming in the new year

So a new year rolls around once again and just so it won't look exactly like the year we just finished we get to change things around a bit. I must admit that the older I get I find change interesting – not difficult or less desirable – just interesting. No doubt there will be some changes around First Presbyterian as we move into 2019.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

What changes? The biggest change is that our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work, meeting weekly, and preparing all the items we need to enter our church's information on the denomination's pastoral search apparatus, Church Leadership Connection. When this information is compiled and ready to be reviewed, it will be approved by the Committee on Ministry of Grace Presbytery and we will begin the process of reviewing dossiers and interviewing candidates for Associate Pastor.

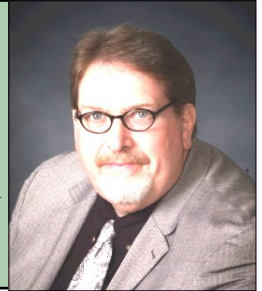
This is an exciting time for our congregation and the next several months will be important to our life together as we prepare for added pastoral staff. No doubt, there will be changes made in the way we operate with this additional staff. Your prayers are requested for the APNC: Connie Darne and Mark Collinsworth (Co-Chairs), Mike Gulinson (Secretary), Derek Faulkner (Technology), Ann Mitchell, Marty Gump and Linda Allen. Pray also for those who they will be interviewing.

Session welcomes Collins and Bennett

What else? The Session welcomes two new members on board. Ruth Ann Collins will be our new elder in charge of Ushering and Nancy Bennett will again work in a job she has held before, Christian Education. New leadership brings new ideas and new creativity. The addition of these two elders to our Session is cause to celebrate.

From the pastor

Rev. Drew Travis
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Planning for safety at our church

The Session is also looking at ways to make our participation in worship and church activities more secure. Concern has been expressed about recent events that have occurred at churches and synagogues. Though we don't feel that houses of worship are targeted, the Session has appointed a committee of several folks to review our procedures and to devise a plan to assure our safety. Lloyd Sigrist is Chair and committee members are Terry Worchester, Jerry Althouse, Kathy Long, Ruth Ann Collins, Jack Gilmore and me.

We recently met with Roger Deeds, Hood County Sheriff, and Jesse Davis, a sergeant in the Sheriff's department, to discuss ways to improve security on our church campus. We will be meeting with Sergeant Davis shortly to discuss physical changes that may be advised.

You will note also that we are designating an usher each Sunday morning to remain in the narthex during both services to greet and seat folks who arrive for services and to provide an extra set of eyes when we are gathered. Watch for more information to come. We want to keep you apprised of our discussions and of changes to our procedures.

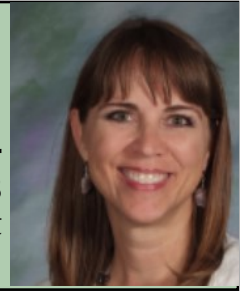
These are just a few of the things that are occurring on Bridge Street that will bring changes in the coming year. We anticipate these changes will enhance our worship, ministry and fellowship together. Keep a close watch on church communications to keep up to date.

I hope your Christmas was a joyous and meaningful occasion and that the New Year will bring blessings to each of you. See you Sunday.

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
Martha & Howard Ferrill

Lake Granbury Medical Center
Shirley McDonald

At home and/or receiving treatment

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| Wayne Delyea | Howard & Martha Ferrill |
| Mary Skinner | Ray Llewellyn |
| Ed Hughes | Ed Smith |
| Catherine Lehmann | Ray Kelly |
| Harley Murray | Carolyn Llewellyn |
| Shirley McDonald | CH Tubbs |
| Shirley Shaffer | Stan Bowlin |
| Eloise Pauli | Bob Gadbois |

Our church family

Bill Holt passed away December 7. Services were Wednesday, December 19 at 11 am.

Colleen Fish passed away November 27. She had moved to Kansas City a few years ago.

Bob Gadbois had surgery.

John Cheney received a pacemaker and is home recuperating.

Marty Dapogny had orthoscopic surgery on her knee.

Howard Ferrill was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. He's been hospitalized with issues regarding his breathing on December 1. He was transferred to LGMC for rehab at Harbor Lakes.

CH Tubbs had fallen after Thanksgiving. It was expected that he would have rehab after he was released from Glen Rose Hospital.

Keith Nolan was recovering from pneumonia.

Wayne Delyea had knee replacement surgery, is doing rehab and quite well.

Our extended family

Ann McLaughlin's friend Rusti was recovering from major surgery and found out that her mother, Charlotte Inlow, has been diagnosed with invasive breast cancer.

January birthdays

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| 2 Dolores Adams | 18 Jamie Rae Sanders |
| 4 Sheila Higgins | 20 Matthew Kennedy Sherry Johnson |
| 5 Greg Wilemon Theda Deaver | 21 Brenda Douglas |
| 6 Gardner Davis Hannah McCray | 22 Dutch Wilkinson |
| 8 Taylor Clay | 23 Pat White |
| 9 Connie Darne' Louise Deems | 24 Mary Gourley |
| 10 Marilou Schairbaum | 25 Madge Liscomb |
| 11 Carol Boyd | 28 Charles Baskett Fran Smith |
| 12 Karen Delyea | 29 Caleb Luersen Carole Frey Joyce Higginbotham Louis Murray Martha Ferrill |
| 15 Dorothy McCree | 31 Marina Kuyt |
| 16 Marlin Massengale | |
| 17 Kathy Long | |

January anniversaries

2 Stan & Linda Bowlin
5 Kelly & Susan Harding
14 Bill & Bianca Brownfield

Prayer of the Month



Marcia Sigrist

Prayer chain coordinator

Marcia is our prayer chain coordinator. Please contact her at msigrist824@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!

Here is the January prayer of the month.

Father God,

It is a gift that you gave us, to be able to come to you in prayer for others. We pray for those folks because we believe you are the ultimate healer and you can do what no other can, you can reach what no other can reach, and your love is limitless. We ask for your gentle touch to those in need that we hold silently in our hearts.

For all this day held for us, we thank you. For our blessings we thank you and even though it can be difficult at times to see blessings in the challenges that come our way, we thank you for placing us where we need to be, for us or for others. Keep us open to your will and your way.

We ask these things in Jesus' name... Amen



Both the bell choir and the choir shared special music





Administration

Roy Shoeneman, elder
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Church Attendance Report

25 Nov: 140

2 Dec: 141

9 Dec: 167

16 Dec: 161

Giving and budget need

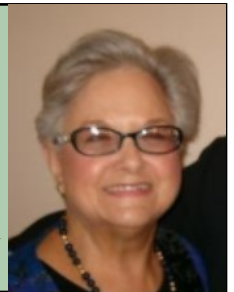
Year-to-date (1 Jan – 30 Nov)

Giving: \$386,539

Budget Need: \$421,268

Fellowship

Linda Allen, elder
lindaallen33047@gmail.com



Flu shots, hot chocolate and chili — Oh my!

The Fellowship Committee was very busy in November and December. We had a flu shot clinic, served hot chocolate at the downtown Christmas parade, and served a chili luncheon to a big crowd after the choir's Christmas cantata.

We will be taking a little break from big events, but our Small Group Fellowship Dinners will resume in January. We skip December

because everyone gets so busy.

The Spring Small Group Fellowship Dinners will begin in February and there will be a sign-up sheet in early January in the narthex for those who want to participate. It is such a great way to make new friends and enjoy old friendships.

Worship

Kathy Long, elder

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We are ready and waiting for 2019

Happy New Year to everyone! It's that wonderful time of year when we have a fresh brand new year ahead of us, and a blank new calendar just waiting to have events and gatherings penciled in!

As usual, First Presbyterian Church has many events and services in the works for 2019. We hope to see you at all our regular as well as special services in the coming year.

Presbyterian Women

Julia Hinterleiter

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Ladies enjoy luncheon and Christmas music

Hoping that all of you enjoyed the holiday season—shopping, wrapping gifts, preparing special foods—all in anticipation of Jesus' birth.

On Dec. 13, Presbyterian Women enjoyed the annual Christmas Luncheon, prepared and served by Emily Holmes and her "elves." The food was delicious, the table beautifully decorated.

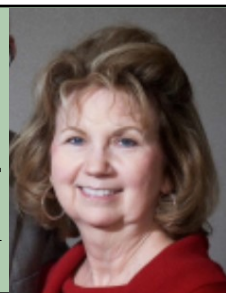
The Melody Belles entertained us in the sanctuary, with a Christmas music program, before joining us for the meal. Three of our members sing with the group: Linda Allen, Trish Goller and Sherry Johnson.

It was a wonderful time of fellowship and music of the season.

Membership

Brenda Staples, elder

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Welcome Lynn (Rogers) Silvestri *And congratulations on your marriage*

New member Lynn (Rogers) Silvestri was baptized last year and joined our church on September 23rd.

She and our recent bagpiper soloist, Robert Silvestri, were married on November 4 in our sanctuary by pastor Drew Travis.

Growing up, Lynn was an Air Force “brat,” and was born in Anchorage, Alaska. She also lived in Germany and graduated from high school in Austin, Texas. She then graduated from Stephen F. Austin University with a degree in political science.

She worked for a nonprofit organization in Glen Rose for nine years before becoming the marketing director at The Courtyards, an assisted living facility in Granbury over a year and a half ago. What she loves about her new position is that she feels God is in that place as she is helping people find the right place to live in their later years. This sometimes involves helping the whole

family while maintaining the dignity and decision making rights of the loved one needing assisted living care.

She says she and Robert met one night at Christina’s in Granbury, and she knew immediately that he was the guy for her.

She and Robert have recently enjoyed volunteering at one of the homes on the Candlelight Tour, as well as at the nativity display at Langdon Center. Lynn’s other interests besides volunteer work include travel. She and Robert are hoping to make a trip to Italy next year. Lynn also has a big heart for animals. She and Robert enjoy living in their recently remodeled house with their two rescued dogs, Elvis and Hank Williams, and Robert’s cat, Baby. We welcome Lynn as one of the newest members to our congregation!

January 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 8:45 AM First Service 10:00 AM Church School 11:00 AM Second Service | 31 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Al-Anon | 1 Office Closed for Holiday | 2 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice | 3 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles | 4 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Ruth Gump | 5 |
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| 13 8:45 AM First Service 10:00 AM Church School 11:00 AM Second Service | 14 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lamda P1 Women Educators 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Al-Anon | 15 | 16 10:00 AM Book Circle 11:00 AM Habitat Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice | 17 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Odd-fellows Lodge #237 | 18 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Donna Callahan | 19 |
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2019 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders

Administration, Roy Schoeneman

Christian Education, Nancy Bennett

Clerk of Session, Mike Gulinson

Congregational Care, Annelle Teal

Property, Lloyd Sigrist

Fellowship, Linda Allen

Long-Range Planning, Jerry Althouse

Membership, Brenda Staples

Outreach & Mission, Bianca Brownfield

Stewardship, Jack Gilmore

Ushering, Ruth Ann Collins

Worship, Kathy Long

F.U.N. Circle

Peggy Losher, F.U.N. Circle coordinator

Supplies requested for children's 'First Night Bags'

F.U.N. Circle meets January 23 and will assemble
"First Night Bags" for children ages 4 to 10 waiting to
enter foster care.

We will need these items as soon as possible so that
we may assemble the bags on the 23rd:

Pajamas

Underpants

Socks

Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

Small stuffed animal for little ones

To:

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