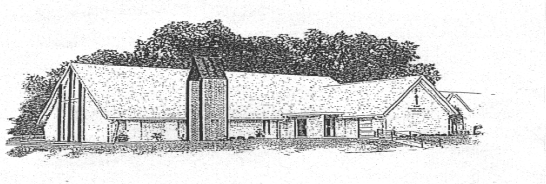


## SESSION ACTIONS

April 16, 2015

- **Worshiped and prayed together**
- **Approved purchase of two piano benches from Sanctuary Renovations Fund**
- **Approved a new member for Scholarship Committee**
- **Approved Preacher Rotation for the month of July**
- **Reviewed Holy Week Services**
- **Reviewed the Chili Cook-Off Event**
- **Reviewed the Spanish Class**
- **Reviewed Strong graveside service**
- **Discussed personnel committee work for new secretary**
- **Discussed financial information for quarterly report**
- **Changed purple grape juice to white grape juice during communion for the purpose of clarity**



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### WHO HAS THE POWER!

I have a very dear friend who is ageing (*aren't we all?*) and her adult daughter is taking on more of the “parent” role in their relationship. It’s a difficult switch for both of them. I can’t help them, for several reasons, one of which is that neither has asked me. But what I’ve observed is that the daughter is having difficulty because, although she is “in charge,” her mother refuses to do as instructed.

I imagine God feels the same way. We know that God has the answers. We know that God has the plan. We know that God has the experience. Yet, when we pray, we think that *we* have the power. Not to tell God what to do, but we certainly we can make suggestions. We carefully think through all the possibilities and the timing, then we encourage God to appreciate our ideas, and do as we proposed.

On *Blue Ribbon Sunday*, we heard statistics about children – right here in the USA, and even in Rusk County – who struggle. They’re hungry, or they’re abused, or they’re socially challenged for a variety of reasons. We think *somebody* ought to do something. But we feel powerless.

So, here’s what I would propose. I propose that we pray. Yes, pray! Pray because your prayers reach God’s ears and God’s power. Pray because we are commanded to Love One Another. Pray because God loves those children even more than you love your own. Pray because you truly *are powerless*. But God is not. God’s power is endless. God’s power is abundant. God’s power is righteous. We can be part of God’s plan, and even God’s power, if we give all possibilities and all credit to God.

Pray for your own situation – not with suggestions, but with gratitude for the best answers that are coming. Pray for your church – not with suggestions, but with appreciation for all that God is guiding. Pray for the children, who’s names you don’t even know – not with suggestions, but with anticipation of God’s power making a difference. A difference in the lives of others. A difference in Rusk County. A difference in the USA.

You have the power – the power to pray and to wait for God’s massive power to unfold. To God be all praise!

*Candice*

And Jesus said, “Pray then in this way. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.....”

– *Matthew 6:9-10*

## *Welcome New Members*



**On March 22, 2015, mother and daughter, Peggy Morgan and Claudia Morgan-Gray, transferred their memberships from the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington New Mexico to the First Presbyterian Church of Henderson, Texas.**

**Peggy, a Texan by birth, recently moved from New Mexico where she had lived for over 60 years to Henderson to live with her daughter, Claudia, and son-in-law, Weldon. Peggy had actually been coming to Henderson for extended visits on and off for the past 10 years but only made the official move three years ago. Peggy was born and raised in the Humble, Texas area and attended the University of Texas at Austin where she met her future and life-long partner, the late Jack M. Morgan. Peggy was raised in the Methodist Church but soon after marrying in 1947, she began attending the Presbyterian Church in Portales, New Mexico. Employment took the newlyweds to Farmington where they lived and worshipped at the First Presbyterian Church for the next 60 plus years. Peggy was an Elder in the Farmington church and honors that designation in her commitment to the Henderson church.**

**Claudia, a native of New Mexico, grew up in Farmington and the Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Claudia attended college at New Mexico State University majoring in Journalism and found her way to Austin Texas for work in the early 80s. She lived and worked in Austin, for nearly 24 years. But love and marriage brought her to Henderson in 2002.**

**Though I've lived in Texas for approximately 30 years, I was born in Moline, Illinois as my father was a metallurgist for John Deere. I attended Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa where I studied psychology, sociology, Human Growth and Behavior, etc. I was a medical Transcriptionist for many years but was most fulfilled by my job as psychometrist performing psych testing on patients post-stroke/head trauma...seeing those able to improve with hard work, time and family prayer.**

**I came to FPC in December 2013 and have felt welcomed since. I became a member of FPC on February 15, 2015, gratefully and happily.**

**Debbie Murphy**



or undeveloped land. As with securities, a gift of real estate can generate an income tax charitable deduction and may provide you a capital gains tax savings. You may also give items of marketable, tangible personal property such as works of art or antiques.

### *Bequests*

You are encouraged to include a bequest gift to FPC Henderson in your will. This can be a percentage or a specific portion of your estate. You can also designate FPC Henderson as the beneficiary of your IRA or a portion of your IRA.

### *Gift Annuities*

You can make a gift of cash or securities to create a Charitable Gift Annuity for FPC Henderson and in return receive a fixed annual income for life. The amount of the annuity paid to you and the amount of the income tax charitable deduction depends on your age at the time of the gift.

### *Charitable Remainder Trusts – unitrusts and annuity trusts*

A unitrust pays a variable amount of income to you and/or a designated beneficiary. An annuity trust pays a fixed annual income. In each case, after the death of the beneficiary, FPC Henderson receives the remainder. These trusts provide tax savings, asset diversification, and income for life.

### *Charitable Lead Trusts*

You can make a gift to FPC Henderson by placing assets in a trust which provides that trust income be paid to FPC Henderson for a term of years. When the trust terminates, the principal can revert to you or your designated beneficiaries, typically children or grandchildren. The charitable lead trust can offer significant gift and estate tax savings.

### *Gifts of Life Insurance*

An insurance policy may be an attractive asset to designate as a gift to FPC Henderson. Contributing ownership of a fully paid-up life insurance policy can enable you to make a larger gift and obtain favorable tax benefits. It is also possible to use a current life insurance policy to make a gift to FPC Henderson.

### *Questions?*

If you would like more information on planned Legacy, contact me or any one on my committee (Bert Lowe, Tom Laney, Carol Scoggins, and Tom Weaver (Treasurer). We would celebrate the opportunity to help you find the financial expert you need.

**Thank you for your concerns and support for our Church  
God Bless**

Bill Stanley

Those of us who know and love First Presbyterian Church Henderson have an opportunity to help serve its special spiritual mission for future generations. Planned giving options are designed to help FPC Henderson meet its outreach and mission initiatives, preserve the church building, and endow the future for the benefit of those who follow us. Through Planned Giving, you can help yourself, your church, and future generations. At the same time you may also receive favorable tax benefits.

We offer these choices to help members and friends of FPC Henderson invest in its future and learn how to maximize the value of their financial commitment to the church. Help is available with estate planning which allows charitable interests and financial needs to go hand in hand.

All gifts for the future of FPC Henderson are welcome regardless of form or size and are deeply appreciated, as are continuing gifts and pledges to the Annual Budget Fund. We encourage you to discuss your plans and wishes in confidence.

You should always consult your financial advisor, accountant, or lawyer before making any donations of property, appreciated securities, or a substantial amount of cash.

### Gifts of Cash

The simplest way you can contribute to First Presbyterian Church is to make an outright gift of cash, the full amount of which may qualify as an income tax deduction.

### Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Giving long-term appreciated securities to FPC provides two income tax benefits: no capital gains tax is imposed on the appreciated portion of the gift, and you may claim an income tax charitable deduction based on the stock's fair market value at the time the gift is made. Because you can avoid the capital gains tax, it is always more advantageous to contribute appreciated securities directly rather than selling the securities and donating the proceeds.

### Gifts of Closely Held Stock

You can also give stock in a closely held business to FPC. Stocks that are not publicly traded require special processing and a qualified appraisal obtained by the donor.

### Other Outright Gifts

A gift of real estate may consist of a full or partial ownership interest in almost any type of real property: residence, vacation home, farm, commercial property,



I was born in Geneva, New York. I grew up in East Moline, Illinois. At 17 I joined the Navy where I served for 22 years, retiring in 1996. I moved to Texas at that time. I moved to Henderson, Texas in May of 2014 to reconnect with a very special person. I work at Lowe's in the lumber department. I started going to FPC the first week I was here and have felt very much at home. I became a member of FPC on March 19, 2015 and am very happy I did.

**Juan Castro**

**THANK YOU  
FOR PARTICIPATING  
AND  
CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE WINNERS!**

RUSK COUNTY ELECTRIC WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE 2015 OVERALL WINNERS OF THE CHILI-COOKOFF FOR SCHOLARSHIPS CONTEST

WINNERS	PRIZES
1st Place – Pine Hill Masonic Lodge	\$1000
2nd Place – Rusk County Go Texans	\$ 700
3rd Place – Happy At Home Healthcare	\$ 500

*Other participating teams receiving \$200 scholarships:*

Advancing At Home/Autumn Leaves	Full Armor Christian Academy
At Home Healthcare	Henderson Federal Savings
Azalea Place	Luminant Oakhill Mines
Citizens National Bank	Mt. Enterprise Ag Backers
Eastex Telephone	Rusk County Farm Bureau Insurance
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Rusk County Republican Party
First Presbyterian Church	Texas Bank

*A special thanks to all chili cookers for participating in our 78th Annual Meeting and helping the youth of East Texas.*

**Rusk County Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ROCK!

Happy Day from PW! We are enjoying the Spring showers that have fallen over the last few weeks. We are grateful for the moisture and its gentle incentive for all the Spring growth to bloom.

As we shared last edition, the Presbyterian Women are an active and passionate group. Our monthly gatherings are where we share time, camaraderie, presence – physical and spiritual, and similar aspects of ourselves as well as differences that bring us lessons and learning. It is an hour of shared grace. We invite all women to come and experience and discover a little unexpected “wonder” of this time. Our normal meeting time is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (September – May\*) at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. Unless otherwise arranged, the meeting is “brown bag.” We strive to keep our gathering to an hour to accommodate those that participate on their lunch break from work. Our next meeting, however, will deviate from this schedule and arrangement. As it will be the last get together for this season and because the fourth Monday falls on Memorial Day, we have moved the meeting to the previous Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and it will be a Salad Luncheon. Everyone attending should bring a salad with enough to share with everyone. Carol Scoggins will be our lesson leader for this celebratory event.

Our Monday, April 27, 2015 meeting was so good. Our lesson leader was Jane Fahle. Jane brought lots of food for thought and based our lesson on the “Speaking Forth God” in the March/April edition of *The Upper Room*. We all enjoyed the lesson, the interaction, the conversation and the fellowship of the day.

In addition to our monthly gatherings, the Presbyterian Women are up, out and about with other projects. As an expanded group from the church, we took the reins into the kitchen to cook up a little (15+ gallons) chili. As we reported to you last month, our team, the “Presbys” entered and competed in the Rusk County Electric Cooperative’s Annual Chili Cook-off held in conjunction with their 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Home, Ranch & Garden Show. The April 9<sup>th</sup> event held at the Rusk County Expo Center showcased the community-commitment and the chili-cooking prowess of 20 cooking teams. And, while we did not bring home a prize ribbon, we did bring back to the church a lot of good-will, shared moments and lasting memories.... and, of course, some left over chili. Just so you know, there will be Frito pie, chili dog, and taco salad moments in the future of our congregation. In addition to the Presbyterian Women that participated in this extracurricular activity, our thanks and appreciation to John Tieken and Bob Schauwecker – now honorary PWs! In addition, the Presbys were awarded a check for \$200.00 for

## Did You Know?



Did you know that the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970? The idea was that of Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, who after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, wanted to put environmental protection onto the national political agenda. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the *Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts*. In 1995 President Bill Clinton awarded Senator Nelson with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given to civilians in the United States, for his role in establishing Earth Day. Concern for a clean environment has become a global issue, and Earth Day is the largest civic event in the world, celebrated simultaneously around the globe by people of all backgrounds, faiths, and nationalities. More than a billion people participate each year. On April 19 in worship, we acknowledged by liturgy, word, and songs our Presbyterian tenet that it is our responsibility to care for one another and all of God’s creation.

Christian Education Green Team



Jane & Tolly Dill, Bob Hays, Cindy Ratliff, Debbie Murphy, and Neil Pennal

Prayer  
Requests



On Sunday, April 19, Earth Sunday was observed in worship with the chancel area being dressed with blues for the sky and water and green plants for the life giving earth. Passages were read from the Bible, the Presbyterian Book of Order, and the Presbyterian Book of Confessions which all state that humanity has the responsibility to care for one another and for all creation.



*Look our friend Jack came to visit!*

our chili entry. We have passed the check along to Carol Scoggins and the rest of the Scholarship Committee to be put to great use in advancing the education of one of our scholarship recipients.

Our second great adventure began Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and it was muy bueno (very good!). Yes, our Spanish Lesson Class took its first flight on April 16<sup>th</sup> and our second class was April 23. We have a great class of excited and anxious learners and a wonderful (and patient teacher). From all accounts, it is going to be an educational, fun-filled, spiritual-based adventure. We have a really good turn-out that includes members of our Church as well as a few welcomed members of our community. John Cunyus and his wife, Rocio, opened our hearts and minds as we waded into the deep end of learning and/or relearning Spanish. It is not too late to join us. The class is a 10-week course with now 8 weeks remaining. If you are interested, class will be every Thursday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm from now until June 18<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. We ordered extra text books. If you are interested in participating, please let Claudia Morgan-Gray know at [claudiam@tstci.org](mailto:claudiam@tstci.org) or 903-646-0506. Gracias!

Another upcoming event that the Presbyterian Women are taking a leadership role and participating in is the May 10<sup>th</sup> worship service celebrating the “Gifts of Women.” By no coincidence, May 10<sup>th</sup> is also Mother’s Day. During the “Gifts of Women” service, several of our PWs will be actively involved in the service. Jane Fahle will be Liturgist and other women of the congregation will join her in facilitating this Gifts of Women service.

As we near the beginning of May let’s remember all the celebrations of April and look forward to all the celebrations coming this month – including Mother’s Day, Gifts of Women (May 10), Armed Forces Day (May 16) and Memorial Day (May 25).

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** *“Always leave people better than you found them. Hug the hurt. Kiss the broken. Befriend the lost and love the lonely.”*

So for today and every day, go forward and be nicer than you have to be in every encounter. And remember, “the world is full of good people. If you can’t find one..... be one!”



Christian Education News Bulletin:

## KIDS FOR GOD BID FAREWELL TO MS. LINDA

On Wednesday, April 22, Linda Davis said good-bye to her beloved Kids for God. Linda, her husband Mark, and her grandson Jordan Kohn are moving to Temple, Texas, on May 1<sup>st</sup> to be near Linda's daughter Sunny, who is very ill.

Ms. Linda has been a faithful co-leader of Kids for God and active in outreach ministries at First Presbyterian Church. She and her family came to Henderson to escape the Katrina/Rita Hurricanes. Their first contact with our church was with Kathy Porter, who visited Mark's mother and other nursing home residents while they were sheltered in the Henderson Community Center during that frightful time.

We want to thank Ms. Linda for all she has done for us. She was in charge of Kids for God service projects, such as SmileTrain, Heifer International, and East Texas Food Bank. She made hand-crafted containers for the Kids to use to collect and save their pennies. Linda recognized their accomplishments with a session-approved Kids for God Honor Wall, which she designed and installed in the Fellowship Hall.

Linda also kept the Kids' refreshments well stocked, supervised the Kids' craft projects, and decorated their meeting room for seasonal and end-of-school parties. The Kids could always expect special surprises. Ms. Linda spoiled us all, and we are all better people because God sent her our way!

Please pray with us for God to bless Linda and her family and to enable them to continue to bless others, especially dear Sunny.

KIDS FOR GOD and the KFG TEAM—Lynn Tieken, Kathy Porter, Dr. Sue Williams, and Bert Lowe



## FPC Commission

The Commission has met with a two brick masons, representatives from All Seasons Windows, Hall Mfg., a lighting engineer from Texas Lighting, and a representative from Church Interiors. Our immediate focus is on lighting & window work. My feeling is the lighting & window work could be accomplished simultaneously. My hope is that the

Commission could have a recommendation to the Council for these two processes before the May Session Meeting. Hopefully that could be done at a called Session meeting so we could be moving forward with renovations ASAP. Repairs to the water damage located in the window area of the balcony were fortunately minimal & repairs have been completed. We know that we shall need to relocate worship services to the fellowship hall during some parts of the renovations but our goal is to keep that time at an absolute minimum. The Commission members continue to work very hard to get the best possible results keeping good stewardship in mind. I wish to extend my appreciation to everyone for their continued patience with the dust & slowness of progress. I believe you will be pleased when the process is complete.



As this choral year draws to a close, I would like to thank the following Chancel Choir members - Sally Hosea, Tim Wasson, Lynn Tieken, Kathy Porter, Bert Lowe, Margaret Hillin, Jan Pennel, Tom Laney, Pat Laney, and Cindy Ratliff - for their talents and dedication as music leaders in our services. I would also like to thank the congregation and staff for your many kind words regarding the choir and their contributions. We still have another month of choral offerings, but I wanted to be sure and thank the choir in a big way for their dedication and commitment to our church and worship services.

Mary Tidwell

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Another Lenten and Easter season has passed but not elapsed, as in gone and forgotten. After Advent and Christmas, don't we feel a little let down? That sense does not follow the celebration of Easter. Easter Day began with rain that peppered the roof of the sanctuary where 28 of us were warm and dry. Jan Pennal and John Nicholson did a dramatic dialogue between Mary Magdalene and Peter. Tom Laney continued the theme of the dialogue with the case that women were the first to discover the risen Christ, and were the first witnesses. A perfectly simple and tasty breakfast followed that required very little left to clean-up.

Bert, with Mary's accompaniment, began the 11:00 worship service with "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from *Messiah* by Handel. The choir sang, and Rev. Klein interpreted God's word in the sermon, "*Bodily Resurrection.*"

Now we look forward to Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, fifty days after Easter.

On Sundays, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Klein will be out of town. We have scheduled Rev. Dave Jenkins of Tyler to preach and administer the Sacrament of Communion. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, Sharon Templeman, SFA professor and seminary student, will preach. Both have preached here before.

May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day and we will honor the gifts of women of the church. In addition to Pentecost (Remember wear red.) Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, we will honor those who gave their lives in United States military service. Memorial Day is Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Bible Quiz

According to Acts 2, on Pentecost some people accused the disciples of being drunk. Why?



- A. Because they were still asleep at 9 in the morning.
- B. Because all the wine was gone.
- C. Because they were all speaking in foreign languages.
- D. All of the above.

Answer: C (See Acts 2:4, 13.)

## Outreach

I have to say thanks to Pastor Candice for doing such a beautiful job assembling the statistics and prayers we read corporately on Sunday, April 26th regarding the Children's Advocacy Center's Blue Ribbon Sunday campaign. It is my hope that many of you will consider giving to the Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center. It is right here in Henderson and does so much for abused children and their families. What a great ministry to support !!



Upcoming opportunities for outreach are the back to school supplies drive this summer and



the second annual Friendship Sunday on Sunday, August 30th. Mark your calendars now as we will combine the mission project of Heifer International with our outreach Friendship Sunday. August promises to be quite a month of outreach and mission opportunity !

Thanks be to God !  
Jan Pennal, chair

## MISSION

Our first special offering of the year, ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, totaled \$980 !

This is outstanding, FPC members ! Thank you for your support to feed the hungry, empower the self-development of the poor and oppressed, and help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance help the lives of so many who have been affected by natural disasters. What better time to support these programs than during the Lenten and Easter season! Great job !!

Our next special offering is right on the heels of OGHS. It is the Pentecost offering. Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus, thus it is the day on which the church was started. This offering will be available for you to give to throughout the whole month of May culminating on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. This offering will help bring God's comforting love to children at risk, nurture the growing faith of youth, and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders in the name of Jesus Christ.

\*\*\*Note that we are allowed to keep 40% of this Pentecost offering and it will be used in our own community \*\*\*

Upcoming mission projects will include the month of August being dedicated to Heifer International. Together we will learn to pass on the gift to help end hunger and poverty.

Your mission committee is striving to bring projects and special offerings alive in 2015 !  
Thanks for your very generous gifts thus far.

Jan Pennal, chair

## MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Kids for God each Wed. 4:30 p.m.	Spanish Class each Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	1	2
3 Rev. Jenkins Preaching	4	5	6 Sally Hosea	7	8	9
	↔		Rev. Klein away	↔		
10 	11	12	13 Tolly Dill Pat Laney Patsy Reynolds	14	15 Rev. Klein	16
17	18 Bert Lowe Mary Lowe Adopt A Block 4:30p.m. P.W. Lunch	19	20	21 Mike Dill L.E.A.N. 2:00 p.m. Session Mtg. 7:30p.m.	22	23
24 Recognition of our Military	25 	26 Tela Snelgrove	27	28	29	30
	↔		Rev. Klein away	↔		
31 Sharron Templeton preaching						

### Greetings

The Communications Committee is updating everyone's current information. It has been a very long time since we have done this and our world has changed considerably. More are using email to communicate with each other, many have disconnected their land line and exclusively use their cell phone. This is all well and good; however, we need to know how best to reach you. We want to be connected.

Please complete the information below and return to us by return mail, dropping in the collection plate or by email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

My preference to receive communication is by: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and phone number:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for providing this information and should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Weaver, Kathy Porter or Claudia Morgan-Gray.

Sincerely,

Your Communications Committee