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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY

BY REV. JOHN SEIDERS • EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends at FPC:

The life that we live is a journey, a journey of faith. The journey leads us through various experiences; some are cyclical while others are unique. Just as we experience the four seasons each year we experience beginnings and endings in the life of our congregation. The relationships that we share with each other and with Jesus Christ are unique. It is my belief that Jesus shows up in both the cyclical and the unique experiences.

We are now well into the new program year, a new cycle, of our congregation. Classes, small groups, Bible studies, circles, men's breakfasts, rehearsals and other activities have

all started up again. There is some comfort being back in a routine. But, there are times when we can miss Jesus. It may be that we are too busy, or preoccupied, or overcommitted, or simply because we don't take the time to think about him.

One of the cyclical experiences in our congregation is our stewardship season each October. But just because it is cyclical doesn't mean that it is the same thing. Yes, we will be asking each person to consider what they are giving and how they will give of their time, talents and treasure for the support of our combined ministry together. Yes, we will be asking each person to make a commitment. In the midst of this opportunity, don't miss Jesus.

It could be tempting to do what you have done in the past, to give what you have given in the past, to fall into the cycle of doing what has been done. But, what if you took some time to dream with Jesus about his desires for FPC? What if you stepped out in faith with regard to what you give of your time? What if you stepped out in faith with regard to what you give of your talents? What if you stepped out in faith with regard to what you give of your treasure?

While stewardship season is part of our "annual cycle," what would happen if we each considered something new and examined with fresh eyes what we are giving to God and his church of our time, talent, and treasure?

I invite you to prayerfully consider what your response will be as we approach **Commitment Sunday on October 26** on our journey as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Peace,

John

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Save the Date

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS

The third annual citywide Ecumenical Candle-light Prayer Service will be hosted by Community Bible Church, 2477 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, Texas 78232, on Sunday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. This Service draws all Christian communities together to provide an avenue of hope for those affected by mental illness.

Further information about the worship service may be obtained by contacting Denise Espino of Community Bible Church at 210-253-5971. You may also contact Doug or Barbie Beach at doug.beach@ymail.com or 210-602-5733 to learn more about this event and First Pres' Mental Hope support network

This event is open to the public. No registration is needed.

OCTOBER 5



FPC CHILDREN'S CENTER MINI FIESTA

Main Church parking lot and playgrounds
Benefiting the FPC Children's Center

Please make plans to join us for food, games, and a silent auction at the FPC Children's Center Fall Mini Fiesta. The funds from this event enable us to send our teachers to the National Association for the Education of Young Children conference for training. Bring your young children, family and friends for an evening of fun activities and fellowship.

We are in need of volunteers to help work the booths (students are encouraged to help). We appreciate any donations for the silent auction or door prize ticket. If you would like to help, please contact Sandy Blanco, Director of the Children's Center.

Contact Sandy Blanco (210-225-0960
or sandy@fpcsat.org)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014 • 5:00-7:00 P.M.

CONNECT TO GIVING

Being Faithful to God through the Ministry of First Pres

Closing out the Witness Connection Program series on October 12, 19, and 26, we will focus on how we can connect to God and one another through our giving; specifically, we will learn how we can connect through our time (Esther 4), our talents (1 Corinthians 12:1-11), and our treasure (2 Corinthians 9:6-15).

Be on the lookout for a publication that will show you how First Pres is being a good steward of your faithful giving and provide you with the tools you need to make your own faith commitment toward the ministries of the church in 2015.

Stewardship Commitment Sunday, the day when we gather together to worship and you may return your faith commitment card for 2015, is Sunday, October 26.



TRIP TO BIG D

TO SEE THE BUSH LIBRARY & AUTUMN AT THE ARBORETUM

Take a fun road trip with us as we visit the new George W. Bush Presidential Library, which opened in April 2013 on the campus of SMU in Dallas. The museum highlights critical events and issues of the Bush administration. This is the third presidential library in Texas (the others are Lyndon Johnson's library in Austin and George H.W. Bush's library in College Station). The museum sits on 23 acres on the SMU Campus. A 15-acre park recreates a Texas prairie with a wildflower meadow and new Texas grasses and trees transplanted from the Bush ranch in Crawford, Texas.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Depart in a charter Regent Coach at 7:00 a.m. from Airport Security Parking on Halm and Airport Blvd. just south of Loop 410 near the San Antonio International Airport.

We'll make a Buc-ee's stop in New Braunfels for coffee and pastries, and arrive in Dallas in time for lunch (on your own) at Café 43 at the George W. Bush Library. There will be plenty of time for a leisurely visit to this newest presidential museum. We'll check into the Doubletree Hotel for the night, then after a rest we'll set out for dinner at Patrizio's Restaurant in Highland Park Village.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before visiting "Autumn at the Arboretum" at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. We'll have a guided tour of the gardens featuring over 50,000 pumpkins, gourds, and squash, which come together to form the nationally acclaimed Pumpkin Village. Enjoy a leisurely walk among 150,000 blooming fall flowers such as chrysanthemums and impatiens. The fall foliage, cool weather and deep colors make Autumn at the Arboretum a must-see.

"Fall is really our most colorful time of year. Many summer flowers like zinnias, impatiens, salvia and coleus respond to cooler nights with blazing bursts of color. Our thousands of pumpkins bring out the color in banks of chrysanthemums layered with ornamental grasses, copper plants and fire bush." (Dave Forehand, Vice President of Gardens)

We'll have a delightful lunch in the DeGolyer House at the Gardens before making our return trip to San Antonio.

There will be stretch and refreshment stops along the way.

We'll arrive in San Antonio about 6:00 p.m.

COST AND RSVP

\$355 Double Occupancy • \$434 Single Occupancy (Includes charter Regent Coach, morning coffee first day, entrance to museum and arboretum, dinner first day, breakfast second day, lunch the second day, one night at hotel, luggage handling for one bag, driver tip and fees for escorts Susan and Henry Holloway.) A \$50 deposit secures your reservation. Final Payment due October 6, 2014, after which it becomes non-refundable.

Send your check to Pat McCleary, Director of Older Adult Ministry, First Presbyterian Church, 404 North Alamo, San Antonio, Texas 78205, or drop it off in Pat's mail slot in the second floor workroom at the church.

PARKING AND FEES

At Airport Security Parking, 1106 Halm Blvd, south of 410 on the east side of Airport Blvd. Open parking is \$7.75 per day and covered parking is \$8.75 per day. We have a coupon for one free day for each traveler.

If you do not wish to park at the lot, you may have someone drop you off and pick you up. Questions? Contact Pat McCleary at 210-271-2726 or patm@fpcsat.org.

NOVEMBER 5 – 6, 2014

LITERATURE CIRCLE PUTS ON A SHOW (BOAT)

Lights, camera, action! The star, Bill Hensley, accompanied by Patrice on piano, steps forward to present the musical story, Show Boat, for the Literature Circle. Join us for Bill's annual rousing rendition of another favorite classic American musical with songs, "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man," and "Ol' Man River."

Refreshments served prior to the meeting and guests are invited.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14,
2014 • 1:30 P.M.
MCCULLOUGH
ROOM



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR
LAW & JUSTICE • EDUCATION FOR THE NATION •
THE FATHERLESS GENERATION • RECONCILIATION OF
THE FAMILY • MEXICO & THE AMERICAS**
YOU'RE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN A
DAY OF PRAYER FOR MEXICO & THE AMERICAS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 • 7:00 P.M.
PRAYER SERVICE AT THE CHURCH

Have you ever felt a deep pang of confusion and hopelessness over the pain and suffering experienced by our neighbors to the south of Texas?

This summer, American media raised an alarm of concern about the well-being of unaccompanied children from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico whose families paid human traffickers to bring them north to turn them over to U.S. authorities with a hope that they might find better lives outside their own nations. As many as 63 percent of children interviewed by a San Antonio legal group in July claim that they were fleeing threats of violence and other desperate conditions in their neighborhoods.

While God's Word plainly calls the faithful to demonstrate care for immigrants fleeing troubles, this is only part of the Christ's second greatest commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." If we love our neighbors, we are called to care for them when they come to us in need, AND to seek to understand and address the conditions that would cause families to fracture and to desperately seek to live elsewhere. We need to develop an interest in how God's purposes for these nations are being thwarted by hopelessness, lack of knowledge of the Word of God, lack of love, and brokenness of the family, and of economic, medical, educational, governmental and social systems. With these answers, we need also to focus on how can we bring healing Gospel Truth that addresses brokenness at the source. While God's Word is penetrating lives, how can we encourage our neighbors in their villages, cities and those who need "a cup of cold water" during a time of trial?

The task of making a difference on problems affecting tens of millions of people would be daunting if we alone had to develop the understanding and the means to radically transform nations. ***Yet we have hope because it is not us but God, who created us all, loves our neighbors and us, and provides the means of grace and the hope of restoration.*** While there may be work for us to do and relationships for us to explore and nurture, ***the first and most important thing that we can do is come to Christ and pray for God to bless, comfort and strengthen our neighbors.***

Therefore, with love and concern for our neighbors, and knowledge that all hope is found in our Lord, First Presbyterian Church is inviting individuals and other churches to participate in a Day of Prayer for Mexico and the Americas on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. All who care about our Latin American neighbors are encouraged to take a few minutes on this day to pray, in private or at a service at 7:00 p.m. at FPC, for:

- The children who risk their lives to leave their homes to come to the U.S.
- The communities which they are leaving, that security, opportunity, and hope may develop by knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and imaginative application of Godly precepts in individual self government, relationships, marriages, family life, education, loving service to others through all types of work and government
- The Body of Christ, the Church, in all of its forms
- The Ministries and missions and all who walk with Mexico

Therefore, on our Day of Prayer for Mexico and the Americas, First Pres members may pray specifically for the many partners that our Church and its members volunteer with, visit and assist, such as:

- The work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and our FPC partners in Local Mission who are involved in care and attendance to the needs of immigrants, whether they remain here or are returned to their homelands
- The medical and educational work of Yucatan Peninsula Mission,
- Club Amistad Programs in North East Mexico coordinated by Roberto and Kusumee Medina of Proyecto Amistad
- Training of parent groups to lead the AMO® Program children's ministry in churches throughout Mexico and coordination of international MeXED conferences, each by Chris and Francelia McReynolds of Antioch Partners

- The strengthening of Presbyterian churches in the Huasteca region by Susie Frerichs Hernandez
- Seminary and higher education development through partners such as Antonio Alvarez, who teaches and coordinates PFC benevolence and other assistance to seminaries throughout Mexico
- Biblical Worldview Discipleship efforts of Youth with a Mission / JUCUM, assisted at times by the international missionary family of Ron and Evi Moyer, whose work around the world is supported by FPC

At the 7:00 p.m. service at First Pres on October 7, guided prayer will be led by Elder Mike Munroe for the children who have come to the U.S.; by friend of our church, Jill Thrift, author of La Familia, La Base de Nacion, for the families of Central America; member Danny Mathews, for the medical health of our neighbors; by our missionaries, Chris McReynolds, for the church, and Francelia McReynolds, for restoration of security, effective government, education and opportunity; and by others for additional concerns. There will also be a time for prayers for concerns submitted by other participants who carry a burden of for our neighbors. Bring your concerns and join with other hearts in prayer at our church, at home, or at other churches in the city and beyond!



Founded by the Brazos Presbytery in April of 1846 with a mission of "introducing the Gospel" into both San Antonio and Mexico, First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio has a long history of prayerful concern for its neighbors in Mexico and the Americas. The Church provides annual support to five missionaries dedicated to strengthening churches and their ministries to Mexican families and children, annually sends medical mission teams to serve some of Mexico's neediest people, and supports various efforts to strengthen Christian education at all levels in Mexico, from children's ministry through adult discipleship programs to seminaries.

WITNESS CONNECTION PROGRAM
FALL SERIES • CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER 26



As Christians, we are called to bear witness to the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

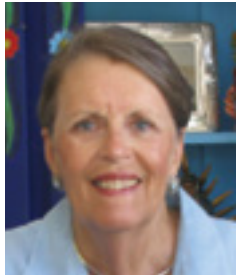
We were made to announce God's reign in Jesus Christ to the world, and build bridges of understanding with one another as we make disciples. We are called as witnesses to connect with Jesus, our community, the Gospel, the world, and through stewardship of our resources.

Discover the important role you play in making Jesus visible through your witness as together we journey through the fall sermon series "Witness Connection Program."

- OCTOBER 5.....CONNECT TO THE WORLD (MATTHEW 28:16-20)**
OCTOBER 12.....CONNECT IN GIVING: TIME (ESTHER 4)
OCTOBER 19.....CONNECT IN GIVING: TALENT (1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11)
OCTOBER 26.....CONNECT IN GIVING: TREASURE (2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15)
(OCTOBER 26 IS STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY)

"WE GATHER TOGETHER" FOR PW LADIES NIGHT OUT

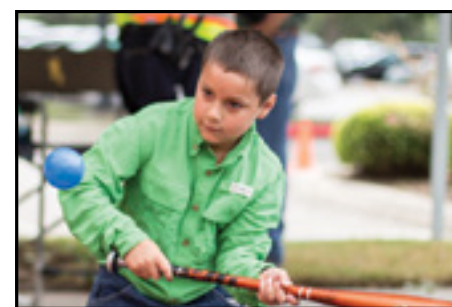
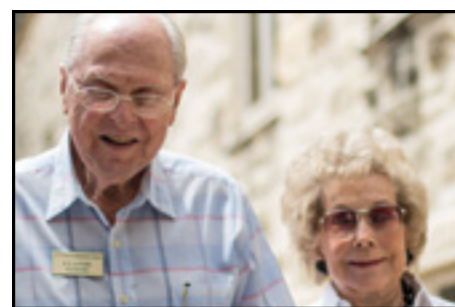
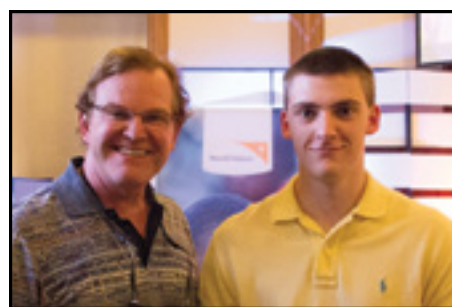
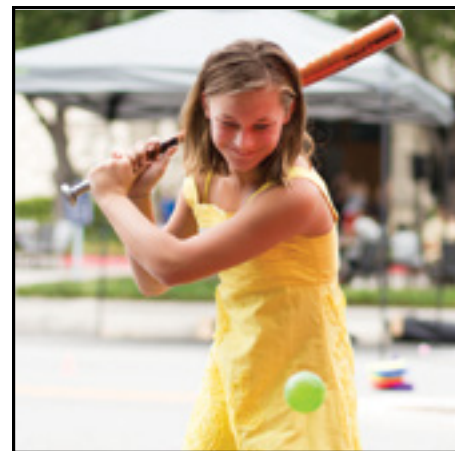
Please join us in the lovely home of Trudy Moore for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at our annual fall PW Ladies' Night Out. Our own Candy Wagner, cookbook author, food consultant, and caterer will be our speaker. She will inspire us with her creative gift basket ideas. All women of First Presbyterian Church are invited! You do not have to be a member of a circle to participate. Questions? Contact Lilly Gretzinger at 210-601-0575 or Linda Gail Dullnig at 830-591-8150.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 • 7:00 P.M.
124 GENESEO ROAD

BLOCK Party

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014



WE CLOSED AVENUE E AND ENJOYED BARBECUE, MAKING PROMISE PACKS FOR KIDS IN MALAWI, TWO BLENDED SERVICES FOR KICK-OFF SUNDAY. THE BLOCK PARTY WAS A

PLAYED GAMES, VISITED FRIENDLY ANIMALS AT A PETTING ZOO, AND WORSHIPPED TOGETHER IN BLAST FOR YOUNG AND OLD. THANK YOU FOR COMING AND INVITING FRIENDS!

Benevolence Giving

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BY REV. JOHN SEIDERS • EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Each year there are questions that arise about where our benevolence money goes. Some of the questions asked are as follows:

How much money do we give to the Presbyterian Church (USA)? To Mission Presbytery? To the Synod? To General Assembly?

How much money do we give to Local Missions and Global Missions?

How much money goes to other causes?

These are all good questions! Here is some basic information that will give you answers to these questions. In 2013 FPC, as in previous years, gave a total of 25% of our Operating Budget income to benevolent causes. The Benevolence Committee, a committee of the Session, has the responsibility to determine how to divide these monies between Local Missions, Global Missions, and other benevolent causes.

Each year the Local Missions Committee and the Global Missions Committee receive many requests from different ministries and organizations for support. The requests are vetted and prioritized, and then the committees determine the amounts that will be given. They are encouraged at the end of each fiscal quarter to distribute the funds which are available. The remainder of the monies are distributed by the Benevolence Committee to contribute to higher councils of the denomination and to address requests for funds that don't easily fit into purview of

either the Local or Global committees.

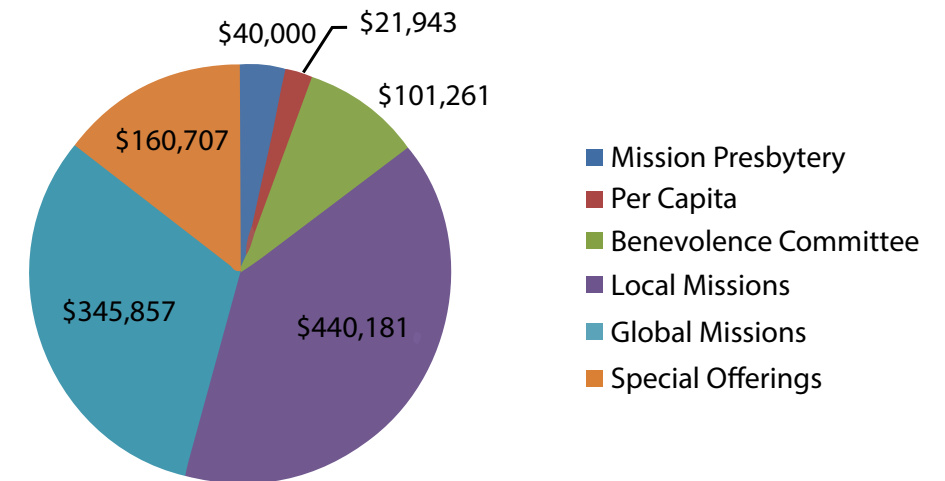
The Benevolence Committee has continued to support the historic policies of FPC in regard to giving financially to the PC(USA). First, the committee has been responsible to pay our annual per capita assessment to the denomination as per the Session's approval. Second, the committee has directly designated support to PC(USA) missionaries that it knows, trusts, and with whom it has developed relationships over the years. Third, no undesignated monies are given to the PC(USA). And, fourth, support given to Mission Presbytery has been given with the understanding that it would stay within the bounds of the presbytery.

The per capita assessment for 2014 was \$7.02 per member. For our congregation of 2,100 members, that was a total of \$14,742. Per capita goes to pay for the meeting of the General Assembly (travel, room and board, committees, etc.), the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice-Moderator and other expenses that are noted on the PC(USA) website (www.pcusa/percapita).

From time to time we have Special Offerings for different causes – specific mission causes, relief for natural disasters, etc. These monies go directly to the causes and organizations for which the collection or the appeal was made.

The amount of support given to Mission Presbytery has not yet been determined for 2014. Any support for the presbytery

2013 Benevolences



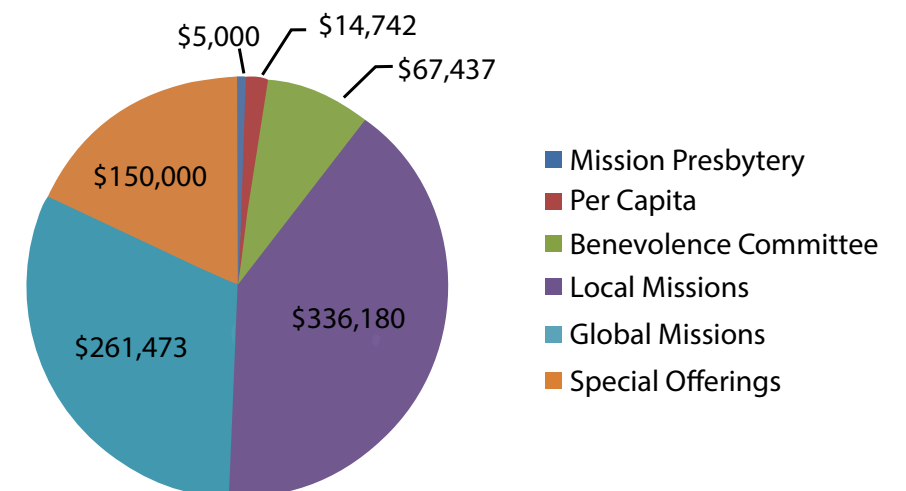
will have to be recommended by the Benevolence Committee and approved by the Session

responsibility the Session determined the benevolence percentage for 2014 at 20% in contrast to 25% in 2013.

The accompanying charts illustrate two different realities. The 2013 Benevolences chart reflects actual dollars that were given. The 2014 Benevolences chart reflects budgeted dollars for our current year. It is also important to remember that due to budget constraints and fiscal

If you have any questions in this regard, please feel free to contact Butch Gerfers (Stewardship and Finance Committee Chairman) at gerfers@flash.net or Janet Slayden (Church Business Manager) at janets@fpcsat.org.

2014 Benevolences



When Texas seceded from the union on February 1, 1861, San Antonio became headquarters for the Confederate Army in Texas. The tragedy of Civil War not only brought disruption to life in San Antonio but to First Pres as well.

At the start of the war, First Pres was affiliated with the Old School Assembly. During the war it belonged to the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States. After the war it was associated with the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, often called the Southern

Presbyterian Church. The Civil War experience was tragic not only for the nation but for many strong protestant denominations. Many who split during those tumultuous years never came together again.

By 1859, San Antonio's Presbyterian Church had outgrown the Old Adobe on Commerce Street. The old building had actually been condemned as unsafe for use. A new site was selected for a new church on South Flores at Houston Street (directly across Houston St. from the current

Frost Bank Tower). The cornerstone for the new building was laid February 29, 1860. The walls, roof, windows and doors were installed that year at a total cost of \$15,000 but it was still far from being finished.

Rev. Robert F. Bunting and his flock of 146 members moved into their new building and used it in its unfinished state throughout the Civil War. In 1861, Rev. Bunting resigned, stating that he could not provide for his family on the meager salary the church was paying. He sent his wife home to Ohio and joined the Confederate Army as a Chaplain. This left First Pres desperate to find a strong leader to complete the church building and grow church membership, but for the next 10 years, the church merely treaded water as pastors came and went, none willing to stay on permanently.

After the Civil War and for the next several years, the entire state of Texas was in turmoil. The unstable and weakened economy in San Antonio stifled any growth in the local church. It would be almost 20 years after laying the cornerstone before the church at S. Flores and Houston St. was finally finished and dedicated on November 30, 1879.

Circumstances which brought Rev. John Fountain Martin to San Antonio in 1866 are not clear, but he made a verbal acceptance to fill the pulpit at a congregational meeting on August 14, 1866. A year later in a sermon delivered in July 1867, he recounted his first year of service announcing that with about \$750 already on hand, nearly \$1,500 more had been raised toward the building fund. In his short time as minister, he brought a number of new members into the fold and considerable money into the building fund. On the whole, Rev. Martin seemed to be well liked by most of the congregation and even more so by the public in general. The San Antonio Herald often published his sermons in full.

Then, in April 1868, Rev. Martin shocked the church and the city by delivering a lecture on

Charles Darwin's recently published *Origin of the Species*. By 1871, more and more orthodox Presbyterians began to question their ministers' doctrinal beliefs. Frank Newton, clerk of the session, announced in the Herald that a congregational meeting had been called in June 1871 to select a replacement minister.

For the next few months, guest ministers filled the pulpit, and in February 1872, a public announcement was made: "Rev. Mr. Martin will preach at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 p.m. He earnestly requests his former congregation and his friends to be present."

His lecture, delivered on February 18, 1872 and later published in a pamphlet, referred to "Charges made against me of holding doctrines contrary to the Presbyterian standards." It went on to say, "With these views, you will not be surprised that I have formed the fixed resolution to henceforth think and act for myself, and be responsible only to the Almighty Father for my conclusions and faith. I shall hold myself privileged to seek the truth wherever I think it is to be found, untrammelled by any earthly dictum or authority."

Shortly thereafter, Rev. Martin announced his "formal separation from the Presbytery of Western Texas." Despite this announcement, the publication of the pamphlet led to the only heresy trial in the history of First Presbyterian Church. When Presbytery met on April 23, 1872, it divested Mr. J. F. Martin of all authority to preach on the grounds of heresy.

Martin remained in San Antonio for nearly two more years, teaching school and giving lectures on such topics as "Facts and Philosophy of Modern Spiritualism." Next, he went to Galveston to take charge of a group known as the "New Church".

A bright future was ahead for First Pres but few could see it during those dark days of the 1860s.



SOURCE: ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—1846-1946 BY MURIEL FORBES; ADOBE WALLS TO A STONE EDIFICE BY DONALD E. EVERETT, SAN ANTONIO HERALD; FIRST PRES ARCHIVES.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SAN ANTONIO CONTINUES TO BE EXCITED AND GRATEFUL FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH WORLD VISION AND OUR SPONSORED COMMUNITY, MUTENDERE, IN MALAWI, AFRICA. There are two ways you can get involved and make Jesus visible in Malawi: GO on a mission trip, and SPONSOR a child from Mutendere.

GO

THE TRIP WILL BE APRIL 26-MAY 5, 2015.

The First Pres mission team that went to Malawi this past April continues to be amazed at what God showed them on their journey, and we are so excited to begin recruiting other congregation members for our next trip.

Spots are filling up fast for this team, so if you would like to add your name to the interest list, or if you have any questions, contact Alyssa Payne at alyssap@fpcsat.org or call 210-226-0215. Signups close the end of October, so please contact us soon!

SPONSOR

CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD

Sponsoring your World Vision child in Mutendere is just the beginning of an amazing adventure. There are many ways to get to know your child and let them know they are special.

- Send letters and cards
- Give special gifts and packages
- Email
- Visit

WATCH YOUR CHILD GROW

With your help, your child will have the opportunity for a healthier, fuller life. We'll send you updates so you can see how they are growing and developing. Each year you'll receive:

- New photos of your child
- Your child's progress report

SEE COMMUNITY PROGRESS

As a sponsor, you'll be helping change the lives of your child, their family, and their community. You'll receive updates each year to show how your support is strengthening your child's entire community, including:

- A newsletter of accomplishments
- New photos of the community

FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more about sponsoring a child in Mutendere, please visit First Presbyterian Church San Antonio's World Vision web page at www.worldvision.org/First-Presbyterian-Church. You may also contact Alyssa Payne at 210-271-2742 or alyssap@fpcsat.org.

Life After Loss
EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUP
 ON GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE
 WEEKLY GROUP MEETS FOR SIX WEEKS
 OCTOBER 15-NOVEMBER 19 • 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Grief can be a very powerful and overwhelming experience that changes your life. Understanding and compassion from others can take you on a journey of discovering healing and meaning in your life again.

“Life After Loss” is a group support program that was designed to help bereaved people better understand the process of grief and how to live through it in a way that transforms them. It also provides a place for people to share their experiences and support each other in their journeys.

CELESTE E. MILLER WILL FACILITATE THE PROGRAM.

Celeste Miller works as a Bereavement Coordinator for Porter Loring Family Care Services, a service of Porter Loring Mortuaries, where she has worked for the past seven years. She follows up with all Porter Loring families in assessing their needs and inviting them to grief support groups specific to their loss. Celeste facilitates these bereavement support groups which are not only for Porter Loring families but are open to the entire San Antonio community.

Prior to her work at Porter Loring Mortuaries Celeste worked as a hospice chaplain with terminally ill patients and their families. She finds her work in loss, dying, and healing to be a sacred privilege. In May, 2013 Celeste graduated from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas, with a Master of Arts in Counseling. She is currently working as a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern under the supervision of Art Kirby, LMFT, LPC.

THE PROGRAM WILL BE A COMBINATION OF TEACHING, DISCUSSION AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES.

The sessions are open to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and there is no charge for the program.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE:

You can call Rev. Scott Simpson at 210-837-0228 or Susan Dullnig at 210-271-2753 or email her at susand@fpcsat.org. For reservations call Susan Dullnig. Or feel free to simply join us on October 15.



Music Ministry

WORSHIP NIGHT - A MODERN WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Featuring THE NEVERCLAIM

Sunday, October 19, 2014 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sam's Burger Joint at 330 E Grayson Street

Join us for this 'family friendly' worship experience featuring music, an uplifting message, and a meal in the casual atmosphere of Sam's Burger Joint, a local restaurant favorite. We are excited to feature THE NEVERCLAIM as our guest worship band. Check out their website at www.theneverclaim.com.



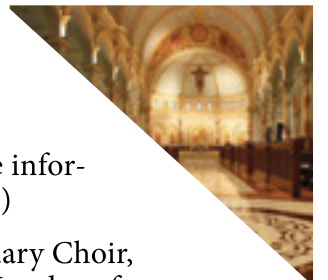
FOR ALL THE SAINTS - MUSIC OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 9, 2014* • 3:00 p.m.

Mother House Chapel of the Incarnate Word on the UIW Campus

(*note this is a different day and time than the information shared in the September First Press)

Highly skilled singers from our Sanctuary Choir, including our Professional Section Leaders, form a small choral ensemble to present music that commemorates loved ones that have joined the church triumphant in heaven. This observance of All Saints' Day includes a performance of a newly conceived Requiem for the Living by the skilled composer Dan Forrest. This performance is collaboration with the Mother House Chapel of the Incarnate Word, a magnificent Romanesque worship space that was built in 1906 with renovations completed in 2007.



Be a Flower Girl

Have you ever wondered what happens to the floral arrangements that glorify God in our Sanctuary every Sunday? These tributes to family members and special occasions, by our generous congregation, are rearranged into smaller arrangements to bring the thoughtful remembrance of the love of the body of Christ to our membership in need of God's grace. What a wonderful way to contribute your time and talent in service to our church! We are blessed to work with beautiful fresh flowers from the best florists in the city. Would you like to learn how to make these arrangements for our deacons and members to deliver to hospital patients, nursing home residents, and at-home members in our church family? Floral arrangement workshops are planned so you can learn!

If you are interested in volunteering an hour after the 11:00 a.m. service to help make Jesus visible, please contact Beryl Lamm at 210-655-8667, or Susan Chandler at 210-822-7439.



Presbyterian Women News

BY ANN BUNN PW PRESIDENT

Fall has officially arrived. There is an occasional cool day and it is about time to “fall back” and regain that extra hour that we lost last spring! Hooray! Hooray, also, to the wonderful things that are happening in Presbyterian Women! The Circles have already had their first meeting and are preparing for the October meetings. If you haven’t already joined a circle, I encourage you to contact Meredith Park (210-373-8180 or meredithpark@satx.rr.com) to assist you in finding the circle that is right for you.

Additionally, we have two great events scheduled this month and hope you will attend.

Our first event will be “We Gather Together” for the PW Fall Ladies’ Night Out on Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Trudy Moore, 124 Geneseo Road. Please “Gather Together” with fellow members of FPC as we enjoy fun, food, and fellowship. Our own Candy Wagner will entertain us with a presentation on making

holiday food gifts and baskets. You do not have to be a member of a Circle to attend. All FPC Women are invited! For questions, please call Lilly Gretzinger, 210-601-0575, or Linda Gail Dullnig, 830-591-8150.

The “Ties That Bind” Fall Legacy Luncheon will be held on October 27 at 11:30 a.m. (doors open at 11:00 a.m.). We are so excited about this special event. This is one lunch you will not want to miss. It will be a time of encouragement, fellowship, and friendship as we celebrate blessings God has given us through FPC and the Women of FPC. Reservations are required. Please make your \$15 check payable to FPC, and leave in the PW box in the workroom, or mail to Holly Youngquist at 109 Cobblestone Court, San Antonio, TX 78213. I hope to see you there!

May God continue to bless you as you serve our Lord and Savior.



Presbyterian Women

FALL LEGACY LUNCHEON OCTOBER 27

Come count your blessings at the First Annual “Ties that Bind” PW Fall Legacy Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, October 27, 2014, in Westminster Hall. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. if you would like to come early to view and purchase a one-of-a-kind centerpiece hand picked from the fall garden as well as the Round Top Antiques Fair.

It is easy to let circumstances rob us of our joy. Many of us have experienced times of trials and moments of doubt. Where is God? Why me? Does God even hear me? We each have a story to tell about a time when we were afraid, felt hopeless and even questioned God’s plan for our lives. Psalm 31:5 reminds us that “weeping may remain for the night, BUT rejoicing comes in the morning.”

At this year’s PW Fall Legacy Luncheon, we will hear stories from church members about their journeys through the valley and how this church has ministered to them or challenged them to live for Jesus in a new and creative way. You won’t want to miss these encouraging words about the fellowship and faith of believers here at FPC.

Please join us and bring a friend or two! The Legacy Luncheon will provide a time of fellowship around the table to strengthen old friendships as well as develop new ones. It will be a time to rejoice in all that God has done and promises to do in and through us as we faithfully look to Him to guide us in the coming months.

Indeed Psalm 16: 5-6 is true for us: “Lord, you have assigned us our portion and our cup; you have made our lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; surely we have a delightful inheritance.”

Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 and reservations are required. We will no longer accept payment at the door the day of the luncheon. Your check is your reservation and may be paid at your Circle meeting, placed in the PW box in the workroom at church, or mailed to Holly Youngquist at 109 Cobblestone Court, San Antonio, Texas 78213. Please make your check payable to FPC and put PW Luncheon in the notation line. Reservations for tables of eight or 10 are available on a first-come basis. The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 20.

OCTOBER

Circle 112	Monday October 20th at 10:30 a.m. in the Geneva room. Circle chair is Suzanne Thomas 820-3245
Circle 2/4	Monday October 20th at 1:30 p.m., room 226. Circle chair is Char-An Witten 341-1856
Circle 5	Friday October 17th from noon to 1p.m., room 228. Circle chairs are Caryl Gaubatz 651-0208 and Jane Ann Temple 414-9945
Circle 6	Tuesday October 21st, 1:30 p.m., Geneva room. Circle chair is Mimi Hart 822-0809
Circle 7	Tuesday October 21st, 11:30 a.m. Hostess is Jane Ann Temple 414-9956
Circle 8	Wednesday October 8th and Wednesday October 22nd 9:30-11:30 a.m., room 108. Circle chair is Sara Parish 394-0865
Circle 9	Tuesday October 21st, 10:00 a.m. in the breakfast room at church. Hostess is Pat Brannen 735-4415
Circle 11	Monday October 27th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sheila Figueroa. Circle chair is Suzanne Norton 287-1392
Circle 13	Tuesday October 14th, 1:30 p.m., McCullough room. Circle chair is Jeanne Browning 824-3921
Circle 14	Monday October 20th, 12-1 p.m., St. Andrews room. Circle chair is Lady Romano 828-5313
Circle 16	Wednesday October 15th, 9:30 a.m., room 228. Circle chairs are Lee Pressly 735-0978 and Corie Barlow 481-1337
Circle 17	Wednesday October 8th, 9:30 a.m., room 309. Circle chair is Jeanne Baker 494-0972
Circle 19	Wednesday October 1st, 9:30 a.m., room 309. Circle chair is Janet Beauch 673-3251
Circle 21	Monday October 20th, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Lana McMains. Circle chair is Andrea Taylor 403-9442

PW Circle Meetings



“Check Out” the First Pres Library • BY JIM JOHNSON

Did you know First Pres has a library? And it’s a very substantial one, with more than 12,000 books and recordings. You may not have been in our library. It is located on what was the north side of the original church. It can be entered from three locations: (1) leaving from the Mauze Lobby, turn left down the hall, continuing past the bookstore to the next doorway on the right which leads into the main room of the library; (2) from the McCullough room, one door opens into the Heritage Room and on into the library. A second door enters the kitchen and on into the middle room of the library; (3) on leaving the sanctuary, turn right down the hall that runs beside the sanctuary to the first door on the left wall to enter the children’s room.

Now that you have found your way to the library, here is what you will discover: a large room that looks like a comfortable parlor with a sofa and chairs and walls loaded with books, mostly religious in nature. They are arranged using the Dewey Decimal System. The shelves are labeled as well as the books and recordings. Additionally, there are several special collections identified by large signs on top of the shelf units. In the main room (also known as the parlor) the largest special collection is “Commentaries”, one or more for each book of the Bible. Immediately adjacent is the Bible collection of Study Bibles, Testaments, and several other types of Bibles.

In the second room are numerous Bible study aids, such as dictionaries, atlases, concordances and similar books to aid in Bible study. Adjacent to this section is a large collection of CDs by many of the leading teachers and preachers speaking on a number of biblical subjects.

Also in the second room is a large desk and computer [the Library uses the Athena small library computer program to manage its assets]. This is where you can become a library member, check out library media and return items previously checked out. To the right front of the desk is a computer that library patrons can use to locate any item in the library. This computer replaces the card catalogs used years ago. Behind the desk are several shelf units of Bible studies for use by teachers and small group leaders or by individuals.

Continuing on around this room is the library office. Beth Moore studies are kept here. Beyond the door leading into the Heritage Room is the section for the Youth, grades 6 through 12. Under the windows in both rooms is a really fine collection of oversized “coffee table” books with beautiful art and photography.

Entering the middle room by doors on either side of the library desk you will find the ”Texana” collection, a small number of CDs and DVDs, the fiction collection, and a small collection of biographies. In the third room you will find the children’s library, items here are divided into; E books (Easy) for the very young child, and J books (Juvenile) for grades 1-6.

Donation of books has not been encouraged this year since there is no librarian and only four volunteers have maintained the library. If you have books, CDs or DVDs to donate, please contact Suzanne West, Chairperson of the Library Committee, at swest1313@hotmail.com. We are especially interested in books for children, youth and fiction for all ages. Any donation left in the library should indicate your name and special directions for books that cannot be used in the library. Otherwise, the books will be donated to Haven for Hope or the Salvation Army.

If you have experience or are interested in working in the library, we would be delighted to have you join our small group. Please contact Suzanne West at swest1313@hotmail.com.

Keys Gears Up FOR A PREVENTATIVE AUTUMN

BY JOE RUST • KEYS LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER

October in Texas traditionally is marked with communion with nature and attending to health matters as the holidays approach. Members of Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit (KEYS), the senior adult ministry of First Presbyterian Church, are fulfilling these roles this month. Witness the following:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 11 AM • LUNCH (\$7)

With the realization that civilizations, including that of San Antonio, rise and fall on the availability of water, or lack thereof, our own Kay Kutchins, chair of the Citizens Advisory Panel on Water Resources for the San Antonio Water System (SAWS), still known to many of us as City Water Board (CWB), and Chuck Ahrens, vice president for SAWS water resources and conservation, will present a program of great importance to the future economy of San Antonio and the pocketbooks of water users. They will review the many plans being made by SAWS to bring new sources of water to the Alamo City to augment the use of the Edwards Underground Aquifer. This "Water-The Quintessential Quantity" is a must-hear for water-needy customers.

A MEETING OF THE KEYS LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE WILL FOLLOW THE PROGRAM.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 • 11 AM

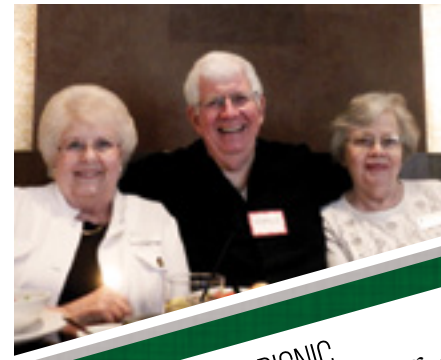
GINNY FUNK, associate director for programs and advocacy of the Alzheimer's Association, will present a valuable program, especially to older adults and caregivers, on "Alzheimer's and Dementia: Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters." There is reluctance with the general public to visit a doctor once signs or symptoms of dementia are noticed. Both fear and stigmas have a role in this reluctance, which results in a delay in getting treatment that may help alleviate symptoms. The goal of this program is to provide compelling information about Alzheimer's disease, and moving testimony from families living with the disease, to encourage early detection, early diagnosis and early intervention. Participants will be able to identify the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and what to do next, understand what is involved in getting a diagnosis, identify risks and understand the benefit of early detection.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY CALLING 210-226-0215.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 • 8:30 AM-1 PM • ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC – GENEVA ROOM

There is no charge for flu and pneumonia shots if you have Medicare Part B or selected insurance coverage. Vaccines are not provided for children under 4 years of age and children ages 4-6 must have a valid prescription. Cost per person for those who do not have insurance coverage is for Trivalent Influenza \$22, or \$32 for Quadrivalent Influenza. Pneumonia and tetanus vaccines also will be available.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 • THERE IS NO KEYS PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE MISSION LEADERS CONFERENCE AT FPC



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 • NOON-3 PM • KEYS ANNUAL FALL PICNIC

The gracious and generous Judith and Doug McNeel once again have offered the beautiful home, La Casita, at Gallagher Ranch, just west of Helotes at the foothills of the fabulous Texas Hill Country, for fun and camaraderie. There will be a barbecue lunch, games and fellowship opportunities as we celebrate the October birthdays of KEYS members.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 14.

Van transportation from the church to the picnic and back will be provided. Reservations at \$12 per person may be made by check payable to FPC with "picnic" notation in the memo line. Send reservations to the attention of Pat McCleary, director, Older Adults Ministry. The rain date will be Sunday, October 19, 2:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M. Come on out and enjoy communing with nature at gorgeous La Casita. We wouldn't be surprised if Doug does not offer to pull out his guitar and sing some of those wonderful tunes he has written about the simple Texas life. Doug, you know, formed a marvelous band, The Mavericks.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 • NO KEYS LUNCHEON BECAUSE OF THE MISSION PRESBYTERY MEETING AT FPC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 • 11 AM • TO HONOR (OR DISHONOR) THE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS ROAMING ABOUT ON THIS HALLOWEEN DAY

A hamburger lunch will be served, followed by a scary movie, the 1989 version of The Woman in Black, a Gothic tale that will rock your tennis shoes off. No smelling salts will be served with burgers, however.

KEYS GAME DAYS

BRIDGE
will be played after lunch on October 10 and October 24 (depending on space availability for October 24). Contact Nancy Black at 210-493-1609 if you would like more information. Contact Katy to determine if bridge will be played on October 24.

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"KEEP MOVING" FITNESS CLASS

meets every Friday at 9:45 A.M.-10:30 A.M. This class is growing rapidly while losing a lot of human weight. The great instructor is Linda Osborne whose class combines cardio, strength training, balance and flexibility for a total body workout. There is no charge—come and give it a try!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOVEMBER 5-6 • A CHURCH-WIDE, OVERNIGHT, ADULT TRIP TO DALLAS • SEE PG. 5 FOR MORE DETAILS
NOVEMBER 7 • PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED
NOVEMBER 14 • ASTRONAUT CHARLES DUKE ON VETERANS' DAY
NOVEMBER 21 • BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON. SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED.
NOVEMBER 28 • HOLIDAY BREAK
DECEMBER 9 • DINNER ON A RIVER BARGE TO SEE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.
Watch for more details in November First Press.

MOMENTS TO HOLD CLOSE IS IT ENOUGH?

BY MANNY RODRIGUEZ

Matthew recently celebrated his 18th birthday. Since this is a bit of a milestone, Stacie and I spent a little more than usual and bought a slightly extravagant gift. To have a little fun with it, we hid the nice gift in another room and bestowed upon Matthew a multitude of mundane presents. Things like underwear, socks, \$5 gift cards, and inexpensive candy. Once he completed opening all of these we asked him, "Well, is that enough?" We were expecting him to complain, we were expecting him to say something along the lines that this is his 18th birthday, and we didn't have anything else for him? We were wrong. Matthew responded with gratitude and kindness and said "thank you, I love it all. Thank you for making it a great birthday." Wow, really humbling. It made me question my own response, Christ gave me Grace, He died on the cross. If my Father were to ask me, "Well is that enough?" Would I respond with gratitude and be forever grateful for the gift He had given me or would I still demand more? How would you respond?



CHANGES IN THE CHURCH REGISTER SEPTEMBER 2014

MARRIAGES

- *Annabelle Hicks and *Benjamin Flanagan married at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in the Sanctuary on August 16, 2014; John H. Seiders, assisting pastor.
- *Leslie Crain Hill and *Jerry Alden Carpenter married at First Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary on August 23, 2014; John H. Seiders, officiating pastor.

DEATHS

Joie Swanson died August 27, 2014.

*denotes non-member

FINANCIAL SUMMARY AUGUST 2014

OPERATING FUND BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER/(UNDER)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,680,759	2,738,326	(57,568)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,306,738	2,437,494	(130,755)
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	514,090	525,288	(11,198)
FUND TFR FROM OPERATING RESERVE	300,000	0	(300,000)
NETINCOME/LOSS	159,930	(224,455)	384,386

WE HAD A GOOD MONTH IN AUGUST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. THE MINISTRIES AND BENEVOLENCES OF FPC DEPEND ON YOUR GIFTS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT JANET SLAYDEN, CHURCH BUSINESS MANAGER, AT 210-271-2751, OR BUTCH GERFERS, CHURCH TREASURER, AT 210-862-9998.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

DURING THIS INTERIM TIME IN THE LIFE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP BRINGING THE WHOLE CHURCH AND ITS ACTIVITIES BEFORE OUR LORD GOD IN PRAYER.

- Pray for our pastors, John Seiders, Ruthie Seiders and Scott Simpson, and pray for the FPC staff.
- Pray for the Session as it carries on the business of the church.
- Pray for the Deacons as they lovingly care for the congregation.
- Pray for the love, peace, purity and unity of our congregation and the church.

PRAY FOR THE SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS

There are several steps FPC must go through before calling a new senior pastor. Your prayers are welcomed each step of the way:

- Pray for the Session as they seek God's will in appointing an interim pastor search committee.
- Pray for the interim pastor search committee and its work.
- Pray for the person whom God is calling to become our interim pastor.

LATER, AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE CONGREGATIONAL PROCESS OF SELECTING A NEW SENIOR PASTOR:

- Pray for the people who will eventually be elected by the congregation to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) after the interim pastor begins to help us do our work as a congregation.
- Pray for the members of the PNC and their work as they search for a new senior pastor.
- Pray for the person whom God is calling to be FPC's new senior pastor.
- Pray for the Mission Presbytery representatives as they advise FPC during the entire process.

YOU MIGHT CUT THIS OUT AND POST IT AS A REMINDER TO PRAY EACH DAY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEARCH PROCESS AND BEYOND WHEN OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR IS INSTALLED.



First Cup Readings – October, 2014

Dear Family in Christ,

First Cup is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in our libraries. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.

Blessings and love in Christ,
Sandy Sturch & Claire Averyt



Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.—Psalm 143:8

*When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people
go. Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, Tell old
Pharaoh: Let my people go. The Lord told Moses what
to do, Let my people go, to lead the Hebrew children
through, Let my people go. Lord, help us all from bond-
age flee, Let my people go, and let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go. (Spiritual)*

- 1 Exodus 5; Matthew 10:32-39; 1 Peter 2:19
- 2 Exodus 6:1-7:7; Romans 9:14-18
- 3 Exodus 7:8-24; Psalm 2
- 4 Exodus 8; Psalm 142

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim thro' this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more. Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing waters flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey thro'. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Bear me thro' the swelling current; land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee. Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee. (Worship in Song, #65)

- 5 Exodus 9; Proverbs 16:4; Jeremiah 10:1-16
6 Exodus 10; Psalm 105
7 Exodus 11-12; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Psalm 103
8 Psalm 139
9 Exodus 13; Hebrews 11:24-29
10 Exodus 14; Ephesians 6:10-18
11 Exodus 15:1-21; Ephesians 5:19-20

The Lord is God, There is no other. God spake these Words, O Israel hear, what I now command; the Lord and only God am I, who with Almighty Hand. From Egypt's land, and from the house of bondage set thee free; and therefore, Israel, thou shall have no other gods but Me. Have mercy on us, Lord, and all our hearts incline, with diligence and care to keep those righteous laws of Thine. (Reformed Protestant Hymnal, #465)

- 12 Exodus 15:22-16:35; Matthew 6:28-34;
1 Timothy 6:6-10
- 13 Exodus 17; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; 1 Timothy 2:8
- 14 Exodus 18; Acts 6:1-4; 1 Timothy 3:1-12
- 15 Exodus 19; Psalm 24
- 16 Exodus 20; Matthew 5:17-20; James 2:10
- 17 Exodus 21; Matthew 5:38-48; Matthew 15:1-9
- 18 Exodus 22; Leviticus 25:35-38; Romans 15:2-6

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. All over these wide, extended plains shines on eternal day; There God, the Son, forever reigns and scatters night away. No chilling winds, no poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore; Sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. I am bound for the Promised Land, I am bound for the Promised Land; O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the Promised Land. (The Baptist Hymnal, #479)

- 19 Exodus 23; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
20 Exodus 24; Matthew 17:1-3; Revelation 4
21 Exodus 25; Hebrews 9:1-5; Revelation 11:19
22 Exodus 26; Hebrews 9:6; Hebrews 10:19-25
23 Exodus 27; Hebrews 10:1-18; Revelation 21:1-4
24 Exodus 28; Hebrews 7; Hebrews 4:14-16
25 Exodus 29; Hebrews 10:19-39

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me; He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see. He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land; He hideth my life in the depths of His love, and covers me there with His hand. With numberless blessings each moment He crowns, and, filled with His fullness divine, I sing in my rapture, oh, glory to God, for such a Redeemer as mine! (Frances J. Crosby, 1890).

- 26 Exodus 30; Psalm 41:12; Revelation 5; 8:3-4
27 Exodus 31; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Luke 6:1-5
28 Exodus 32; Revelation 3:5; 21:22-27
29 Exodus 33; Psalm 91
30 Exodus 34; 2 Corinthians 3:7-18
31 Exodus 35:1-29; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15;
1 Corinthians 12-13

First Cup Prayer List

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. (Romans 8:26).

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