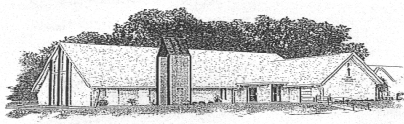


**Potato & A Show .... Fellowship Committee Invites YOU**  
**One Potato, Two Potato, Three Potato..... more? Save the date -- as the FPC Fellowship Committee invites you to join them Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the FPC Fellowship Hall for a “Potato Bar & Show.” Yes, the Fellowship Committee & Friends have planned an evening of fun, food, flick and fellowship – and, we want you to join us! In addition to a fix your own Potato Bar – which will include toppings like butter, cheese, sour cream, chives, and chili – we will also be watching Jeannie Robertson DVD. Jeannie is a southern motivational speaker/humorist and her husband is affectionately known as LB – Left Brain.**

**It is sure to be an evening full of laughter and laughter is the fireworks of the soul. We hope you will plan to join us. If you have any questions or suggestions to help make the evening soar, please feel free to contact Fonta at 903-657-2264 or Claudia at 903-646-0506 or [claudiam@tstci.org](mailto:claudiam@tstci.org).**



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### The 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly *Streamed for you to watch...*



I wonder how many of you have attended a Presbyterian General Assembly. Recently? Within the last decade? Ever? I wonder how many of you actually know what it is. I wonder how many of you have told me you would “*never*” attend one. And I wonder how many of you have issues with the decisions that come from a General Assembly.

Well, I have wonderfully good news for each of you! This year at the General Assembly (that is, an *assembly of people* who represent the whole denomination) one of the Ruling Elders from Grace Presbytery will represent not only this Presbytery, but this very church! Mrs. Kathy Porter will attend the General Assembly this June as a commissioner. She will vote there; she will attend committee meetings there; she will *hob-nob* with Presbyterians from all over the U.S.A. The G.A. is held every two years, in a different city each time. It consists of Presbyterian folks, *just folks*, who are members of Presbyterian Church Sessions, or Presbytery committees, or Synod groups. Half of the commissioners will be ruling elders, half will be teaching elders. Few will ever have been commissioners to the General Assembly before, but will have served in one of the other governing bodies of our church.

This year, the General Assembly will be held over nine days in June in Portland, Oregon. And Kathy will be there.

We are very proud to be represented so well. We are going to be watching to see what the assembled commissioners decide, knowing that Kathy will have voted on every issue they will discuss.

And here’s the really good news..... Gathered portions of the General Assembly will be computer streamed *live*. People all over the country may sit at their computers and watch exactly what’s happening, exactly what’s decided, exactly who said what at the debate. And Kathy will be there.

So, for three evenings, while the General Assembly is in session, your Christian Education Committee (always interested in the education of this congregation) has offered to show the *live feed* on our TV in the Fellowship Hall. For three evenings, Wed through Fri, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, we will offer you a sandwich, a cold soda, perhaps some popcorn, and a chance to watch any part or all of the proceedings, and to ask me questions while you’re here.

The experience is fascinating! It is surprisingly “decent and in order” and speakers who are passionate about their issue, always sound so polite. It’s what our congressional gatherings should look like. It’s our denomination, in action, alive, and well. And Kathy will be there. We’ll look for her whenever the TV cameras pan the convention floor.

Please put it on your calendar. It’s our chance to look Presbyterian. You may wear your blue shirt to get in the spirit of it all. You may come once, or all three times. I will be there to talk you through it. Others who have been to previous G.A.s will also answer your questions. Come! Be Presbyterian! Our church is really one of God’s favorites, you know.

Blessings,

*Candice*

“On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly. You shall do no laborious work.” — *Numbers 29:35*

**MISSION**

Our first special offering of the year, One Great Hour of Sharing, yielded \$830. Thanks to all who helped feed the hungry, empower the poor and support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance! You are indeed a giving bunch of Presbys!!

Our next special offering, Pentecost, is underway and will run the first three weeks of May ending on Sunday, May 15. This offering is all about the children! It is about helping young people begin life with a strong start--a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Our gifts will help unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our church will be able to keep 40% of this offering to be used locally. Last year we were able to help our YAV, Mary Medina.

Our first check from our Kroger Community rewards was received for the amount of \$77.86. Thank you for recognizing that the simple act of grocery shopping can help us support many worthwhile mission projects.

We also received a card from Camp Gilmont thanking us for our ongoing commitment.

Just look at what we can do together for God's mission and outreach work!

God's blessings to you all.....  
Jan Pennal, chair--mission and outreach



**OUTREACH**

Thank you to the outreach team and our Pastor in leading in the special service remembering and praying for the victims of child abuse and their families. Sunday, April 24 was Blue Ribbon Sunday for the Rusk/Panola Children's Advocacy Center. We prayed together and heard Lynn read the story of the blue ribbon. It is a story that is hard to hear but is so important! Our prayers are always needed.

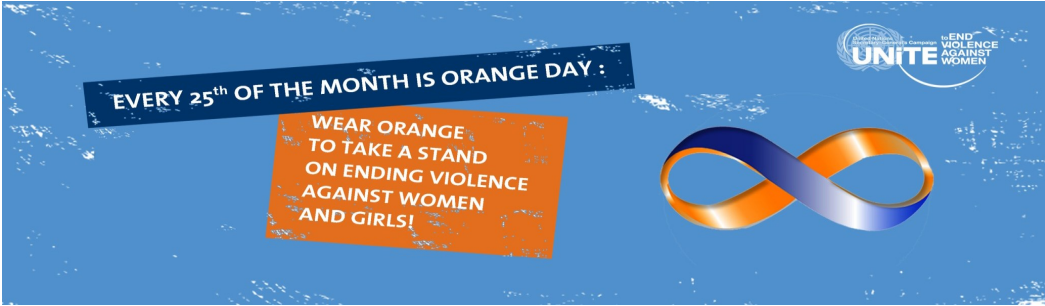
**IT'S GOOD TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN!**

April brought showers and hopefully May will bring the promised abundance of flowers. Keeping all who have suffered and continue to struggle with damage of the rain in our minds and heart.

On April 9, Lynn Tieken and Claudia Morgan-Gray of our PW group, traveled to Tyler to attend the Spring Meeting of area Presbyterian Women. We had a glorious day of fun, friendship, fellowship and learning. We connected with other PWs from throughout the area. We were also made aware of a United Nations project called "Unite to End Violence Against Women." Through this group, the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month has been proclaimed "Orange Day." As a bright and optimistic color, orange represents a future free from violence against women and girls. Our PW group will take a look at encouraging participation in this Orange Day momentum so that every month on the 25<sup>th</sup> we will help bring focus to the epidemic of violence against women. This monthly focus will be in addition to the November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Please join us in wearing orange every month on the 25<sup>th</sup>! For our April meeting, several of our group went for a visit and tour of the Son Shine Lighthouse on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Carol Scoggins, Lynn Tieken, Pat Laney, Lavonne Schauwecker and Jan Mims. After a wonderful tour and the testimony of two residents at Son Shine, the group went to lunch at the New London Museum Tea Room. With their hearts, souls and stomachs full, they returned to Henderson!

Remember to mark your calendar and save the date for the end of season Salad Lunch with PW that we will hold on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30.

So for today and every day, go forward and be a light in someone's world.







The Chancel Choir has agreed to continue meeting weekly on Wednesdays over the Summer months. In this we hope to continue to develop as a choir, and provide Worship anthems on a more frequent basis. There are also plenty of choir robes available and ample seating in the choir loft, perhaps you may know of someone wanting to come sing with us? We have fun.



We will begin the process of replacing the speaker cones for the organ. The speaker cones are old, cracked, and deteriorated to the point of failure...perhaps you've heard some of the "popping, buzzing, and crackling" while the organ is being played.

Please continue to keep the Music Ministry in your prayers.

Mark

## COUNCIL ACTIONS

April 21, 2016

- Worshiped and prayed together
- Accepted a new member
- Heard plans from CE to livestream part of GA
- Heard a report from Member Care that a designated prayer companion will be praying
- each Sunday for the service
- Accepted upon the recommendation of the Worship Committee a donation for chancel furniture
- Heard feedback on Holy Week, Easter services, breakfast
- Voted to form a subcommittee under Building and Grounds whose sole charge will be to develop an overall landscape and outside beautification plan for FPC Henderson and to make a recommendation to the B & G Committee
- Heard plans to complete the renovations to the sanctuary
- Discussed plans for VBS July 18-21 at FPC
- Heard B & G plans to remove the eastern section of the chain link fence in the back of the church
- Heard plans for Earth Day Prayer Service as well as Earth Sunday



### NOTE FROM CLAIRE RAMBERG:

As many of you know Aaron and I will be participating in the 2016 Oklahoma City Parkinson's Rally Walk and 5K on May 1st. Each spring these events bring together hundreds of family and friends who gather to rally around their loved ones. If you would like to help our team by contributing to raise funds to strengthen the Oklahoma Parkinson's community (which has been the most wonderful, supporting group to Aaron) please go to my personalized website:

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=1152825&supId=434875242>.

If you would like to contribute with a check, instead of a credit card, just make the check out to Parkinson Foundation of Oklahoma. You may send the check to me at: 917 NW 41<sup>st</sup>, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. I will then take it to the Parkinson Foundation. Anybody that would like to join us for the walk, you are welcome to come! Thank you so much for all the support you have given to both Aaron and myself, through your kind thoughts and prayers. If you would like to support this, we would greatly appreciate it!

Again, thank you so much,  
Claire

### SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS!!!

The carpet people have already moved all of the pews out of the Sanctuary and are removing the old carpet as I write this note. The workers are pleasant and very efficient. The safety rail people have delivered their material and will return at a later date to perform the installation. I am hopeful we will be complete with the renovations in the next week or two. I speak for the Commission when I give our deepest appreciation to the generous families who made this work possible. We hope all, especially the donors and God, are pleased. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and anyone who might be looking for a Church Home to worship with us in our new and fresh Sanctuary.

Respectfully,

First Presbyterian Church Building Commission, Kathy Porter, Tom Laney,  
Pastor Candice Klein, Bob Schauwecker, Bill Stanley, and John Ticken





## FPC HONORS EARTH DAY 2016

Earth Day, April 22 -- the day globally set aside since 1970 to acknowledge environmental issues and to think about our individual impact on Mother Earth and our overall environment! To acknowledge this day, is to take time to think about your individual contribution to preserving the Earth – whether it be you recycle aluminum cans, newspapers, and glass or use paper rather than plastic or carry your own reusable grocery bags, drink one (plastic) bottle of water and refill it or use a refillable bottle; whether you toss trash out of your car or wait and dispose of it properly in a trash bin.

Care for creation is one of the Tenets of the Presbyterian Church. Taking care of our Earth is part of our faith fiber. That is why on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> the official Earth Day, members of our church along with friends, family and other citizens joined world leaders and other people of faith around the globe who gathered at noon, local time, to share a moment of pause and prayer for the environmental and climate healing of our Earth.

First Presbyterian Church of Henderson became an officially recognized and certificated “Green Congregation” in 2015 and was re-certified this year. This year, as every year, we ask our fellow citizens to remember to be gentle with and to our Earth --she is the only one we have!



## NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM



The Worship Team continues to work to make our services at First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, TX meaningful using all our senses to feel God’s presence with us, during worship, and then, carrying this feeling on as we go to our homes, work places, and into the community and the world. I hope you were able to be with us for Earth Care Sunday/Child Advocacy Sunday on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Lsha Stanley and Kathy Porter (Enhancement Team) outdid themselves with even a waterfall from the pulpit helping us remember all that God has given us to enjoy. Remembering child abuse, we donned blue ribbons, and prayed together, encouraging constant prayer for these, the neglected. We hope to have training soon regarding the sound/lighting/recording aspects of our services, and are so thankful to have Fonta Conway back in her “on high” chair in the balcony at work again. Liturgists are needed every week, so if that may be a calling for you, please contact Lynn Tieken, our pastor, or any member of the Worship Team. We approved the donation of new furniture for the Sanctuary, namely a Pulpit, Communion Table, and Baptismal Font, being crafted by Hall Manufacturing. This donation comes anonymously, from a member of our congregation. This body at FPC is very generous. We are blessed. We would welcome new members to the Worship Team at any time.

Lynn Tieken, Chair

*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

**Members of the Congregation:** Judy Andrasko, Jack Clark, Fonta Conway, Syble and Tom DeLoach, Tolly Dill, Jack Gray, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Lavonne Schauwecker, Ruling Elders serving on Session

**Connected Family:** Connor Bradshaw – Porter’s grandson, Diane Dill and Mike Dill - Tolly Dill’s daughter and son, Doris Madkins - dear friend of the congregation, Mary Medina – Tieken’s granddaughter, serving as Presbyterian YAV, Our grandchildren attending college

**Friends and Neighbors:** Family and friends of Martha Paul Bennett, Dr. David Craig – friend of the congregation, Kids for God – staff and children, PNC at First Pres, Kilgore as they search for a pastor

Those loved ones known only to God



## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that bottled water is a growing concern for the environment? Yes, it's refreshing, calorie-free, convenient to carry around, tastier than some tap water and a lot healthier than sugary sodas. But more and more, people are questioning whether the water, and the package it comes in, is safe, or at least safer than tap water—and if the convenience is worth the environmental impact.

Making bottles to meet America's demand for bottled water uses more than 17 million barrels of oil annually, enough to fuel 1.3 million cars for a year. And that's not even including the oil used for transportation. Americans use about 50 billion plastic water bottles a year. However, the U.S.'s recycling rate for plastic is only 23 percent, which means 38 billion water bottles—more than \$1 billion worth of plastic—are thrown away each year. Thanks to the slow rate of breakdown (centuries), the vast majority of all plastics ever produced still exist—somewhere.

Bottled water is healthy water—or so marketers would have us believe. Just look at the labels or the bottled water ads: deep pristine pools of spring water, majestic alpine peaks, healthy, active people gulping down icy bottled water. In reality, bottled water is just water and no healthier than tap water. In fact, a good portion of bottled water comes from municipal water sources.

What can we do? There's a simple alternative to bottled water: Invest in a good water bottle, refill it, and use it. The new stainless steel ones (Yeti and others) will keep liquids cool up to 24 hours. Don't like the way your tap water tastes? Invest in a carbon filter for your water faucet, or get a water pitcher with a filter and have good tasting water at a fraction of the cost of bottled water. If you forget your water or find yourself in a situation where you have to buy bottled water, please recycle. No matter how small or insignificant your actions may seem, they matter. It only takes 1 person to start a movement that could possibly lead to a major environment breakthrough. Are you going to be that person?



The C. E. Green Team





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT:

### EARTH DAY

As you may have noticed, “Going Green” is an important part of the Christian Education (CE) Ministry at First Presbyterian Church. You may soon be thinking, “Those CE folks at FPC are just having too much fun!”

With “Going Green” on their minds on the Wednesday before Earth Day, the staff of Kids for God decided to show how the Earth really feels about the trash and other stuff people throw on it—every day!

One of the staff members sat in the middle of the room, proudly smiling with her name (“Earth”) tied around her neck. Other staff members casually walked by and tossed trash, garbage, and even wet, sticky bubble gum on “Earth”—and gradually, her smile turned into a sad, pitiful frown.

One very kind staff person stopped long enough to gently clean her up—and at last, Earth began to smile again! The kids enjoyed playing “Earth” and we believe they got it!

At noon on Earth Day, April 22, members of the church joined others in the nation in prayer for God’s beautiful Earth. Let’s all do what we can to keep “Earth” smiling!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM:

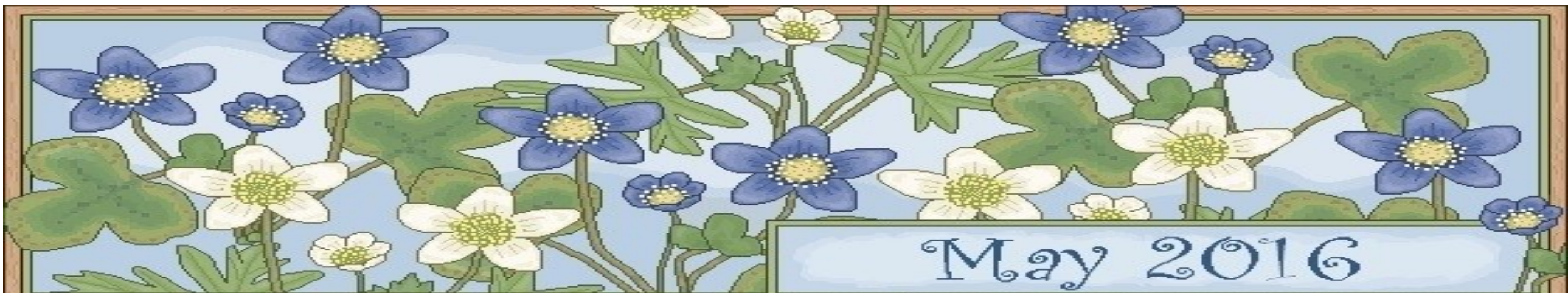
CE Team Leader: Bert Lowe

CE Members: Rev. Candice Klein, Jimmy Chapman, Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Kathy Porter and Claudia Morgan-Gray

CE Note: KIDS FOR GOD meet in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday from 4:15-5:15pm when school is in session. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to come for snacks, Bible lessons, prayer, games, and doses of God’s love. Each child must be registered by a parent or guardian. If you’d like to help or want to learn more, please let us hear from you.







*Sunday*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2	3	4 Kids For God 4:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm	5	6 Sally Hosea	7
8 mother's DAY	9	10 VBS Meeting 6:30pm	11 Kids For God 4:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm	12	13 Tolly Dill Pat Laney Patsy Reynolds	14
15 Pentecost Sunday Worship Meeting 12:00 Rev. Candice Klein	16	17 Potato Bar & Movie 6:00pm	18 Bert Lowe Mary Lowe Kids For God 4:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm	19 L.E.A.N. Mtg. 2pm Session Mtg. 6:30pm	20	21 Mike Dill
22	23 Presbyterian Women - 11:30 (Salad Luncheon) Pipeline Deadline	24	25 Kids For God 4:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm	26 Presbytery Meeting @ FPC McKinney, TX	27	28
29	30 memorial DAY Offices Closed	31				