

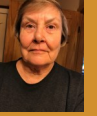
The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

October 2023

In The Interim...

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“God sends the Church to work for justice in the world: exercising its power for the common good; dealing honestly in personal and public spheres; seeking dignity and freedom for all people; welcoming strangers in the land; promoting justice and fairness in the law; overcoming disparities between rich and poor; bearing witness against systems of violence and oppression; and redressing wrongs against individuals, groups, and peoples. God also sends the Church to seek peace: in the Church universal, within denominations, and at the congregational level; in the world where nations and religious or ethnic groups make war against one another; and in local communities, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods and homes. These acts of peacemaking and justice are established upon God’s gracious act of reconciliation with us in Jesus Christ, and are a way of participating in Christ’s priestly intercession or advocacy for the world”.
Book of Order W-5,0304

You are already participating in these activities here at FPC Granbury, but you’ll be happy to know that I am now serving on the Grace Presbytery’s Committee on Representation.

Each governing body in the PCUSA is required to have a committee on Representation, and our job is to work in every way possible to achieve these goals. I’m proud to have been asked to serve on this committee and represent you all in this Presbytery.

Blessings,
Sherrolyn

A Note From The Pastor Nominating 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

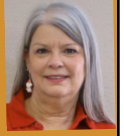


Pastor Nominating Committee:

- Create Ministry Discernment Profile
- Review Applicants
- Interview Candidates

Worship

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October is a very busy month in the life of our church! **October 1st is World Communion Sunday.** World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition was begun by a Presbyterian minister in 1933 and was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936. It then spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.



On **Saturday, October 14th, at 10AM, join us in a Blessing of the Animals** service. Led by Rev. Sherrolyn Weed, this service will take place in the Fellowship Hall Courtyard. You do not need to bring a live animal; a photo, drawing, or stuffed animal is welcome. If you do bring a live animal, it must be restrained in a kennel/cage or on a leash/lead. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors as this event is open to the community. We will have cider and donuts afterward.



October 29th is Reformation Sunday. What is Reformation Day? It is the day Martin Luther penned his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31st, 1517. This led Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and many other Reformers to help the church find its way back to God's Word as the only authority for faith and life. **We will have special music provided by Robert Silvestri on the bagpipes.**

Worship Attendance September

	<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>On Line Views</u>
Sept. 3	121	18
Sept. 10	96	42
Sept. 17	111	27
Sept. 24	106	15

October Elder of the Month Claudia Southern

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

Fellowship

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September isn't quite over as I write this article for October's newsletter. I am still looking forward to this month's Fellowship, Food, and Fun event which will happen this coming Sunday. We are having Southern Comfort Food (in capital letters because it is so delicious!) I will assume it was great food and lots of fun and move on to October.

Two big things occur in October that the Fellowship Committee has a big hand in. The first is the Fall Rummage Sale. We will be working hard the first week in October to get ready. The **rummage sale will be on October 6 and 7**. There will be a separate article in this newsletter with more details.

The second event is the **October Fellowship, Food, and Fun** event. It is planned for **Sunday, October 29th at 5:00**. Everyone is invited to wear costumes, especially the children. We will have games and fun food. How about bringing Halloween food? What is Halloween food? Check it out on Google. I found lots of fun recipes like mummy wrapped brie, mummy hot dogs (pigs in a blanket), fruit kabobs with marshmallows that have little eyes, orange fruit salad...

Changing the subject, I think we will be able to offer the new Covid vaccine when it is available. We will have more information from the pharmacist that conducts our clinics soon. I am also checking on offering the RSV vaccine.

Here is a good recipe for Halloween food.

ORANGE TAPIOCA FRUIT SALAD

- 1 pkg. tapioca pudding (not instant)
- 1 (3 oz) pkg. orange Jello
- 1 pkg vanilla pudding (not instant)
- 3 cups hot water
- 1 can mandarin oranges drained
- 1 can chunk pineapple drained

Blend hot water with tapioca, orange Jello and vanilla pudding. Bring to boil but do not cook longer than that. (I stir mine several times while it is coming to a boil to keep it from sticking to the bottom of the pan.) Cool. Add oranges and pineapple and store in fridge until serving.

Membership Committee

Claudia Southern, Elder
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As you may know, the Membership Committee has been working diligently on our membership rolls for several months. We are very grateful for your response to our calls, visits, and letters to help us make our roll of membership more accurate. With the coming of a new Pastor, we believe it would be useful to him/her to have an accurate list of members. Further, the Presbytery needs an accurate listing of members since we contribute based on our membership. You may be pleased to know our contribution is in line with many of the larger churches in the Presbytery. Again, thank you so much for your help, and if we can be of service to you, please feel free to call me at 817.894.9230.



WELCOME new member
Brittany Clifton! Brittany
joined us on September
10, 2023.



WELCOME new members
Barbara and Bob Stafford!
They joined us on September
17, 2023.

A graphic for Consecration Sunday featuring a background of golden wheat stalks. The text "Consecration" is in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and "Sunday" is in a smaller, elegant script font below it, all enclosed in a thin white rectangular border.

Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday will be held this year on November 12th. This is a very special day in the life of our church when each of us as stewards of the gifts God has bestowed upon us will have the opportunity to enjoy the experience of giving back a portion of those gifts with a financial pledge to help fund our church ministry and mission for the upcoming year 2024.

Consider what takes place in our very active and vibrant church. Every Sunday morning in our glorious historic sanctuary, there is joy and celebration during the divine worship services that spiritually enriches more than 100 congregants and visitors who regularly attend. This year we will have the privilege of having our Consecration worship service led by Pastor Sherrolyn Weed. In addition to our worship services throughout the year, there are glorious biblically inspired music programs led by Choir Director Priscilla Allen, stimulating Sunday School classes moderated by Ricard McCarthy and Jimmie Johnson, the ever-growing nursery filled with excited children, and the always enjoyable fellowship gatherings at Fellowship Hall organized by Linda Allen.

Of course, our Christian faith and love are evident in the myriad outreach and mission programs and initiatives that we eagerly participate in under the leadership of Connie Darne, as well as the congregational care we provide to those in need with Susan's leadership. We are able to welcome existing members and visitors to our church facilities with well-maintained buildings and grounds tended so carefully by Terry Worcester. We are also blessed to have the very active and devotional Presbyterian Women and F.U.N. Circle, as well as the various Bible Study and Christian Education groups. Of course, our dedicated office staff is outstanding in organizing and maintaining the very efficient administrative functions of the church.

The good news about our church family is that when needs arise, many, if not most members respond quickly, generously, and with enthusiasm. With all of our extended opportunities for volunteerism, our members always answer the call by contributing countless hours of their time and talents that exemplify the true meaning of Christian stewardship in helping others.

To help fund our numerous activities in 2024 and to be able to sustain our ministry and mission at the same or even higher level than that in the current and past years, it is hoped that all of us will humbly feel within our hearts the spirit of gratitude for God's love and benevolence by returning a portion of His gifts with a financial pledge during our Consecration Sunday service. Christian stewardship involves our heart, mind, and soul. Together in our journey of faith and as followers of Christ, may God continue to bless us all, and may we respond as His faithful stewards.

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

F.U.N. Circle & Sewing Circle

Bev McKusick
F.U.N. circle coordinator



RUMMAGE SALE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR October 1st after church we will be setting up the tables and clothing racks after church. We appreciate any help you can give.

Monday through Wednesday we will be accepting donations between the hours of 8am and 4 pm. On Thursday you can bring them between 8am and noon. We need the time after noon to finish pricing and arranging everything in preparation for Friday. Please look in the Sunday bulletin for a volunteer sign up sheet. There are a lot of different volunteer opportunities. If you need for us to pick up your donations, call Beverly McKusick at 512-538-5966 to arrangement for pick up.

There are some items we just cannot take because of lack of space, being too heavy for our volunteers, or we have found they just do not sell. Here is the list: large appliances, mattresses, computers and monitors, copy machines, large and/or heavy furniture, and large sets of fine China.

Remember, this is a great time to donate winter clothing and fall and winter holiday decorations.

If you have any questions about donation items you can also call Beverly the at phone number listed above. I am really excited about the rummage sale this time. I want to thank you all in advance for your support. You are the best Christian family anyone could ask for.

RUMMAGE

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October 6th, 8 am - 5 pm

October 7th, 8 am - 2 pm

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

SEWING CIRCLE

We are **not** having scheduled meetings, but we do have a couple of projects that we will need to start working on so keep your eyes open for a blast and Facebook notice toward the end of October for a sewing circle date and time.

FUN CIRCLE

Finally fall is here, and hopefully, Mother nature will start giving us some cooler weather. From the first of September to the end December it seems like it's pretty much non-stop. I love it. I'm so glad we're back to all of our church activities. I love the Christian fellowship.

This month FUN CIRCLE is on **October 25th at 10:30** . The Mission/Outreach group has asked for our help with a project for the Housing authority. We are going to be making "**soup in a jar**". We will be filling the jars with the dry ingredients and then decorating the jars for Christmas. It will be a fun activity, and we are helping our neighbors. What could be better. There will be a **potluck** after.



Gathering of
GRATITUDE

ITASCA FOSTER CARE VILLAGE

22 OCTOBER, 2023. 3 - 5 PM

LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED

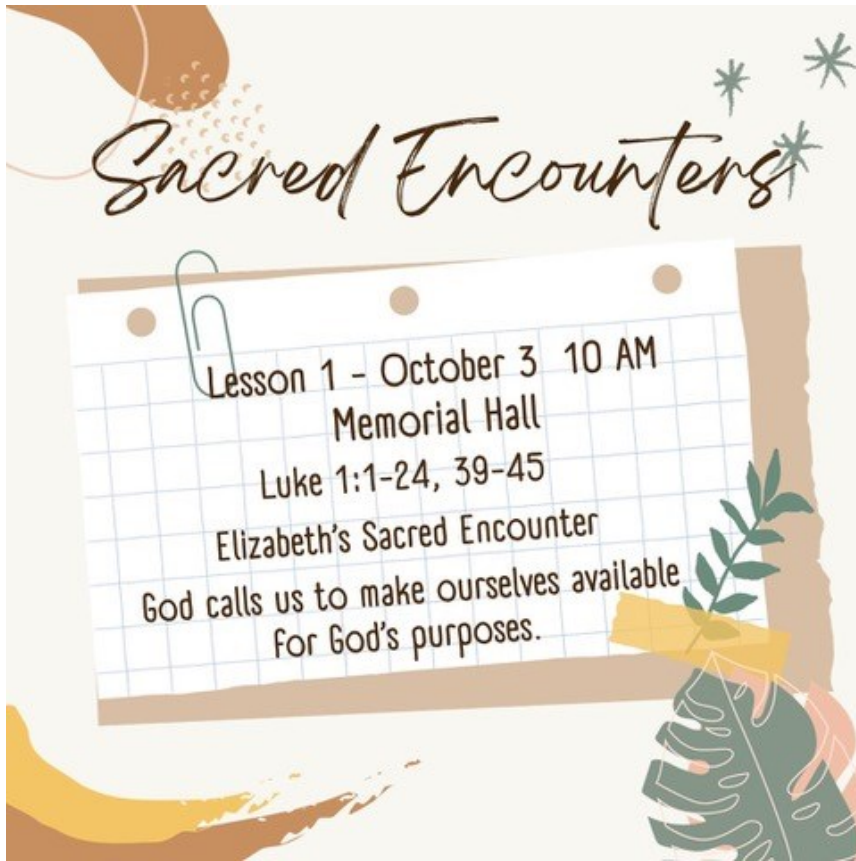
**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR OWN NANCY & WACO AS
WE SUPPORT THE FOSTER FAMILIES OF
PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES & SERVICES**

Please contact Nancy Worcester if you would like to participate

817-578-0478 nancybw@gmail.com

Participants must be **Ministry Safe** certified





1st - 5th Fall Rummage Sale Set Up, Fellowship Hall

3rd - Bible Study, Lesson 1, 10:00 Memorial Hall

6th & 7th - Fall Rummage Sale

18th - Book Circle, 10:00 Admin Building

22nd - Gathering of Gratitude, Presbyterian Children's Home, Itasca

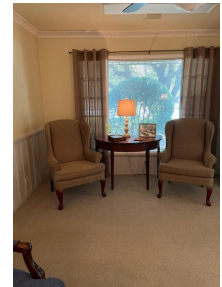
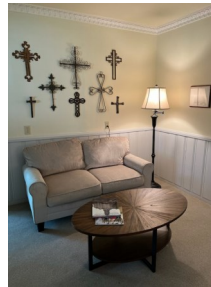
25th - Fun Circle

Christian Education

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Thank you to all who helped to complete the room outside of the Pastor's office. We love how it turned out, and it will be a wonderful place for pastoral visits.



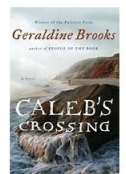
Presbyterian Book Circle

All meetings are held in the Administration Building

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OCTOBER 18 Leader: *Marijane Harvey*

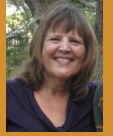
Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks; In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. Upon this slender factual scaffold, Brooks has created a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure.



Church Library/Meeting Room is available to both adults and children. It is located in the Administration Building.

Congregational Care

Susan Younk Kidd, elder
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- 2 Tim and Nancy Bennett
- 5 Greg and Pam Gifford
- 14 Joe and Felicia Peters
- 15 Curt and Debbie Armstrong
- 20 Jerry and Pepper Davis

- 1 Jerry Davis
- Marla Caraway
- 3 Charles McKusick*
- Jack Dapogny
- Kathryn Hogue
- 9 Jane Seley
- 11 Judy Butler
- 14 Christian Luersen

- 14 Joe Peters
- Mary Lee McCarthy
- 17 Frank Hengels
- 18 Mary Hayden
- 19 Margaret Gulinson
- 20 Lachlyn McPhie Goody
- 25 Roger Deeds
- 29 Virginia Conner
- 31 Robert Silvestri*

AT HOME AND/OR RECEIVING TREATMENT: Dave & Julie Barnett, Carol Gadbois, Bill Wood, Lorraine Schmitz, Rita Hart, Theda Deaver, and Sharon Wilemon.

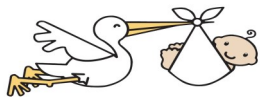
WE MOURN THE PASSING: of our member Faith Goodman. We keep Ed and her family in our prayers.

THOSE WHO ARE MOURNING THE DEATHS OF FAMILY MEMBERS: Anne and Ben Mays on the death of her brother. Louise Deems on the death of her brother. Juniata Morgan, Linda and Keith Nolan, Janice and Les Ragonese. Allen and Alicia Hardin.

RECOVERING CHURCH MEMBERS: Eva Zapata (back surgery), Sallie Garland (stroke), Carolyn Stringer (fall and lung surgery.)

MEMBERS DEALING WITH HEALTH ISSUES: Gardner Davis, Claire Mitchell Copeland, Ted Gollar, Larry Walker, Donna Callahan, Reann McHaney, Ann McLaughlin.

Special Blessings for Sandi Ricketson on her improved health condition.



CONGRATULATIONS! Mark and Saunya Bishop as they welcome a new grandbaby **Sebastian Ahmed Bishop!** Sebastian was born on September 7, 2023. He weighed 7 lbs 9 ozs and 20.5 inches long.

*Keith and Linda Nolan would like to **thank everyone** for the prayers, cards, words of encouragement, and acts of love kindness shown to them during this time of grief and loss of Steven, their son.*



AT CARE/RETIREMENT FACILITIES

Waterview at Lake Granbury

Ted Dolan

AVIVA Granbury

Dolores Groom, Lorraine Schmitz

Town Village Crossing, Arlington

Linda Bowlin

Bridgewater Memory Care, Granbury

Bill Lowe

Lewisville Estates, Lewisville

Fran Smith

CONCERNS FOR OUR EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

- **Adrian Barrios**, 6- year-old family member of Jim and Julie Dean and Judy Butler, who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. We pray that God will heal and surround him and the family with strength and healing.
- **CJ Cluck**, grandson of Beverly McKusick, on his continued cancer recovery.
- **Jim Dean's** parents and sister as they navigate multiple health issues.
- **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 health issues.
- **Donna**, neighbor of Liz and Craig Lacy, as she recovers from a bad fall.
- **The Gollar** niece Michele, and new baby, Cole.
- **Kascy Hawkins**, brother of new member Brittany Clifton, as he navigates his final days.
- **Mother** of Louise Deems, who is on hospice.

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.

If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted for a care or concern, please email me at susanyoung@gmail.com or contact the church office by calling 817.573.2337 or emailing office@fpcgranbury.com.

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!

Prayer of the Month

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God created a beautiful world. When I walk my dog next to a wooded area, I see old trees and weeds, but a closer look shows me curved branches and ivy leaves shaped like hearts.

I am very entertained by many things in nature: a squirrel jumping off our roof, landing on a tree; squirrels chasing each other around a tree; a mockingbird singing different notes, then flying straight up into the air, flying straight back down, and then repeating the same action. I also love watching the birds who visit my cat-proof birdbath (a hanging birdbath on a shepherd hook.)

Dear God, thank you for all the beautiful things you created in our world, birds, animals, flowers, bodies of water, mountains, and hills...to name a few. And thank you for all the colors, especially the fall leaves. Our world would not be as pretty if it were all black and white. Thank you for our recent rain that our yards and flowers so badly needed. Please guide the committee who is searching for a permanent pastor, and help them choose the one who will be the best fit for our church. In Christ's name, Amen.

Outreach and Mission

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Outreach & Mission will be busy this month preparing for the Thanksgiving meals and Christmas Gift Bags for the Housing Authority residents. Turkeys, sides, small gift bags, and Christmas wreaths will be given to the residents on November 16th. If you have Christmas decorations and/or wired ribbon you would like to donate, we will put them to good use on the wreaths. Christmas gifts will include Ham w/Soup In a Jar, gifts of 8 oz. hand lotion; lip balm; 2024 month-at-a glance wall calendars; 10-15 oz. cans of mixed nuts, dish towels, cloths, & potholders. Family gift bags will also include a tin of popcorn and a family game. If anyone is interested in contributing items for the gift bags or participating in a work day to make bows & wreaths, assemble bags, etc., you are welcome to join us. We plan to have a Work Session on Sunday, November 5th, in Fellowship Hall from 11:00 - 12:00. This would be a good day to bring the items you wish to contribute. If you'd rather make a monetary donation and have us do the shopping, we would be happy to do so.

Our next Habitat for Humanity Lunch will be Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex on Sunday, October 8 and 15. If you have not participated in this before and have questions, please feel free to give me a call. It is really a fun and appreciated event.

Thank you, Nancy Bennett, for our **Spotlight on Mission** this month. Nancy volunteers with the Forward Training Center and is sharing this information with us.



The Forward Training Center has been a part of Hood County since 2004. What began as the Christian Women's Job Corps has grown into a United Way partner organization that helps to meet the needs of low- and middle-income people of all ages, races, religions, and backgrounds. The organization's main impact to the community comes in the form of job and life-skills training to prepare people for productive employment. Each program is provided at no cost to the participants, and they make take as many programs as they need.

Adult programs available include Jobs for Life, Financial Literacy, Basic Computer Literacy, Adult Literacy, High School Equivalency Diploma, and ESL. More recently, through a multitude of volunteers at FTC, they have added Cisco Networking Academy and Computer-aided Drafting. This fall, a new program called Business Builder Workshop, taught by local entrepreneurs, will be offered. The program will be a hybrid of the Jobs for Life program along with lessons learned through SCORE – which is part of the Small Business Administration.

Youth programs included Powered for Life Summer Youth Camp taught through Granbury ISD STARS and Premier High School, as well as Entrepreneur Enterprise.

If job training or mentoring adults within our community sounds like something you would like to become involved with, FTC is always looking for additional volunteers. I'm sure many of you have skills acquired through years of working that would be invaluable. My personal volunteering story with FTC began in 2018, and I will echo all the others who volunteer in that I know I have received more than I have given. Working with men and women of all ages and backgrounds, as they try to re-enter the workforce or change their lives to better themselves and their families, makes it all worthwhile. So if you feel called to help with the Forward Training Center, please feel free to ask me any questions you may have or just call them directly.

Submitted by Nancy Bennett

The next Habitat for Humanity lunch is
Wednesday, October 18, 2023.



October 2023

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8 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	9 9:00am Monthly Property Meeting - Square Cafe 1:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Hall - Pecan Bookmarks 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	10 9:00am - 12:00pm Granbury Knitting Guild - FH 10:00am - 11:00am Membership Meeting - Admin Building	11 9:30am - 12:30pm PEO Meeting - FH 10:00am - 11:00am CE Committee Meeting - Admin Building 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 4:30pm - 6:00pm Choir Practice - Memorial Hall 6:00pm - 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal - FH	12 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH 12:00pm - 2:30pm PNC - FH	13 10:30am - 11:30am Presbyterian Women's Meeting - Fellowship Hall	14 10:00am - 11:00am Blessing of the Animals 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 — 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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