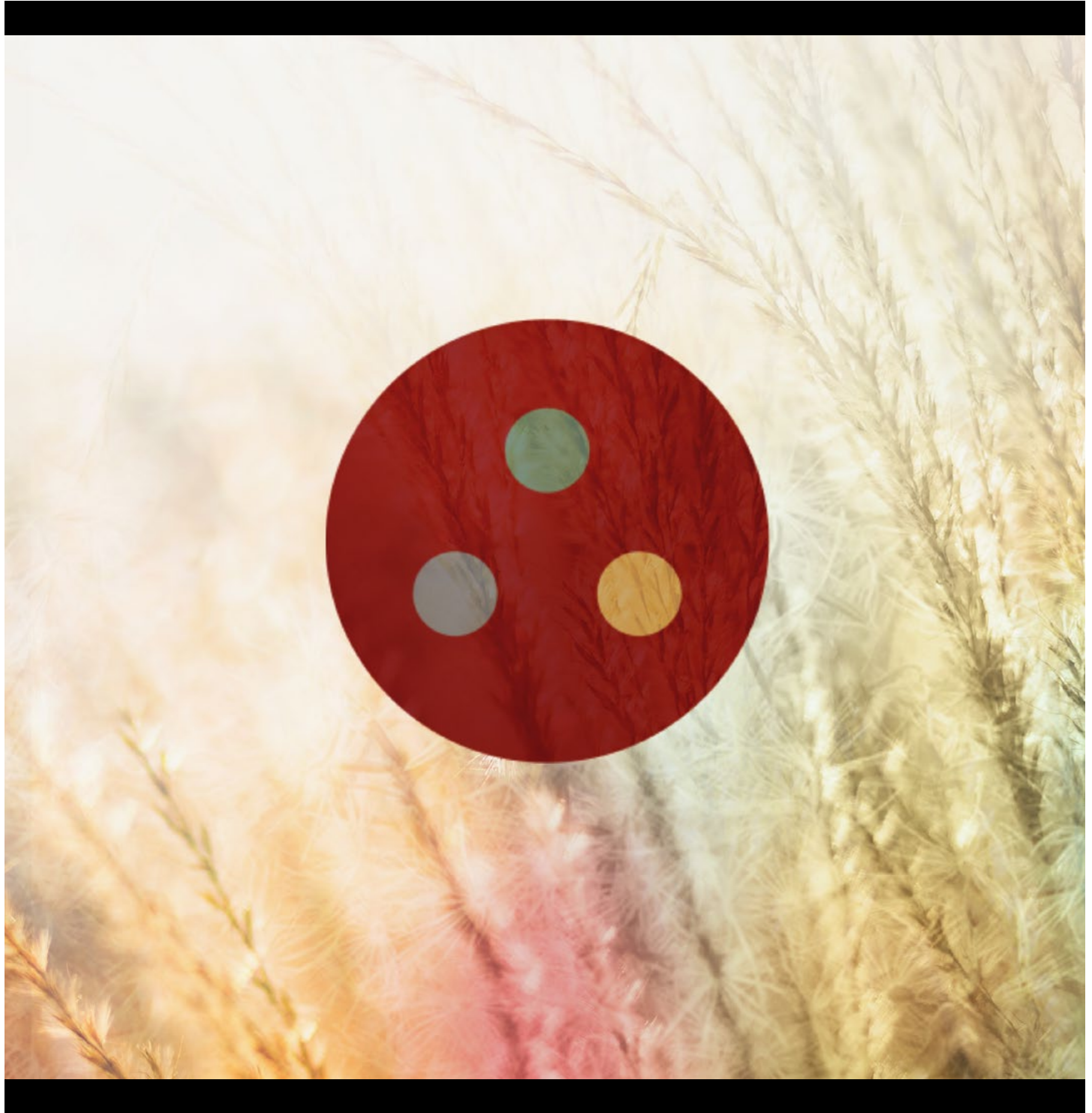




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THEREFORE: STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2019



STEWARDSHIP FAQS

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

The word Stewardship is one of those “churchy” words that tends to provoke most people to one of two reactions: Confusion—because they are not sure what it means, or Anxiety—because whenever they hear someone say the word stewardship, they know that the next thing that someone is about to tell them to give money to the church.

But Stewardship is not just about money. Stewardship is a response of faith. This year, our stewardship campaign is

designed to emphasize the idea of stewardship as a way to respond to God’s gracious blessings in our lives.

Our campaign is titled “Therefore.” It comes from Hebrews 10:19-25, which says, “¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus...”

As a church, our mission is To Make Disciples who Love Jesus Christ, Love One Another and Love the City. These three goals are the purpose for which God has called us together. They are the foundation of everything we do, and it is the pursuit of these three goals that distinguish the church of Jesus Christ from every other human institution.

Through the month of November, we are going to be talking about the resources and the commitment we need to pursue our mission and make it happen. We need every member and every family connected to FPC to support our mission. Here’s how:

• **Pray.** Ask God to open the door for you to give generously to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church in 2019. The money we give to support the work of the church is the foundation of our giving. While there are many great organizations and causes we can support, giving to the church is special. Bringing our gifts together is an act of humility that amplifies our impact while also directing attention to Christ through His Kingdom.

• **Strive to Tithe.** Malachi 3:10 says, “¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” The Tithe is the God-directed standard for our giving. The word tithe is an old term meaning “one tenth (10%).” Some people think that 10% is an arbitrary amount. But the tithe is significant because it is both a substantial gift and a substantial sacrifice. Whatever the actual number may be, every gift is important and committing ten percent of one’s produce or income can make a genuine difference in the ministry of the church. It is also significant enough to challenge us to serious reflection and prayer. It’s not a “no-brainer.” For most people, dedicating 10% of income to God’s work through His church is a big step of faith.

Its impact of tithing will be felt, and may require us to rethink our priorities. But through sacrificial giving, God will stretch your faith and vision in ways you might not expect.

• **Get involved in a church ministry.** Find a way to serve God by serving others and sharing your faith. We encourage everyone to serve through participating and assisting in our numerous ministries, programs and courses, or utilizing your much-needed skills and talents through volunteering. Whether serving on a mission team, assisting in youth activities and outreach, or providing volunteer support on Sunday mornings, your church family has a place for you.

• **Give generously and make a Faith Commitment.** A Faith Commitment is a pledge of financial support that helps us plan ahead and dream. It is a personal giving plan that becomes an important piece in planning the church’s priorities for the year ahead. Pledging gives the leadership of the church spiritual “venture capital” to develop our mission and pursue strategic reach to our community and our own members, knowing our resources provide confidence and helps us to focus our vision of Loving Christ, Loving One Another and Loving the City.

God has blessed us in ways. Therefore, as we get ready to make the turn from 2018 to 2019,

“Let’s keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:23-25, paraphrase, “The Message”)

Grace and Peace,
Bob Fuller

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 18!

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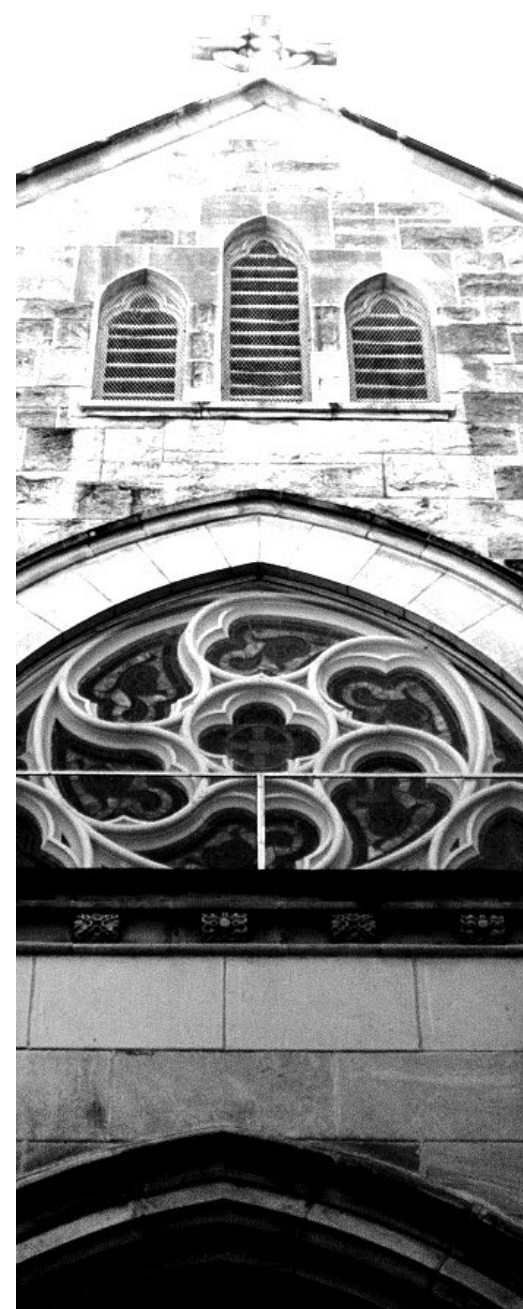
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SAVE THE DATE



BAPTISM SEMINAR

NOVEMBER 4 • 12:00–2:00 PM • ROOM 108

If you are interested in having your child baptized at FPC, you must attend a baptism seminar prior to the date of baptism. Our next baptism seminar is November 4 for baptisms happening November through January. The next class will not take place until February 3, for baptisms from February through April. Please contact Michelle Chong at michellec@fpcsat.org to register for this seminar and schedule your baptism.

HS MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

NOVEMBER 4 • 12:15–1:00 PM • GENEVA ROOM

November 4 • 12:15–1:00 PM • Geneva Room

There will be an informational meeting regarding our High School Mission Trip planned for spring break, 2019. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity, please join us November 4 after services!

GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 2

The Gift of Christmas ministry at First Presbyterian Church has had a lengthy and generous history over at least 60 years. Previously known as “Christmas Clearing Bureau” and “Christmas Baskets”, today’s Gift of Christmas partners with House of Neighborly Service, a non-profit organization serving residents of the Westside area of San Antonio. Founded in 1917 by Presbyterian missionaries, HNS is now in its 100th year and consistently serves about 900 families.

Gift of Christmas ministry seeks FPC individuals, families, and groups to adopt 30 HNS families and bless them in the name of Jesus. Typical items of need are clothing, toys for children, and basic household items plus supply a gift card for food for their Christmas Dinner.

Information about this ministry and Family Request Forms are available each Sunday morning now through December 2 at the Christmas Tree table in the Mauze Lobby, online at www.fpcsanantonio.org, or by contacting: Diane Carssow 512-940-3424/dianecarssow@gmail.com)

ORPHAN SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 11 • 12:15 PM • WESTMINSTER HALL

Opportunities for you and our entire FPC family. The FPC Local Missions Committee invites you to a special Sunday lunch with ministry partners South Texas Alliance For Orphans, Ransomed Life, CASA, PCHAS, GrandFamilies (and more!), as we faithfully steward our role in participation with God’s mission for the church - looking after the orphan (James 1:27). Please RSVP for lunch and childcare by contacting Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpcsat.org.

LOAVES AND FISHES

NOVEMBER 10 • STUDENT CENTER

Our next opportunity to serve our under-resourced neighbors is Saturday, November 10. Setup begins at 8:30 AM, training/preparation begins at 9:30 AM, doors open for our guests at 10:30 AM, and serving begins at 11:00 AM. All are welcome. Please contact Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpcsat.org with questions/to volunteer.

SHOEBOX SUNDAY AND PJ’S AND PANCAKES

NOVEMBER 11 • 9:30–10:30 AM • NUTRITION CENTER

On Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday, kids are invited to bring their boxes to FPC where we will wrap them as a group and pray over the boxes before sending them. Kids and Parents are invited to wear their Christmas PJ’s to church, bring a friend, and come hungry for pancakes and bacon! For allergy/special accommodations, contact jennieb@fpcsat.org.

DIVORCE CARE

NOVEMBER 11, 18 AND DECEMBER 12

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they’ve ever faced. It’s a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you’ve never faced before. Divorce Care groups meet weekly to help you move toward rebuilding your life. Special preview dates will be November 11, 18 and December 12, in the Geneva Room following each service (10:30–11:30 AM and 12:00–12:30 PM). If you have questions or are interested in facilitating or joining this group, join us or contact Joe Moore, Minister for Older Adults and Congregational Care (joem@fpcsat.org/210-271-2726).

LITERATURE CIRCLE

NOVEMBER 13 • 1:00 PM • MCCULLOUGH ROOM

Do you enjoy Broadway musicals? Then don’t miss “Carousel” with music by Richard Rodgers and the book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. Adapted from Ferene Molnar’s 1909 play “Liliom,” the story and music will be presented on Tuesday, November 13 by Bill and Patrice Hensley. The story is about carousel barker Billy Bigelow and his romance with mill worker Julie Jordan, their trials and errors and a chance for redemption. It features the beautiful songs, “If I Loved You,” “June is Bustin’ Out All Over,” and “You’ll Never Walk Alone.”

ADVENT FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 2 • 3:00–5:00 PM • WESTMINSTER HALL

Children and their families are invited to come make a family advent wreath, create Christmas crafts, decorate cookies, and participate in a mission project. For allergy or special accommodation, contact jennieb@fpcsat.org.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 9 • 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Kids ages 4–5th grade are invited to participate in the pageant. Rehearsal for the pageant will be on Saturday, December 8, 9:00–11:00 AM. Please contact Jennie Brooks at jennieb@fpcsat.org for more details. Come join in the joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

MIDDAY NOELS

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20 • 12:10–12:45 PM

Once again, FPC offers its holiday “gift to the city” through a variety of creative musical offerings. Each of these 30–40 minute concerts is followed by your choice of either a “Grab and Go” lunch (\$3) or a full hot lunch served in Westminster Hall (\$9).

Thursday, December 6:

Keyboards Ring and Voices Sing

Our highly skilled organist, Dr. Jae Ha, and several of our outstanding singers combine to celebrate the season with great music. Using new recording and playback technology, Jae will perform several pieces playing both the organ and the piano together! Jae’s musical offerings for Christmas are always a highlight of our series and not to be missed!

Thursday, December 13:

Sparkling Songs with the Cox Family Singers

Join us as we welcome back the Cox Family Singers to FPC. Carl and Bernita share their love of music and their wonderful family of eight adult children – a tradition they have shared with the San Antonio community for over 15 years.

Thursday, December 20:

Brilliant Brass

We are pleased to welcome the Freedom Brass, a brass quintet drawn from the United States Air Force Band of the West stationed at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. The ensemble is comprised of two trumpets, French horn, trombone, tuba, and percussion and is dedicated to presenting to its audiences the total spectrum of today’s musical literature, including festive sounds of the holidays!



THEREFORE

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2019

“19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
Hebrews 10:19-25

WE LOVE JESUS CHRIST,
THROUGH WORSHIP AND EDUCATION.
As a vibrant community of faith in Jesus Christ, FPC is committed to learning and teaching the Bible, growing in discipleship through worship and discipleship education.

WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER,
THROUGH COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP AND CARE
It is through fellowship and care that church becomes family, and we are committed to strong, family-style ministries to foster intentional, deep relationships.

WE LOVE THE CITY,
BY SERVING THE CITY THROUGH CHRIST-CENTERED PARTNERSHIP AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT.
FPC has a legacy of supporting, both physically and monetarily, a vast number of established and new missions and ministries,

both in our neighborhood and throughout the world. The difference our organizations and individuals make continues to change communities for the better.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 18
Therefore...

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Brochures and Commitment Forms will be sent to covenant partners and available in Mauze Lobby in November.

Commitments can be made by doing one of the following:

1. Visiting our website at www.fpcsanantonio.org/give
2. Filling out a commitment form and bringing it to the service of dedication on Sunday, November 18. You may also mail it to the church office, drop it off, or place it in the offering plate on any Sunday.



CARE CLUSTER MINISTRY

BY REV. SCOTT SIMPSON

In Acts 2:42-47, Luke tells us that members of the early church devoted themselves to: Learning about God's Word together, worshipping God together, praying to God about their needs, taking care of one another and meeting all of their needs, and enthusiastically being together.

The people of God valued the connections and personal relationships in the church because they believed when they came together amazing things happened!

- Wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.
- Everyone's needs were being met because people were caring for people – they were loving one another.
- Three thousand souls were added to the church.

How did all these things happen? Because when the people of God came together in enthusiastic fellowship, God's transformational power was released into their lives and it made all the difference! People wanted to be part of a church that regularly shared the truth of Jesus Christ and his love for one another.

Connecting people to Christ and to one another in enthusiastic fellowship –that is the way we believe God is calling us here at FPC to fulfill his vision and mission to love one another.

One way we are connecting people to Christ and to one another at FPC in enthusiastic fellowship is through a brand new caring ministry that officially launched in October, called Care Clusters.

Fifteen months ago, three Deacons – John Carter, Michele Hendrix, Charlotte Milner - and I began dreaming about a new way we could care for our congregation. We looked at where we have been over the past ten years.

We looked at where we are now. And we looked at how we believe God is calling us to care in the future, and we heard this vision from God: In the next five years, we dream that every Covenant Partner (CP) who calls FPC home will be connected to Christ and to one another through the renovation of pastoral care by focusing on discipleship in small groups. We want to make disciples who love one another.

We will provide our church family with a new way to care for one another that will promote a safe, protective, caring and welcoming atmosphere where members of the cluster can be connected, renewed, and restored. We envision people in the Care Cluster connecting to Christ and to one another through discipleship: learning God's Word together, praying together, loving one another, and serving together. We see the members of the Care Cluster creating a sense of belonging and enthusiastic fellowship so that everyone feels welcomed home, experiences the power of the Gospel, and is transformed.

KEY ELEMENTS

There are three key elements of a Care Cluster: care, communication and connection.

First, care. Care Cluster members will care for one another, while the Pastoral Staff, Church Staff Stephen Minister Team, and support groups will provide resources and support. Care Clusters will be made up of ten people led by a cluster leader who will serve as Shepherd of the Cluster (or flock!). When times of illness, stress, loneliness, grief or any other loss occurs in the life of a member of a Care Cluster, your fellow Care Cluster members will care for you.

Second, communication. Care Cluster members will learn to communicate the love of Christ with one another,

and Cluster leaders will learn to regularly communicate the Cluster's needs to the pastoral staff so they can provide additional resources and support, and the entire congregation can pray for everyone in need.

Third, over the next five years, the Care Cluster Leadership Team will be working hard to connect every Covenant Partner to Christ and to one another in a Care Cluster.

In John 21:15, Jesus commanded Peter (and the rest of the disciples!) to "Feed my sheep" and "Tend my sheep". The Care Cluster Ministry is the way we hear God calling FPC to make disciples who love one another and join in enthusiastic fellowship. I warmly invite you to connect with a Care Cluster and join in our enthusiastic fellowship here at FPC.

Blessings,
Rev. Scott Simpson

Order your
POINSETTIA
for Christmas

Each year during the Advent season the congregation has an opportunity to remember a loved one, honor an individual or recognize an occasion by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in the Chancel by the Sanctuary Flower Committee. If you would like to participate, the cost is \$15 per loved one, the revenues of which have enabled the Sanctuary Flower Committee to make many special gifts to beautify the church over the years. Your check should be made payable to the Sanctuary Flower Committee. Mail to First Presbyterian Church, c/o Sanctuary Flower Committee, 404 North Alamo, San Antonio, 78205-1918, or placed in the Sanctuary Flower mailbox in the workroom.

Requests received later than Sunday, December 16, 2018
will miss the insert printing deadline

PLEASE RESERVE ONE PLANT

In honor of _____
OR
In memory of _____
Given by _____
Address _____
Email _____
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY AUGUST 2018			
OPERATING FUND BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER/(UNDER)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,076,795	2,406,132	(329,337)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,263,614	2,481,200	(217,586)
NET INCOME/LOSS	(186,819)	(75,068)	(111,751)
The operating deficit for the eight months ended August 31st reflects a growing shortfall in monthly revenues compared to budget. Because of several staff vacancies, actual expenses are also less than budgeted. The ministries and benevolences of FPC depend on your continued support so that we can fulfill our commitments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janet Slayden, Church Administrator, at 210-271-2751, or Jim McCann, Church Treasurer, at 210-393-5132.			

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

BY HOLLY YOUNGQUIST, PRESIDENT

Many of you may not know that WOC is a self-sustaining ministry at First Presbyterian. We operate solely off pledges we receive that are separate and in addition to a member's tithe. Last year, the women of our church donated over \$22,000 to sustain our ministry programs and provide opportunities for fellowship and outreach. You do not have to be a "member" of a circle to participate in any of the activities, outreaches, Bible studies or fellowship times we offer. Please consider joining us as we continue to be faithful to the calling God has placed on us. You will be richly blessed not only by the people you serve, but also by those you serve alongside of. Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or ideas!

We have much to be thankful for as we approach this season of Thanksgiving. October was a full and busy month for Women of the Church.

The annual fall Ladies Night Out was celebrated in my home on the coldest night of the year! A warm fire kept us warm, but I think the fellowship inside kept our hearts even warmer. Thanks to Betsy Zachary and her committee for all of their planning and energy that went into making this evening a success. Good food, great wine and meaningful conversation was had by all.

Jessica Honegger, CEO and Co-Founder of Noon Day Collection and author of the newly released

book "Imperfect Courage", was our speaker at the Fall Legacy Luncheon. She shared her journey about choosing to say YES to her dreams even when fear was knocking at her door. She spoke to a packed house of both men and women with humility and enthusiasm. The tables were beautifully decorated by Robin Hudnall, Blair Perry and Cheri Stith. A huge thank you to Maggie Burnett and Manette Owen for handling all the details of the reservations and table assignments. Lastly, and most importantly, none of this could happen without our amazing household staff who continually serve us so faithfully and with such joy!

On Tuesday, October 23rd we joined with the young moms of Circle 8 and assembled Christmas Ornaments that we will share with our neighbors at Morningside Meadows/Manor at their respective Christmas parties in December.

Lastly, Nina Jordan is organizing our fall Staff Appreciation Day which will be held on Monday, November 5th. If you would like to help, please reach out to her at: ninabjordan@att.net.

I wish each of you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Live Big. Love Deeply. Serve Humbly.

Holly Youngquist
President, Women of the Church



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH MEETINGS

CIRCLE 1/12 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, November 19 • 10:30 AM • FPC Geneva Room
Optional lunch \$8.00
Chairs: Suzanne Thomas (210-846-3240/
suzannethomas54@gmail.com); Lynn Thompson
(210-824-2815/lynn@thompsondata.com)
Moderator: Grace Labatt (210-824-1320/
gblabatt@yahoo.com)
Study: 1 Peter

CIRCLE 5 SHAWL MINISTRY

Friday, November 16 • 12:00 PM • FPC Room 228
Chairs: Jane Ann Temple (210-828-7542/
210-414-9956 (C)/jatemple@att.net); Kay Weber
(210-288-5290/kayweber276@gmail.com)

CIRCLE 6 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Tuesday, November 13 • 1:30 PM • FPC Geneva Room
Chair: Carolyn Walthall (210-828-9739/
ckwalthall4@aol.com)
Moderators: Jane Buchek (210-826-2966/
210-685-4589 (C)/janebuchek@sbcglobal.net)
Kay Case (210-826-5811/210-861-7782 (C)/
kngcase@hotmail.com); June Eubank
(210-829-8641/210-872-3060 (C)/
juneubank@yahoo.com); Barbara Winship
(210-930-7093/210-862-5612 (C)/
barbarawinship@sbcglobal.net)
Study: "Just Open the Door" by Jen Schmidt

CIRCLE 7 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Tuesday, November 13 • 11:30 AM
Hostess: Cynthia Robinson
(7902 Woodridge Drive 78209)
Bring a sack lunch
Co-Chairs: Cynthia Robinson (210-861-2520/
ccrobin@swbell.net); Candy Wagner (210-863-3623/
candywagner@sbcglobal.net)
Moderators: Members of Circle 7
Study: "Just Open the Door" by Jen Schmidt

CIRCLE 8 – MOMS' GROUP

Mom's Night Out
Tuesday, November 13 • 7:30 PM
Location: J. Alexander's
(Alamo Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse Rd #1300)
Chairs: Sara Parish (210-394-0865/
sara23sc@hotmail.com); Lilly Gretzinger
(210-601-0575/lilly@bunnngroup.com); Meg Walker
(210-601-7745/meg@aladdinleans.com)

CIRCLE 9 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Tuesday, November 20 • 10:00 AM • FPC Geneva Room

Chairs: Lucille Lammert (210-832-8414/210-289-3580
(C)/lammert.lucille@gmail.com); Frances Warrick
(210-408-1775/fwarrick@sbcglobal.net)
Moderators: Members of Circle 9
Study: "Just Open the Door" by Jen Schmidt

CIRCLE 11 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, November 26 • 6:30 PM
Hostess: Linda Ruhmann (127 W. Elmview Place 78209)
Chairs: Karin Gabrielson (210-843-2475/
karin_gabrielson@hotmail.com); Pat Brodeen
(210-494-1534/pat@brodeen.com)
Moderators: Members of Circle 11
Study: "Just Open the Door" by Jen Schmidt

CIRCLE 13 – LITERATURE CIRCLE

Tue, November 13 • 1:00 PM • FPC McCullough Room
Chair: Jan Magnus (210-829-5866/jmagnus3@mac.com)
Book: "Carousel" by Rogers and Hammerstein
Reviewer: Bill and Patrice Hensley

CIRCLE 14 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, November 19 • 12:00 PM • FPC St. Andrew's
Optional lunch \$8.00
Chair: Karen Carawan (210-213-4589/karen@sarodeo.com)
Moderator: Amy Robinson (210-863-1035/
amy@robinsonvalue.com)
Study: "Devotional Classics" by Richard Foster and
James Byron Smith

CIRCLE 16 – MARJORIE MCLERNON SEWING CIRCLE

No meeting in November
Chair: Lee Pressly (210-735-0978)

CIRCLE 17 – EDNA RALSTON SEWING CIRCLE

No meeting in November
Chairs: Jeanne Baker (210-494-0972/
rbaker127@sbcglobal.net); Gigi Duke (210-695-4363)

CIRCLE 18 – CARE AND CONCERN CIRCLE

No meetings
Chairs: Char-An Witten (210-341-1856); Georgia
Heath (210-695-9511/gkhymheath@earthlink.net)

CIRCLE 19 – WHITE CROSS CIRCLE

Wednesday, November 7 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 309
Chair: Janet Beauch (210-673-3251/tabeauch@flash.net)

CIRCLE 20 – CIRCLE OF SERVICE

No meetings
Chair: Bunkie Shed (210-445-0724/
bshed@grandecom.net)

KEYS

BY JOE MOORE, OLDER ADULTS DIRECTOR

NOVEMBER 2
MARIAN BROWN, HAVEN FOR HOPE
Marian is an “in-the-know person” at Haven. She conducts tours and will give us a view from the inside of Haven for Hope.

NOVEMBER 9
VETERAN’S DAY TYSON SCHMIDT WOUNDED WARRIOR
San Antonio native Petty Officer 1st Class Tyson Schmidt who won medals at the warrior games will be with us to share his journey. The Warrior Games are an annual event, established in 2010, to introduce wounded, ill and injured service members to adaptive sports as a way to enhance their recovery and rehabilitation

BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG

NOVEMBER 14
AARP DRIVING CLASS
9:00 AM-1:30 PM

NOVEMBER 16
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard Restaurant

NOVEMBER 23
NO KEYS HAPPY THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 30
SAWS RAIN TO DRAIN
Lynne Christopher Education Coordinator and tour

guide for the Rain to Drain tour conducted by SAWS will be with us to present the journey our water takes on its way to our faucet.

KEYS PROGRAMS INFORMATION
All KEYS programs begin at 11:00 and Lunch is served at noon. Reservation for lunch required. \$8.00 per person. Contact Rosie Brown, 210-271-2753

BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG
Bridge and Mah Jongg are played following our Keys Luncheon from 1:00-3:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. You don’t have to be a game master to play. If you have other games you enjoy please let us know and you might just find others to join you.

KEEP MOVING FITNESS
Keep Moving Fitness is offered every Friday except for the 3rd Friday when we celebrate birthdays. This is a program designed for 55 and Betters, often sitting in a chair. Linda Osborne has been our instructor for years and designs our sessions to fit our needs. Most participants express how much better they feel after each week. Join us at 9:30 AM on the second floor of the Student Center, and you will not regret it. There is no charge for this class

SA READS
SA Reads needs your help to sort, categorize, and clean donated books that are used in local schools to provide reading material to children who may not have the opportunity to own books of their own.



Jane Warren (210-493-5187) is the person to contact with any questions about this program. The work is done at Firstmark Credit Union, 10730 Gulfdale Drive, on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Join in on this great service project as well as the fellowship of working together.

LOOKING AHEAD
DECEMBER 5
Elf Louis Gift Wrapping
10:00 AM 12:00 PM
391 Industrial Park Drive, San Antonio 78226
Meet us there or catch the shuttle from FPC at 9:00 AM. Lunch after at Acadiana Cafe if you can join us (Separate checks for this one.)

DECEMBER 7
Christmas Party with Special Musical Guest, Tom Dooling and Jae Ha.

DECEMBER 13
Christmas Lights River Cruise

We have reserved a 30-passenger boat this year for an opportunity to see the Lights on the River Walk. The trip is from 6:00-7:00 PM and we have made dinner reservations for 30 at Casa Rio, total cost for boat and dinner is \$26.

FEBRUARY 1
Rick Cavender will be back with us again. Save the date now!!!

JANUARY 11
Mayor Ron Nirenberg will speak.




FIRST CUP READINGS NOVEMBER, 2018

Dear Family in Christ,

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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

- 1 Judges 1-2; Deuteronomy 4:1-14, 6:10-7:6;
2 Corinthians 6:14-18
- 2 Judges 3; Deuteronomy 8-9; Psalm 50
- 3 Judges 4-5; Psalm 89

Depth of mercy! can there by mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear? Me, the chief of sinners, spare? I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face; Would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls. Still for me the Saviour stands, shows His wounds, and spreads His hands; God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps, and loves me still. (The Hymnbook, No. 273)

- 4 Judges 6; Exodus 34:10-14; Ezekiel 13:13-23;
Colossians 3:5-11; Ephesians 5:3-6
- 5 Judges 7-8; Deuteronomy 20:8; Psalm 76;
2 Corinthians 4:7-18
- 6 Judges 13-14; Proverbs 22:6, 12:4, 18:22, 16:9,
20:24; Jeremiah 10:23
- 7 Judges 15-16; Proverbs 6:20-26, 34, 14:1, 16:4, 9,
31:30; Ecclesiastes 7
- 8 Ruth 1; Psalm 88; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Psalm 30
- 9 Ruth 2; Leviticus 19:9-10; Romans 12:9-21;
James 2:14-16; Luke 6:38
- 10 Ruth 3; Proverbs 3:5-6, 20:24, 31:10; Psalm 37

The steps of those whom He approves are ordered by the Lord; And though they fall, held by His hand, they yet shall be restored. I have not seen, though since my youth full many years have fled, The saint forsaken, nor beheld His children begging bread. Mark well the perfect, upright man, as still his years increase; Behold his life, and thou shalt see his journey end in peace. (The Hymnbook, No. 422)

- 11 Ruth 4; Leviticus 25:23-25; Deuteronomy 25:5-10;
Psalm 103
- 12 1 Samuel 1-2:11; Psalm 66; Philippians 4:6-7;
Ephesians 3:20-21
- 13 1 Samuel 2:12-4:1a; Proverbs 3:11-12, 15:31-32,
23:13; Hebrews 12:1-13
- 14 1 Samuel 4:1b-22; Proverbs 19:18;
Ezekiel 33:10-20; Galatians 6:1-10
- 15 Deuteronomy 17:14-20, 28; 1 Samuel 8
- 16 1 Samuel 9-10; Psalm 5

- 17 1 Samuel 11 (read again 1 Samuel 8:4-19);
Habakkuk 2:18-20; Psalm 31

*Grace and truth shall mark the way where the Lord His
own will lead, If His word they still obey and His testi-
monies heed. For Thy name's sake hear Thou me, for
Thy mercy, Lord, I wait; Pardon my iniquity, for my sin
is very great. He who walks in godly fear in the path
of truth shall go. Peace shall be his portion here, and
his sons all good shall know. They that fear and love
the Lord shall His holy friendship know; He will grace
to them accord, and His faithful covenant show. (The
Hymnbook, No. 372)*


- 18 1 Samuel 7:15-17, 12; Joshua 24:14-15
19 1 Samuel 13; Deuteronomy 12:5-14;
Ecclesiastes 9:18; Proverbs 15:4, Psalm 4
20 1 Samuel 14; Proverbs 16:1, 3, 4, 9, 33, 18:18
21 1 Samuel 15; Psalm 40:6-8, 51:16-17; Isaiah 1:11-17;
Hebrews 10:8-10
22 Psalm 2; Matthew 25:31-46; John 18:28-37;
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
23 Psalm 9, 10
24 Psalm 47; 145

The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice! From world to world the joy shall ring, the Lord Omnipotent is King. The Lord is King! who then shall dare resist His will, distrust His care, or murmur at His wise decrees, or doubt His royal promises? One Lord, one empire, all secures; He reigns, and life and death are yours: Thru earth and heaven one song shall ring, the Lord Omnipotent is King! (The Hymnbook, No. 83)

- 25 Matthew 13
26 Matthew 18, 19:16-30
27 Matthew 21:28-22:14
28 Matthew 24
29 Luke 21:5-36; Matthew 10
30 Isaiah 59; Ezekiel 18:30-32

FIRST CUP PRAYER LIST

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