

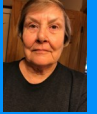
The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

July 2023

In The Interim...

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The warm days and nights here in Texas mean more family outings and vacations. Attending worship services may not be the first thing on your schedule, but I hope it is a priority.

Our congregation's committees are still working during the summer keeping everything running smoothly.

If you are on vacation and attend another Presbyterian Church one Sunday, stop and save the bulletin, please. We would love to know where you worship.

We will be receiving new members in July, so if you are not yet a member but would like to be, let Gail Deckert know, and she will tell us, or you can contact Claudia Southern, Elder of the Membership Committee.

Member, friend or visitor, we love to see your faces!

A Note From The Mission Study Committee

THE ROAD TO A NEW PASTOR



- Mission Study Committee:**
- Selected
 - Meeting with each other
 - Meeting with congregation



- Mission Study Report:**
- Completed
 - Approved by Session
 - Approved by Presbytery



- Pastor Nominating Committee:**
- Elected by Congregation
 - Meeting with each other



- Pastor Nominating Committee:**
- Create Ministry Information Form
 - Review Applicants
 - Interview Candidates

Pastor Nominating Committee: Coming Soon



A note from the Session Clerk: The Mission Study has been approved by the Session and Grace Presbytery. The next step in the process of finding a new Pastor is to select a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Session will discuss and choose the process, within the bylaws of FPC and the guidelines established by the Presbytery, in obtaining nominees for the PNC. Those names will be presented for the congregation's consideration, at a date soon to be announced. Please be patient as each step in this process is carefully and prayerfully completed. Look for the next announcement as we continue to follow this path in the road to finding a new pastor. Craig Lacy



meeganmakes.com

June was a busy month for Fellowship. We had the church picnic at Ann Mitchell's place. We were lucky weather-wise; it did not rain on us except for a light shower for ten minutes or so. Then we had the Hymn Sing, followed by a light dinner of sandwiches and, of course, dessert.

July brings us the **Fourth of July parade on July 4th**. It will be **starting at 9:00 AM**, which is an hour early this year. We will be ready to feed everyone hot dogs with all the trimmings by **11:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring cookies or fruit.

In August, we will resume our Fellowship, Food, and Fun events on Sunday the 20th at 5:00 PM in the evening. Our theme will be Asian food!

Here is a great way to use left-over rotisserie chicken.

Asian Chicken Salad

(great for leftover chicken or turkey)

Half big bowl of shredded cabbage (bag of cabbage/slaw mix)
2 c chicken (chopped)
1 c sliced almonds
1 c Craisens
Diced red onion (as much as you like) (I used about 1/3)
1/3 cup black sesame seeds
1 loose cup cilantro leaves

Dressing: Put in food processor and blend all together

1/2 c olive oil
1/3 c Balsamic vinegar
1/4 c Soy Sauce
2 pods minced garlic (or to taste)
1/4 c honey
Fresh ginger (1 1/2 inch peeled)
1/4 c Sesame oil
1/3 c water



Worship

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I can hardly believe that two months have passed since Rev. Sherrolyn Weed began her Interim Ministry with us. The time just flew by, and we are already in July. ***Sunday morning worship continues at 10AM throughout the summer.***

July 30th is the fifth Sunday of the month, and Rev. Weed has that Sunday off, per her contract. That morning, **Maria Shupe** from Grace Presbytery will lead us in worship. Maria is a *Certified Christian Educator* and currently serves our congregation as the *Development Officer for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services* in Fort Worth and North Texas. I have no doubt our congregation will make her feel at home.



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

Care and Support for children & families in need.

Helping Children

Strengthening Families

Building Community

Worship Attendance May and June

July Elder of the Month
Darin Smith

	<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>On Line Views</u>
May 28	99	37
June 4	102	31
June 11	92	18
June 18	84	21
June 25	101	34

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

Please remember to **lock all doors**, if you are the last person to leave any of the FPC buildings, for all our safety!

One service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The Session will continue to monitor our attendance and assess the need for a second service, and we will continue to listen to the needs and opinions of the congregation on this matter.

Stewardship

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Stewardship is commonly considered to be the prudent and responsible guardianship of something generally of great value that is entrusted to one's care. For Christians, stewardship is about recognizing the gifts from God that are entrusted to us as His stewards and what we should do with them. Understanding and practicing good stewardship of God's gifts is a vital part of our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior. If we look at various examples of biblical scripture, it becomes clear that we are encouraged to use the gifts we have received from God for use in service to Christ. The Bible tells us,

“Like good stewards of the grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” (1 Peter 4:10 NRSV)

As people of faith, we often tend to associate and consider stewardship in terms of pledging financial support to the ministry and mission of our church in a singular event on Consecration Sunday in November of each year. However, true stewardship for Christians is more than just pledging our gift of money once a year. Stewardship is a year-round commitment. In addition to financial resources, we all have been bestowed with gifts of time and talent that we should share throughout the year. In thanks and gratitude for the Grace of God, we're called upon to use those gifts of time and talent, as well as our treasure for the care and benefit of others in our congregation, our community, and beyond. Exercising faithful stewardship demonstrates our love for God and each other.

There are countless opportunities to use our God-given gifts in serving the church. Random examples include but definitely are not limited to joining and working on a committee, helping with the garage sales, visiting home-bound members, driving members to church who are themselves unable to drive, participating in our benevolence programs, to just name a few. These examples represent Christian stewardship at work.



Long Range Planning

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Planning. We all do it, consciously and unconsciously. From a simple grocery list to more complex estate and retirement planning, all plans begin with an objective and/or goal. If you have a specific END in mind, you must know where you are STARTING from. In my role as a conservation planner, I utilize a 9-step planning process: **1)** Identify problems and opportunities, **2)** Determine objectives, **3)** Inventory resources, **4)** Analyze resource data, **5)** Formulate alternatives, **6)** Evaluate alternatives, **7)** Make decisions, **8)** Implement the plan, and **9)** Evaluate the plan. Starting in February, the Mission Study Committee (MSC) worked to determine where and who we are. Basically, steps 1-4. I cannot thank the MSC (Emily, Jim, Linda, and Nancy) enough, as well as the congregation and the Presbytery for their guidance and input. The MSC report was a great inventory, showing an active and viable set of resources. Now, comes the fun and challenging phase, steps 5 and 6. Where do we want to go? What will the Church of tomorrow look like, and how can we continue to grow and flourish? If you have a vision or a goal or a specific item for our church, reach out to me, I would love to hear it and explore it with you. Onward for His glory.



Prayer of the Month

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Compliments let people know they are making a difference in our lives. Encouragement helps others reach their goals. A few months ago, I received a compliment from someone I don't know very well, and it really made my day!

I often give compliments to strangers in the grocery store, and it brings a smile to their faces. I even try to find some way to compliment a stranger who looks glum. It's amazing what compliments and encouragement can do to our hearts, minds, and souls. You and I can encourage others and make a difference in their lives.

Dear Lord, when we're tempted to give up, please send someone to give us the confidence and courage to continue our walk with you. Thank you for the compliments and encouragement we've received from others. Open our eyes to the needs of the people around us who need encouragement. And help us to give compliments to others, especially when someone does something that means a lot to us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Safety Team

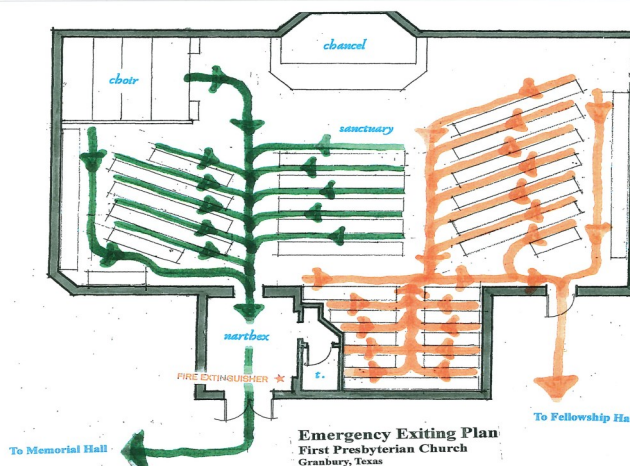
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Evacuation Drill A Success (Mostly):

E Our first attempt at an Evacuation of the Sanctuary in preparation for severe weather was a success by most measures. We managed to have the building empty in approximately 6 1/2 minutes! Worshippers demonstrated an ability to move relatively quickly to the appropriate exit door, and Exit Maps now located throughout the Sanctuary should only improve the process. This will allow more Safety Team members to be stationed outside where the drill showed the need for improvement in getting folks quickly into the assigned building(s). We will make

**EVACUATION
CELEBRATION**



Outreach and Mission

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I am starting a new approach to the Outreach & Mission Bridge article. Each month I am going to highlight Outreach & Mission programs our church helps to support. This month I want to start with several programs that benefit children in our community.

The first one is the **Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center**. The mission of this organization is "To promote healing of child abuse victims - one child at a time." The Vision Statement is "Bearing in mind the best interest of each individual child, the vision of Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center is to reduce the trauma to child abuse victims and their non-offending family members and to work toward improving the justice system's response to child abuse by uniting the efforts of public agencies and enlisting community support."



Second is the **Family & Child Protective Services**. This is a state funded agency that "promotes safe and healthy families and protects children and vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation." Each April FPC Granbury serves as the "Caregiving for Caseworkers" sponsor. This past April, we stocked their break room with bottled water, fruit, snacks and treats for children, and one morning prepared breakfast for the caseworkers. The caseworkers are often on the road visiting clients and children throughout the community. Oftentimes, they are with children who are hungry or may be comforted by some special treat. We recognize the importance this agency plays in the safety and welfare of our community.

The Rainbow Room (RR) of Hood & Somervell Counties is a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring dignity and hope to abused and neglected children under the care of Child Protective Services (CPS). The RR is an emergency resource center in a store-like setting that makes new items available to CPS caseworkers for their clients and foster children. It provides items such as clothing, school supplies, personal hygiene items, infant items, car seats, cribs, beds, bedding, toys cleaning supplies and much more. The items are available to the CPS office 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Children who are removed from situations of abuse and neglect can go into foster or kinship care with the dignity of having new possessions they can call their own. Each child, upon removal, is given a new tote bag with clothes, pajamas, underwear, toys and hygiene items. The Rainbow Room offers a child-friendly space for children to have supervised visits with their parents. Vanessa Faulkner currently serves as President and gave us an overview Sunday, June 11th. Our June Rack Room Shoe gift card drive resulted in over \$1,000 donated to help provide shoes for children in foster care. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile mission.

Last, but not least, let us remember the **Court Appointed Special Advocates, (CASA)**. CASA supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy for children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect. The belief is that every child should be given the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home. Julie Dean, a CASA volunteer, provided the following:

“Mission Granbury’s CASA program provides advocacy to over a hundred children in the foster care program every year. Trained volunteers serve as court appointed advocates and Guardian Ad Litem for children in the foster care system in Hood and Somervill counties. As a court appointed special advocate, or CASA volunteer, you are involved in keeping abused and neglected children safe until they reach a safe, permanent home. CASA volunteers speak up for a child in court. You are not a foster parent, you are a voice making a difference at a critical point in a child’s life. CASA volunteers get to know the child and everyone involved in the child’s life to advocate for the child’s best interests while in the foster care system. I have been a CASA volunteer for six years and would be happy to speak with anyone who may have questions or is interested in volunteering.” Julie Dean.

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these programs, they would welcome your call. I am sure if you have questions about the Rainbow Room or the CASA program, Vanessa and Julie would be happy to speak with you. It is important to remember that while we may provide monetary support to these agencies, church members also provide their time and personal commitment which is an invaluable contribution.

Until next month, enjoy your summer and try to stay cool.

Christian Education

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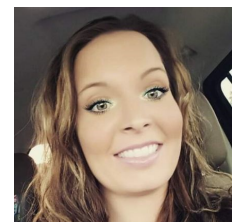
There have been a few changes in Christian Education last month. We are sorry to report that Angela Young, our nursery assistant, has resigned her position. She will be continuing her education. We want to thank her for her service these past few months, and we wish her God’s very best as she looks toward the future.

We are very grateful to have hired Raychel Joseph, who by this time, you might have already met! She started June 25th. We are delighted to have her and want to welcome her to First Presbyterian!

With the men and a group of women’s assistance, the library books have been moved into the library and put on the shelves. There is still some organizing that needs to be done, but we are grateful to be nearing the end of the library project.

The men continue to meet each Wednesday, in the administration building, from 11:45—1:00, and if you are looking for a way to connect this summer, please feel free to join them. They bring a sack lunch have some lively discussions!

Although it is wonderful to take a break from our regular Christian educational activities in the summer, I would like to encourage us all to not take a break from daily Bible reading and prayer. Remember to pray for Rev. Weed and our congregation that we might be a blessing in our community.



Raychel Joseph

God bless!

July 4th Outreach and Mission Fundraiser!

The Outreach & Mission Committee is going to sell parking spaces in our large lot on the corner of Bridge and Travis for the Fourth of July Parade. Parking spaces will be \$5.00 each.

If you would like to reserve a space you may pay in advance and we will reserve you a space. The lots behind the Administration Bldg., Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall will not be open without charge. We hope to raise additional money to help support our Local Charities budget.

We are already planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas projects for the Housing Authority residents. The money raised will help us bring joy to our neighbors this holiday season.

Surprise!, There will be a **sign-up sheet in the Narthex Sunday.**

SIGN UP



Congregational Care

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| 2 | Cindy Akers Peters
Emily Graham
Lynn Silvestri | 13 | Dan Crise
Liz Lacy |
| 5 | Carol Davis | 14 | Derek Faulkner |
| 6 | Donna Barden | 15 | Earl Darne' |
| 7 | Janice Ragonese
Roy Schoeneman | 17 | Joe Ethridge |
| 8 | Helen Furr
Meghan Teal | 18 | Debbie Schneider
Pat Collins |
| 9 | Andrea Kennedy
Jay Thomas | 19 | Anita Heiser |
| 11 | Hank Wurtz | 20 | Betty Simpson
Bianca Brownfield |
| 12 | Anne Mays
Carol Hengels | 25 | Max Jewell
Rhiannon Orbe |
| | | 26 | Judy Rose |
| | | 27 | Bob Boro
Nancy Wilmeth
Sharon Wilemon |
| | | 28 | Ruth Gump |
| | | 29 | Shawn Deeds |



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| 30 | Sylvia Hickey |
| 31 | Ray llewellyn |
| 3 | Bill and Laneal James |
| 7 | John and Hannah Briese
Charles and Linda Somervill |
| 8 | Mike and Pam Christopher
Craig and Liz Lacy
Les and Janice Ragonese |
| 17 | Jimmy and Margie Randles
Richard and Sue Root |
| 18 | Earl and Sandy Haberkamp |

AT HOME AND/OR RECEIVING TREATMENT

Dave Barnett, Julie Barnett, Rita Hart, Theda Deaver, Bill Wood,
Sharon Wilemon, Carol Gadbois,



We mourn the passing of our beloved church member **Nita Collinsworth**. We pray for her family, including our dear members, Mark and Lori Collinsworth.

Prayers of sympathy and comfort for our dear members, Susan Younk and Tim Kidd as they mourn the loss of Susan's mother, Ann Anderson.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS:

For those hurting and in pain, we ask your blessing and your healing. We also ask your blessing for the caretakers, struggling to help their loved ones with patience and perseverance. Give them strength for the days ahead, and help them to feel your love and grace. In Christ we pray.

If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted for a care or concern, please email me at susanyounk@gmail.com or contact the church office.

If you need transportation to a doctor's appointment, etc. please contact the church office, Tim Bennett, Dan Crise, or Susan Younk. We are pleased to help!

AT CARE/RETIREMENT FACILITIES

Anchor Away, Crowley

Maureen Walker

Waterview at Lake Granbury

Ted Dolan,

AVIVA Granbury

Dolores Groom, John Cheney, Lorraine Schmitz

Prestonwood Court, Plano

Linda Reed

Town Village Crossing, Arlington

Linda Bowlin

Rosemont, Humble TX

Betty Dean

Bridgewater Memory Care, Granbury

Bill Lowe

Lewisville Estates, Lewisville

Fran Smith

Harbor Lakes

Marina Kuyl

CONCERNS FOR OUR EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

- **Carol and Bob Gadbois** great grandson, 1 year old, needs prayers as he deals with a very serious health condition. Bob's sister, Toni Enos, has breast cancer and starting treatments.
- **CJ Cluck**, grandson of Beverly McKusick, on his continued cancer recovery.
- **Jim Dean's** parents and sister as they navigate multiple health issues.
- **Earnestine Sutherland**, who is receiving cancer treatments.
- **The Ukrainian family** that has been part of Marla Caraway's daughter's life.
- **Joan Smethers**, sister of Max Jewell, as she seeks treatment for lung cancer and **Miles**, grandson of the Jewells.
- **Connie and Andrea**, friends of Judy Butler, experiencing health issues.
- **Dave Kennison**, friend of the Gulinsons, as he recovers from a series of strokes.
- **Terry Martin** (Sylvia Hickey) as he deals with cancer treatments.
- **The Ukrainian family** that has been part of Marla Caraway's daughter's life.



CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

- **Sallie Garland** as she recovers from a stroke.
- **Mary Lee McCarthy** as she recovers from back surgery.
- **Marina Kuyl** who is receiving hospice care at Harbor Lakes.
- **Gardner Davis** has been hospitalized with complications from Long Term COVID.
- **Dave and Julie Barnett** as they deal with multiple health issues.
- **Rita Hart** as she deals with the effects of a brain tumor.
- **Carol Gadbois** as she deals with multiple health issues.
- **Claire Mitchell Copeland** who has multiple health issues.
- **Lorraine Schmitz** as she receives Hospice care Aviva Assisted Living.
- **Mary Lee McCarthy** as she recovers from back surgery.
- **Ted and Trish Gollar** as they deal with the effects of Ted's brain tumor.
- **Donna Callahan** as she deals with multiple health issues.
- **Larry Walker** as he deals with health issues.
- **Theda Deaver** as she navigates declining health.
- **Sandi Ricketson** as she navigates health issues.
- **Reann McHaney** as she deals with health issues.
- **Faith Goodman** as she goes through cancer treatments.
- **Ann McLaughlin** as she deals with health issues.
- **Helen Furr** as she recovers after surgery.
- **Eva Zapata** who is experiencing health issues.
- **Joyce and Susan Higginbotham** as they and their family grieve the loss of Paul, son-in-law and brother-in-law.
- **Susan Younk and Tim Kidd** on the loss of her mother, Ann Anderson.
- **Juanita Morgan** as she deals with Shingles.
- **Karen Stahlman** as she recovers from back surgery.

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 11:30am - 12:30pm Interment - Odyssea Vincent - Memorial Hall 5:00pm Hymn Sing Evening and Potluck Dinner!	26 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	27	28 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building	29	30	1 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
2 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	3 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	4 9:30am July 4th Parade - Hoedogs to follow in Fellowship Hall	5 10:00am Mission and Outreach - Fellowship Hall 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 1:00pm - 2:00pm Staff Meeting	6	7	8 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
9 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	10 9:00am Monthly Property Meeting - Square Cafe 1:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Hall - Pecan Bookmarks 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	11 9:00am - 12:00pm Granbury Knitting Guild - FH 10:00am - 11:00am Membership Meeting - Admin Building	12 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building	13	14	15 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
16 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 11:00am Congregational Meeting - Immediately following Worship	17 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	18	19 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building	20 Bridge Articles Due	21	22 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
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Watch for changes to the current calendar on our website [FPCGranbury.com](https://fpcgranbury.org) and Click on Calendar at the top of the page. Or click on the link below <https://fpcgranbury.org>

The church office is open Monday — Thursday, 7:30—4:30.



To celebrate your birthday (or that of a family member or friend), and in thanksgiving for God's gift of grace, please consider making a gift of your own, in the amount of \$1 for each year of your (or your honoree's) life, to sustain the permanent endowment funds of the church.

To:

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