## First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

## In The Interim...



uring these hot summer days it seems everything slows down. One thing that certainly has not slowed is the determined effort our congregation's leadership has shown in its progress toward finding and calling our next pastor.

Emily Graham has been tracking the progress with her bulletin checklist, and this month we moved into the third step of selecting and electing the PNC. Kudos to Brad Bell and his nominating committee for their excellent work. It is a testament to the commitment members of this congregation demonstrated that each person who was nominated agreed to serve and also that the entire slate was elected by a vote of acclamation.

Meanwhile I'm getting better acquainted with all of you and enjoying being part of this process.



Congratulations!

## A Note From The Mission Study Committee

One more checkmark! At the July 16th Congregational Meeting, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was approved. Lawson Allen, Scoash Moore, Connie Gilmore, Julie Dean, Bianca Brownfield, and alternate - Les Staples

## THE ROAD TO A NEW PASTOR



#### **Mission Study Committee:**

- ☑ Selected
- ☑ Meeting with each other
- Meeting with congregation

#### **Mission Study Report:**

- ☑ 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





Fellowship has been busy all summer. We had a Fellowship, Food, and Fun event in May featuring Mexican food. Then in June we had our summer picnic and a meal after the Hymn Sing. The Hymn Sing was great, and we hope Priscilla will plan another one soon. In July we had our Hot Dog lunch after the Fourth of July parade.

Now, on to August! We finally have time to get back to our Fellowship, Food, and Fun events. Last May, at our last one, we voted for Asian food for our next dinner. So, **Sunday**, **August 20**<sup>th</sup> **at 5:00 PM** bring an Asian dish

and your preferred games to Fellowship Hall. It is super casual and lots of fun for the whole family! If you are trying to get to know folks, it is the perfect way to do it. Some people just sit and visit. Others play games. We all eat lots of delicious food! What's not to like? The newsletter last month and this month feature Asian recipes to help you out.

#### SPICY PEANUT CHICKEN

1 cup Teriyaki Sauce
3/4 cup chunky peanut butter
1/2 cup water
1 T honey
Eight 1/8-inch slices fresh ginger, peeled
1/2 t dried red pepper
Big package of boneless chicken breast strips

#### SERVES 6



Combine Teriyaki sauce, peanut butter, water, honey, ginger, and red pepper in a saucepan. Stir until smooth, and cook until thickened, about 20 minutes, stirring frequently. Cool and discard ginger slices.

Place chicken in a baking dish. Brush each side of chicken with peanut sauce. Cover and marinate for 30 minutes. Place remaining sauce over chicken and bake at 350 degrees until chicken is cooked through, about 20 to 30 minutes. Serve with rice.

## **Library News!**

#### CHURCH LIBRARY REOPENS IN A DIFFERENT SPACE

We are excited! Our church library, now in a newly remodeled location in the Admin Building, will welcome all users in September.

Please come browse the collection – you never know what you will find. Our purpose is to provide materials that support Church School and Bible Study groups; reference materials; and materials on the many aspects of Christianity and other main religions.

It is a self-service library! Borrowers may check out and return items independently. Adults will remove the book card from the pocket in the book, sign their name and the date borrowed, and leave the card in the box provided. When returning an item, put the card back in the book pocket and reshelve the book. Children's books do not have borrower's cards. Children will write their name, the book title, and the date borrowed on a card and leave the card in the children's box. Also, the library space may be used for small group meetings.



Kudos and thanks all around for the many hands that made this possible – all who planned, built, moved, decorated, and organized. Many thanks to Priscilla Allen for the generous donation of many children's books to enhance our collection. *Come visit your church library! An open house coming soon!* 

# Thank you to our Music Director, Priscilla Allen, for sharing the Worship Articles this month!

#### **Why Church Music Matters**

Rabbi David Wolpe wrote an essay for the New York Times, published July 2, 2023. He is approaching retirement and took time to reflect on his 26 years in the rabbinate. He says, "Sometimes it seems, for those outside of faith communities, that religion is simply about a set of beliefs to which one assents. But I know that from the inside it is about relationships and shared vision. Where else do people sing together week after week? Where else does the past come alive to remind us how much has been learned before the sliver of time we are granted in this world?"

Music can be that wonderful "tie that binds," that takes us beyond words and the everyday to another realm of experience. At its best, music melds faith, reason, and transcendence to understand God better and our relationship to God and each other. Time-tested texts and music that have nurtured and inspired people of faith for centuries continue to call us to our better selves.

Thanks be to God for the gift of music!

from the newsletter of the Church Music Institute, Dallas, TX

#### There are many reasons why holding a hymnal is important...



**Practically speaking**, they can't break down in the middle of a liturgy like technology can. **Musically**, they teach. Looking at notes, as opposed to just lyrics, helps us learn the basics of melodic direction and rhythmic value, giving us the first steps in learning to read music. **Theologically**, we don't just see what a worship leader has selected, instead we are exposed to our full repertoire. We can turn the pages and encounter

hymns in other languages, reminding us of our church's diversity. Seeing old hymns next to new ones unites us with believers throughout history.

Hymnals are symbols of consistency. Unlike a screen that fades or a bulletin we discard, they demonstrate that what we sing is worth keeping around, as well as reminding us that prayer is continuous and can't be turned off or discarded. So, hold your hymnals up proudly.

Written by Stephen Vaughan, Director of Music for the Diocese of Brooklyn, Catholic.

## Worship Attendance July

	<u>10:00 AM</u>	On Line Views
July 2	100	<b>34</b>
July 9	101	35
July 16	104	30
July 23	103	34

### August Elder of the Month Stephanie Mosley

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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requently "stewardship" is associated and defined in financial terms, as in our monetary giving and annual pledging to the church. Certainly, the way we respond to God's grace by financially returning the dollars he has given us is a large part of stewardship. However, stewardship is much more than just money issues. Stewardship in its full sense is about being a caretaker and steward of all the gifts, including those beyond money, that God has bestowed upon us.

Even Adam and Eve in the garden were expected to care for and cultivate the gift of God's creation. They were directed to take care of the birds in the air, the fish of the sea, and all the other animals that roamed the earth, and above all to be fruitful. Their task was loving, tending, developing, designing, expanding, growing, and using all that God had made in order to glorify Him. In the beginning, even before sin entered the story, God's people were stewards of His gifts. Stewardship is glorifying God with all that he has given us, caring for it, cultivating it, and using it to reflect glory back to Him.

Using that which He has entrusted to us does include our financial resources, but it's even more. It also means using the gifts of our minds and hands and voices to create good things, helping others to flourish, and pointing everyone back to God.

What good are our gifts from God if we don't use them to His glory? If God has blessed someone with a talent, then the or she is called upon to cultivate that talent and to share it with others. Borrowing from an old TV slogan, an unused talent is a terrible thing to waste. If someone has a voice like an angel, they need to share that talent by joining the choir. I'm sure Priscilla would be overjoyed to welcome another new choir member. Maybe you can't hit a musical note to save your life (like me!) but if you can draw, sew, bake, build, comfort someone, or are a whiz on the computer, then you can bring glory to God and joy to others by sharing that talent. That is the essence of stewardship in its absolute basic understanding.

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## Prayer of the Month



August is the month students go back to school.

ear Lord, help the teachers present lessons in a way that will hold the students' interest, and help the students absorb the knowledge. Please help schools determine if there are any additional safety measures necessary to keep the schools safe for the students, teachers, and staff. And please help troubled individuals get the help they need to prevent them from harming others.



This is one of the hottest summers we've experienced for many years. Please send us some rain for our yards. And help people who must work in this extreme heat remember to drink plenty of liquids and to take frequent breaks. Also help us remember to keep plenty of water available for our outdoor pets.



A committee has been picked to find a permanent pastor for our church. Please help them choose one who will be a great fit for our church.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen

## Safety Team

Hayward Moore, Chair hmoore5876@gmail.com



**Safety Team Adds New Cameras:** To further strengthen the ability of the Safety Team (ST) to monitor our campus, two new cameras were installed on July 3rd. The first was placed in Fellowship Hall to enable a view of the children's hallway following the installation of the new hallway door. The second was placed in the Sanctuary above the choir area. This unit provides a view of each of the two Sanctuary entry doors. From their camera room located in Fellowship Hall, a single ST member can now monitor all the doors in Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall, and the Sanctuary. A similar camera system covers the Admin building and affords Gail a high level of security. Between camera oversight and radio communication, the ST has made great strides towards providing a safe environment for all worshippers.



Making our Church Safe for All



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

## Outreach and Mission



want to begin by saying THANK YOU to the congregation for your support and donations to our recent Rack Room Shoe Drive and the July 4th Parking Lot Fund Raiser. We raised \$1,600 for Rack Room Gift Cards. The gift cards will be used to provide back-to-school shoes for foster children. The gift cards were presented to Vanessa Faulkner, President, and Julie Cottrell, Corresponding Secretary of the Rainbow Room on Sunday, July 9th. We also raised \$425 in the July 4th Parking Lot Fund Raiser. This money will be used through our local charities mission providing Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and gifts to the residents of the Granbury Housing Authority. Again, I can't say THANK YOU enough for your generous support.



#### MISSION SPOTLIGHT - Ruth's Place

With the permission of Kristin Billington, Executive Director, printed below is a flyer on Ruth's Place. In my discussion with Kristin, she expressed thanks for our contributions. I asked if there are any services that they could use. Kristin said that they always have a need for bilingual volunteers to help translate for patients and healthcare providers. She also said that they accept donations of crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, and other durable medical equipment and supplies.

Ruth's Place operates on 100% private donations and services. Volunteers are always welcomed. More information can be found and donations can be made at either location or on-line at www.ruthsplace.org. Granbury and Presbyterian Women are both contributors to this worthwhile mission.

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#### **RUTHSPLACE.ORG**

## **Ruth's Place**



Medical Clinic, Outreach Center, and Food Pantry

Since 2009 Ruth's Place has offered a variety of programs aimed at providing services to the underserved population of Hood County. Ruth's Place is a non-profit and operates solely on the kindness of others through donations, fundraisers, and grants. We are passionate about proactively addressing issues disadvantaged communities face.



#### **Opportunities to Grow With Us**

- Marketing: Partner with us on marketing materials, your logo and ours! Current Needs:
  - o Pens
  - Note Pads
- Retractable Banner
   Bilingual: Volunteer to translate for us!
- Donate: Funds, time, food for the
- pantry, or call for our current needs. Partnership: Want to team up for a fundraiser?
- Services: Do you have a food truck? A booth you set up at festivals? Venue: Have a place we can host a
- fundraiser?

Please contact Kristin Billington, Executive Director: 940-452-3272, director@ruthsplaceclinic.org

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/ruthsplace

#### **Medical Clinic**

Hood Country residents without medical insurance are eligible for care at our clinic. While the visits are FREE, we do ask our patients to donate any amount (if any) that they can at each visit.

Our team of caregivers consists of volunteer doctors, nurses, CMA's, translators, etc, along with one each paid part-time FNP, RN, and

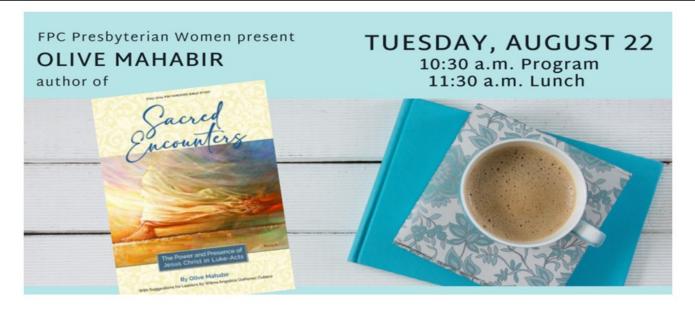
#### **Outreach Center**

We provide after school reading assistance to Nettie Baccus Elementary School students, identified by the faculty, in need of additional support. The school provides testing to measure the outcomes of the

program. We also offer a summer reading program to keep kids in OTS engaged and to prevent loss of growth during the summer months. Additional classes offered previously and being considered for fall implementation: GED, Life Skills, ESL.

#### **Food Pantry**

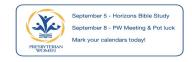
In partnership with the Tarrant Area Food Bank, Granbury First United Methodist Church, Friends for Animals, local volunteers, and several additional local churches, Ruth's Place distributes food to residents every Thursday from 1pm - 5pm.



## PW Tuesday Together Author Guest Speaker Olive Mahabir

We are pleased and excited to invite all PW members to join us on **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth**. Olive Mahabir, author of "Sacred Encounters- The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts" the 2023-2024 PW/Horizon's Bible Study, will be our featured speaker.

FPC-Fort Worth is again hosting this wonderful event. Registration deadline is August 11<sup>th</sup>. You can register online directly at <a href="https://www.fpcfw.org/pw/">https://www.fpcfw.org/pw/</a> OR Contact Marla Caraway (817-422-2169) or <a href="marlahill1001@gmail.com">marlahill1001@gmail.com</a> Lunch is \$8 payable at the door, and please contact Marla for carpooling options.



## Presbyterian Book Circles Begins September 20, 10:00 am

# All ARE WELCOME!

**The Measure** by Nikki Erlick; Leaders: <u>Gayle Irwin & Mylene Bole</u> What would happen if everyone had access to a life-changing piece of information: the length of their lives?



#### **OCTOBER 18** Leader: Marijane Harvey

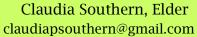
**Caleb's Crossing** by Geraldine Brooks; In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. Upon this slender factual scaffold, Brooks has created a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure.

#### NOVEMBER 15 Leader: Gwen Clay

**The Last Thing He Told Me** by Laura Dave; The instant bestselling mystery and Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick that's captivated more than a million readers about a woman searching for the truth about her husband's disappearance...at any cost.

#### **DECEMBER** no meeting

## Membership Committee





#### Welcome New Members!!

Sunday, July 9th we welcomed four new members to our congregation. Daren and Lina Hardin and Andrew and Deborah Ottaway.

Please give them a warm FPC Welcome to the Family when you see them!



Daren and Lina Hardin



Andrew and Deborah Ottaway

# Membership Committee is Asking for Your Help!

Having accurate membership rolls is vital for both the church and the denomination for programming and long-range planning. Over time, our rolls lose accuracy as members relocate or make changes for other personal reasons without notifying us. The Membership Committee is in the process of reaching out to members whom we believe may have become inactive. If you receive a communication in this regard, we respectfully ask for your cooperation. If you receive it in error, please notify us. In a process like this, we request your patience and understanding.

## **Christian Education**

Sylvia Hickey, elder sylvia.hickey1969@gmail.com



ugust Sunday mornings are going to be a great time for our children in what is usually Sunday School time. We plan for the children to enjoy Kids' Craft Time weekly from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in their regular Sunday School room. Each Sunday we'll have fun making summer crafts that they can use and enjoy.

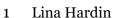
Once things are back to "normal," *the Sunday after Labor Day*, both children and adult Sunday School classes will begin again. Reverend Jimmie Johnson will be teaching a Book of Mark class and Richard McCarthy will continue video series, followed by class discussions. We hope everyone will find a Sunday School class to enjoy before going into the Sanctuary at 10:00 for a wonderful Worship Service.



## Congregational Care







- 2 Christopher Smith Rhonda Travis
- 3 Nancy Bennett
- 5 Jane Johnson
- 7 Emily Holmes
- 8 Cory O'Carroll
- 9 Deborah Sanders Donna Callahan
- 13 Connie Gilmore Cynthia Horner
- 14 Rev. Sherrolyn Weed Sue Root

- 15 Howard Lovelady
- 16 Darren Hardin
- 19 Mark Collinsworth
- 20 Wanda Moon Bill McMillan
- 23 Andrew Ottaway
- 25 Richard McCarthy
- 26 Cindy Cress
- 28 Kaila Wilkes
- 29 Bev McKusick
- 30 Anne Hults Hannah Briese



- 2 Jamie Sanders & James Witt
- 5 Andy & Lou Ann Attaway Bob & Beverly Boro
- 12 Derek & Vanessa Faulkner
- 14 David & Dennie Treat
- 17 Terry & Nancy Worcester
- 23 Ted & Trish Goller
- 24 Gary & Brenda Towers
- 25 Mike & Margaret Gulinson
- 27 Richard & Paula Hicks Jerry & Kathy Long
- 28 Max and RuthAnn Jewell



To my friends at FPC, I want to thank you all for your prayers and support for my daughter, Whitney, and her babies as we've made our way through a high-risk pregnancy and emergency c-section. The NHS Health Care System took phenomenal care of them. Everyone is doing well, and the babies are finally over 7lbs. each! They are precious and so cherished! Thank you for being such a wonderful church family. Your love and support means the world.

Marla Caraway, Whitey, Alex, Bennett and Georgie

#### Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards as I stayed with my mother at the end of her life. This congregation's care is equal to none, and it warms the heart and spirit, especially at those times of great need. Bless you all!

I also want to thank Kay McMIllan and Judy Butler for the cards they send to our congregants. Kay makes her beautiful cards that are sent to our homebound or those with special circumstances. Judy sends cards for the birthdays and anniversaries. They are so appreciated and bring smiles to all! Susan



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!

Congregational Care Continued ...

#### 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** Donna Callahan

#### 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 thev 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.
- Susan Younk's friend, Duane Addison, passed away. Prayer for the family in this time of loss.

#### CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

**Sallie Garland** as she recovers from a stroke. **Rita Hart** as she deals with the effects of a brain tumor. Lorraine Schmitz as she receives Hospice care at Aviva Assisted Living. Ted and Trish Gollar as they deal with the effects of Ted's brain tumor. **Theda Deaver** as she navigates declining health. **Faith** Goodman as she goes through cancer treatments. Neita Daughtery as she recovers from receiving a pacemaker.

Gardner Davis, Dave Barnett, Carol Gadbois, Claire Mitchell Copeland, Donna Callahan, Larry Walker, Sandi Ricketson, Reann McHaney, and Ann McLaughlin as they all deal with multiple health issues.



We Mourn the passing of our beloved church member Marina Kuyl. We keep her family in prayer during this time.

#### 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. Amen.

Gadbois, Robert and Carol Holms, Paul and Emily

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# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>31</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	1	10:00am - 11:00am Membership Meeting - Admin Building 10:00am Mission and Outreach - Fellowship Hall 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 1:00pm - 2:00pm Staff Meeting	m	4	5 9:30am - 10:30am - Memorial Service for Marina Kuyl 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- Admin.
6 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>7</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	9:00am - 12:00pm Granbury Kniting Guild - FH 10:00am - 11:00am Member- ship Meeting - Admin Build- ing	9 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building	10	11	12 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out-MH
13 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	9:00am Monthly Property Meeting. Square Cafe 1:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Hall - Pecan Bookmarks 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	15 5:30pm Session - Admin Bullding	<b>16</b> 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building	17	18	19 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out-MH
Bridge Articles Due 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 5:00pm August Fellowship, Food, and Fun, Asian Food - Fellowship Hall	<b>21</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	22	23 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 4:30pm - 6:00pm Choir Practice - Memorial Hall	24	25	<b>26</b> 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 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.

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