

the chimes

Sundays

Church School (on Zoom as arranged by classes) | view Online Worship at www.fpcbryan.org

First Presbyterian Friends,

21 Sundays have passed since we last worshiped together on-site; yet COVID-19 is not over. The FPC Safety Workgroup is considering a recommendation to Session for early morning outdoor worship before the end of August – if the daily numbers of diagnosed active cases continue lower than during the first 3 weeks of July. This would be an option for those who desire, with masks and physical distancing. More details will be communicated if this option materializes.

I do sense multiple feelings, even contradictory feelings, among folk: “We want to worship!” – then, “I worry that the start of school lead to numbers of active cases rising again.” I have never known what the future will hold. I do remember the faith conviction expressed to me in the mid-1990s by a church member and Ruling Elder from his hospital bed when he was severely ill: “I may walk out of here, or be rolled out of here in a wheel chair as a discharged patient, or they may roll me out of here on a gurney to the morgue; but I know I’m going out of here whole in God’s grace!”

That’s the way I feel about the challenge and afflictions of COVID-19.

God’s peace, love, and grace . . .

Pastor Ted,

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CHILDREN’S BOOKS & DVD DRIVE



First Presbyterian is creating a Young Families Library. We are looking for donations of classic children’s books and DVDs in new or good condition for children ages 3-10. Place donated books and DVDs on the credenza near the New Member bulletin board located in the hallway (Carter Creek Pkwy side between Director of Christian Education Office (11) and Elementary Classroom (13). We are grateful for your donations to help FPC families get excited about learning!

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

are invited to

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

Service of Installation
and 2020-2021 Horizons
Bible Study Overview

*“INTO THE LIGHT: Finding
Hope Through Prayers of Lament”*

Monday • August 24, 2020

7:00pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86418331566>

First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas



It’s SCHOOL TIME! REACHING OUT . . .

It’s back to school, and again this year we’ll help support our adopted school ANSON JONES ELEMENTARY. On the list of their student needs are:

- ★ Composition books (wide-ruled)
- ★ No. 2 pencils
- ★ Crayons (24-ct)
- ★ Markers (Crayola, 8-ct)
- ★ Pink Pearl erasers
- ★ Jumbo glue sticks



Due to COVID-19, the donations accepted look a bit different this year. Anson Jones is also requesting the following:

- ★ 2-gallon zipper bags
- ★ Case 12-oz bottled water
(while drinking fountains
are not being used)
- ★ Disinfecting wipes



Place your donations on the marked table in the Patio or send monetary donations to FPC-Bryan through WED, SEP 30.

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Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. To be contacted by one of our pastors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them.

THANK YOU, FPC

ONE. HUNDRED. SIXTY. ONE. That is how many pounds of donated food, personal hygiene items, and grocery bags were delivered to Brazos Church Pantry on August 3. Thank you, members and friends of FPC-Bryan, for your continued generosity throughout COVID-19. The Pantry is most grateful! While we are not worshipping onsite yet, please know that your donations of personal hygiene items, non-perishable foods, and single-use healthy snacks, pop-top canned goods, and bottled water are welcome! Donations can be delivered to the church 9:00am to 3:00pm, M-F. Marked containers are located in the Indoor Patio (to your right as you enter the Patio from Carter Creek Parkway side). You can also make monetary donations through the church (MEMO: Brazos Church Pantry on the check) or directly to Brazos Church Pantry.

CARING AND SHARING

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to PAT & TOMMY DAVIS following the death of Tommy's sister, Jo Ann Davis, in Port Charlotte, FL, on June 29.

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord. —John 11:25

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is **NOON, SUN, AUG 16.**

This newsletter will be distributed on **WED, AUG 19** and cover news from **AUG 27 thru SEP 16.**

Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org



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COVID-19 Church Office Hours
M-F, 9:00am to 3:00pm

YOUTH HAPS



Youth Ministries (youth@fpcbryan.org)

Youth and volunteer sponsors gathered August 1 on the church basketball court to wish the very best to AARON SEAY and JULIE FUTCH who served as youth coordinators for the past 12 months. Aaron has accepted the youth coordinator position for Presbytery of New Covenant, and Julie will be moving on to other endeavors.



(L-R) Aaron Seay, Hannah Wertz, Caroline Wertz, Luna Curtiss, Julie Futch, Tabitha Curtiss.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! 🎵

08/13	Carrie Martin	08/20	Harriet Elliott
08/15	Ben Berg	08/21	Bob Anderson
08/15	Hayes Robertson	08/21	Jane Anderson
08/16	Dorothy Anderson	08/21	Shayleigh Vinson
08/17	Frank Anderson	08/23	Pam Lawrence
08/17	Audrey Donald	08/24	Carolyn Fox
08/17	Aidan Martin	08/25	Francesca Friedersdorff
08/17	AJ Renold	08/26	Lois Basenfelder
08/19	Robin Berg	08/26	Steven Moehring
08/20	Mary Kathryn Briggs	08/26	Pat Vinson
08/20	Lila Cashion		

*Pray
without
ceasing*

- ♥ Dave Burdett
- ♥ Velma Burnett
- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Audrey Prouty
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

- ★ Josh Kipp
- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
IN THE
MILITARY**

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUG 16 LUKE 3:15-17,21-22

AUG 23 MATTHEW 26:14-16,20-25

AUG 30 LUKE 24:44-53

