

FELLOWSHIP



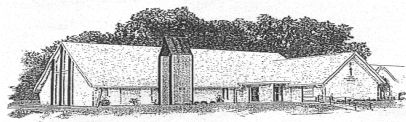
The Potato/Chili Movie Night hosted by the Fellowship Committee was a huge success! The committee is currently planning for the Watermelon and Ice Cream Supper in August.



OUTREACH NEWS

The outreach program of Adopt -a-Block continues monthly. The walk this month revealed and confirmed that life is hard. Several of our neighbors had concerns and asked for prayer. The outreach team is asking each person reading this article to pray for the good people of our AAB neighborhood. We know you do not know their names, but as we all know, our Lord Jesus knows, and that is all that matters. Thank you for your prayers.

Peace,
Jan Pennal, chair



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Change *Change* *change* **Change** *Change*
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Most people veer away from change. They prefer that things fall into a familiar pattern and seldom, if ever, deviate. That makes their lives recognizable, predictable, and dependable each day. They are prepared and know what to expect. They avoid surprises, especially difficult or painful ones. And they always have just the right "stuff" on hand to accommodate their day. How lovely. How pleasant. How unrealistic. How boring. How stuck.

Have you seen the renovated Sanctuary? changed

Have you met new church staff members? changed

Have you noticed new people in worship? changed

Have you come to the church on a Tuesday?

Have you sat in a different pew?

Have you joined a different committee?

Do you recognize yourself in this list?

We serve a God who is constantly moving. We serve a Lord who is Head of the Church, even when it looks different to us than it did a decade ago. We serve a Spirit who *floats* on God's breath! We need the freshness that change allows. And we back-peddle too often to try and avoid it. Wonder why.

If we always do what we've always done, then we'll always get what we've always gotten.

You want joy? Give to someone who has less than you have. You want purpose? Push the envelope and find out what talents you've been gifted with. You want more? Do something different. You want what you want, soon? Really?

The change that fetches sparks and confetti does not alight on those who sit and wait to be contacted. The laughter that adjusts blood pressure does not materialize in a vacuum. The change that improves requires risk, hope, community, faith.

Many of us will be in the Fellowship Hall for three evenings in June, (22nd – 24th) watching a *live stream* of the Presbyterian (USA) General Assembly. Change in the denomination will be decided there. If you vote along with your commissioners, you'll be encouraged to voice your opinion. We'll sit next to you, and ease the change momentum.

PAX -

Candice

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. – Psalm 46:2

UP TO SNUFF

The changes directed by the Henderson Fire Department to bring the building up to fire code are almost complete. The requirements were these: the addition of lighted exit signs and emergency lighting, carbon monoxide detectors, an additional smoke detector, and corrections to the four furnace exhaust stacks. Repair of the ceiling sheetrock in the equipment room off the Fellowship Hall will be done next.



IT'S GOOD TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN!

We came to the end of our meeting season for the summer break and spent a glorious afternoon together, Monday, May 23, 2016. We gathered for what has become tradition for an end of season Salad Luncheon. Everyone brought a salad to share-- the food was delicious and the conversation was lively. There we were having a perfect gathering and then it got even better. Jane Fahle, who has been keeping scrape books and photo albums on the church for many years, got the albums all up to date and brought them to share with us during the luncheon. It was such fun. We spent more time together looking through the albums and remembering people, events and moments. We laughed and remembered; we cried a little and remembered; and, then, we laughed some more.

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



8 IMPORTANT REASONS TO HAVE A WILL

Seven out of 10 of us DO NOT have a will!! What are we thinking? No will? Do we not care what happens to those assets we will leave behind?

Did you know?

1. Without a will, your state's laws—not you— determine how, when and to whom your property is distributed?
2. You can reduce (or perhaps even eliminate) estate taxes and save taxes in a survivor's estate?
3. You can name your executor to manage and settle your estate?
4. You can designate beneficiaries for items such as heirlooms, art objects, jewelry or real estate?
5. You may create trusts to provide for your spouse, children and others?
6. Through a pour over will, you can transfer leftover assets to your living trust, bypassing probate?
7. You can be a blessing to First Presbyterian Church Henderson through a bequest, which is simple, flexible and tax-deductible?
8. With a will, you can designate the guardian you wish for those under your care?

By including the church in your estate plan, there will be a little child in the future that will laugh out loud at the wonderful good news that God is love; a teenager one day on Spring break in Mexico that will see that love first hand; a struggling adult that will finally understand what grace means in so complex and difficult a world – because of you.

There are so many legacies from which we draw. Parents oftentimes leave us with a powerful set of values and a strong legacy of service and acceptance of others. Even our faith creates in us a legacy of strong biblical knowledge and curiosity and humility.

Our congregation has invested in us legacies of affirmation and opportunity, of unconditional love and friendships that stand the test of time, of nurtured faith and tested values and growing stewardship.

As we focus on all the blessings left us by others, by our church and by our life experiences, we must ask ourselves: What legacy will I leave?

Hopefully these will include the hope of a strong faith, the enduring power of nonjudgmental love, and perhaps even the desire to make of our lives a difference in the world.

As part of this, consider how including your church in your end-of-life giving plans will provide a legacy to future generations seeking to grow in faith and wisdom.

Bill Stanley
Stewardship Committee



WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team met following worship on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Accolades to Cody Conway for serving as liturgist on Pentecost Sunday. We are always looking for liturgists, so let it be known if you would like to serve in this manner.

Plans are being made to combine the operation of the sound system, recording of the service, and lights during the service. After these plans are finalized, we will set up training for members, so that we will always have someone who is familiar with the system to operate it. Please let Lynn or one of the members of the Worship Team know if you might be interested in this training.

New chancel furniture, namely a pulpit, communion table, and baptismal font, is presently being completed at Hall Manufacturing and should be available within a week or two. We have a new lighter assembly that was attached to the current acolyte lighter. This apparatus allows us to use oil instead of wax for the lighter; hence, no wax drip on the new carpet. Check it out. It works great.

Please note!! Communion Sunday will be changed in June to be celebrated on the *2nd Sunday, June 12th*, as our pastor will be out of the pulpit on June 5th. No worry. Jimmy Chapman has graciously consented to bring us the message, and we are always grateful for his service. On June 19, Rev. Klein will be out of town also, and Sharon Templeman, Commissioned Ruling Elder from Nacogdoches will fill in for her.

The piano in the Fellowship Hall will be moved into the choir room. There are broken keys on the choir room piano, and we have no plan to repair them at this time.

In the church office, there is a calendar on which one can sign up to provide flowers on a certain Sunday.

If you have a special day, please sign up and let Lisa Temple, the secretary know when, what for, who, and where the flowers will be provided from. She will include the information in the bulletin on the day, and you may pay the church when the flower shop sends the bill or however you arrange it. For your information, we do have a member with a florist shop, James Nicholson, with Rayford Florist.

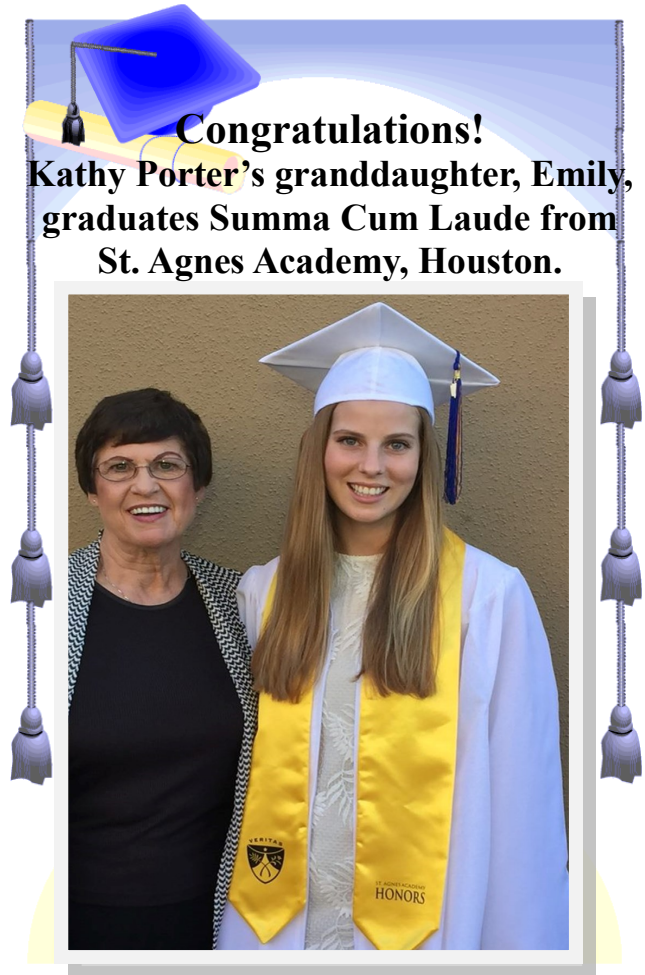
Thanks to a dedicated and devoted Worship Team.
Lynn Tieken



The puzzle was as tall as Nave!



Team Work at Kids for God



Congratulations!
Kathy Porter's granddaughter, Emily,
graduates Summa Cum Laude from
St. Agnes Academy, Houston.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE) HAPPENINGS

Christian Education Ministry never sleeps. We have big plans for June and July. We want you to be *in* on those plans!

We'll be seeing Kathy Porter off to be a Commissioner at PC(USA) General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, June 18-25. As a Commissioner, she will be able to vote on important denominational issues brought before the Assembly. We plan to live-stream three of the evening meetings, June 22, 23 and 24, in our Fellowship Hall. We'd love to have you join us at any or all of these meetings. Times will be announced as soon as we know them.

Attention all moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, and legal guardians of children entering 1st through 6th grades! Save the dates— Monday through Thursday, July 18-21, for Vacation Bible School— Summer Music Mini-Camp at our church. This event is being co-sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

This musical experience promises to be lively and fun. The program will also include Bible stories, snacks, and games. The songs, movements, chimes, and percussion will be taught and directed by Mark Reeves, CAGO, Music Minister at First Presbyterian Church.

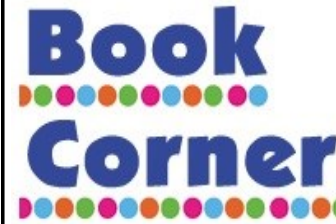
Mr. Reeves brings with him more than forty years of professional experience in church music, ministry, and education for children and adults.

Mark your calendars for this extraordinary VBS Summer Music Mini-Camp: Monday through Thursday (1-4pm), July 18-21; and Thursday evening (5:30-6:45pm), the 21st. On Thursday evening, families and friends are invited to a hot dog supper in our Fellowship Hall and to a special performance by the children in our Sanctuary.

If you'd like to have more information, please call the church at 903-657-2529 or email us at [VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL fpchendersonsec@aol.com](mailto:fpchendersonsec@aol.com).

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Jimmy Chapman, Tom Laney, Pat Laney,
Claudia Morgan-Gray, Kathy Porter, Juan Castro

SUMMER MUSIC
MINI-CAMP



MUHAMMED, A BIOGRAPHY OF THE PROPHET

This brief review is as much about the author of the book as it is the subject. Karen Armstrong is a former nun and author of several no-nonsense books such as these: *A History of God; Islam: A short history; Buddha; The Battle for God;* and *Jerusalem* (also in our library. *Muhammed* was released in 1992 before the era of radical Islam. The account is an attempt to build a bridge between Eastern and Western religious philosophies following the revolution in Iran (Ayatollah Khomeini) and the Salman Rushdie (The Satanic Verses) crisis. She notes that Westerners have been quick to criticize the Islamic faith while knowing little about it, even though it is the third religion of Abraham. Ms. Armstrong is an apologist for Islam and it takes a bit of an open mind to read this book in this day and age.

In the year 610, an Arab merchant of Mecca (now in Saudi Arabia) had a religious experience while on an annual spiritual retreat with his family. During this experience he found the divinely inspired words of a new scripture pouring from his mouth. God had finally revealed God's self to the Arabs in their own language; their holy book would be called the Qu'ran: the Recitation. Arabs finally had their own book of faith and no longer needed to feel inferior to the Jews and Christians. The implications of this revelation are limitless and no polity or ideology of these times will pose such a continuous challenge to the West as Islam. About the middle of the last century, after centuries of misunderstanding, Islam turned ugly toward the West. Why and where this could lead is generally explored in this biography.

It is practically impossible to generalize this biography of Muhammed the Prophet and its collateral history which is told in great narrative detail considering the story is 1,400 years old. Reading this book will boost your literacy and help in understanding the thinking of Middle Easterners.

MISSION NEWS

The Pentecost offering is now complete. Thank you for our gift of \$325! Together we are helping feed the hungry, empowering the poor and contributing to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they help victims of natural disaster. Our church will keep 40% (\$130) of the total to be spent on local mission/outreach projects. Thank you for your generosity!

Peace,
Jan Pennal, chair



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Presbyterian General Assemblies have been speaking on issues of environmental protection and justice since the late 1960's? The 222nd General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, meeting in June 2016, will once again pray and reason together to discern God's will for care of His creation.

Committee 9 is charged with bringing environmental and immigration issues to the floor of the Assembly. There are 11 items on the Committee 9 Agenda--10 are on environment and 1 is on immigration. Because of the deep concern about urgent environmental challenges expressed by many commissioners at the 221st General Assembly, chief executives of the six agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have worked together to produce the document "Collaborative Agenda for Environmental Stewardship." The document is designed to call attention to ongoing efforts by the PC(USA) to confront the underlying causes of climate change and to the resources available through the six agencies. This effort is particularly noteworthy as it is unusual for an item of business to come to the Assembly from a collaboration of all six agencies—Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Publishing Corp., Presbyterian Mission Agency, Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Foundation, and the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. These agencies recommend that the General Assembly endorse this document as a helpful resource for the whole denomination. You may read the document at www.pc-biz.org and under Committees, search for Committee No. 9 and click on item 10.

Please pray for all the commissioners at the 222nd GA that they may make decisions for the common good of all and decisions that will unite all Presbyterians in engaging in actions that will make a difference in the future of God's creation. May this General Assembly, responding to God's grace to us in Jesus Christ, lead us as people of faith with a prophetic guidance on this pressing crisis of our time.

Christian Education Green Team



LANDSCAPE GROUP ORGANIZED

A group of volunteers met on May 18th to begin planning the stages of improvement for the exterior of the church property. It has long been felt that the street-level view of our property offers a weak "Welcome!" or no welcome at all. The group, made up of Judy Andrasko, Pat Laney, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Weldon Gray, James Nicholson, and Kathy Porter, chose Claudia to lead the group and will begin developing a plan in the next weeks and months. Ex-officio members are Tom Laney and Rev. Klein. With considerable help of his friends, John Tieken was able to acquire a large granite marker from the First Presbyterian Church of Marshall which has now closed. The stone which bears the words, "First Presbyterian Church" and "Established 1850" on both sides needs the date changed to 1845 and fit into the landscape plan. It now sits in the old playground area at the back of the church.



COUNCIL ACTIONS

May 19, 2016

- Worshiped and prayed together
- Heard feedback on Sanctuary renovations
- Heard feedback on Earth Day, Children's Advocacy, Mother's Day, Pentecost
- Received new church calendars
- Heard plans for computer streaming of portions of General Assembly in June in the Fellowship Hall
- Due to absence of pastor, moved June communion to second Sunday
- Gave permission for the return of the Great Preacher Rotation this summer
- Voted to observe Theological Sunday by inviting a seminary student to preach on September 18th
- Set the meeting date of next Council meeting for July 14th
- Discussed member care

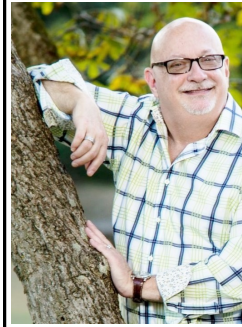
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Events:

- 5:** Communion
- 6:** Cody Conway
- 7:** Candice on Vacation
- 8:** G.A. Streaming
- 9:** Dinner & Auction 5:30pm
- 10:** Candice on Vacation
- 11:** B&G Project Day 8am-Noon
- 12:** Communion
- 13:** VBS Meeting 6:30pm
- 14:** L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00 p.m.
- 15:** L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00 p.m.
- 16:** Candice Away
- 17:** PC (USA) General Assembly begins in Portland, OR
- 18:** Tim Wasson
- 19:** Father's Day
- 20:** Cody Conway
- 21:** G.A. Streaming
- 22:** Candice Away
- 23:** Candice Away
- 24:** Candice Away
- 25:** PC (USA) General Assembly begins in Portland, OR
- 26:** Father's Day
- 27:** Pipeline Deadline
- 28:** G.A. Streaming
- 29:** G.A. Streaming
- 30:** G.A. Streaming

June

WELCOME NEW MEMBER – JAMES NICHOLSON



On Sunday, May 24th, our congregation welcomed with open arms our newest member, James Nicholson. While relatively new to Henderson, James is no stranger to the Presbyterian faith as he has been an active Presbyterian since the early 80s, attending General Assembly and as an elder with Bethany Presbyterian in Dallas and later as an elder with Rutgers Presbyterian in New York. James' eclectic life has taken him on a world tour journey for business, pleasure and faith reasons. His talents and passions are immediately evident. In 2014, James and his husband, Jon, bought Rayford Florist & Gifts and moved to Henderson. James is active in many community organizations including the Henderson Civic Theatre, the Downtown Business Owners Association and two committees of this church helping with the renovation and revitalization of the church. Please help us welcome James to FPC-Henderson.

MORE PARKING AREA

The space behind the Fellowship Hall is now accessible for parking. The cyclone fence and gate that were damaged in the tornado have been removed. Parking spaces are not yet marked and the raised playground is still in place; so use caution. The door into the Fellowship Hall will be unlocked on Sunday mornings.



“Live Stream in Fellowship Hall June 22-24
just for us favorite Presbyterians”



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, Sue Williams, Ruling Elders serving on Session

Connected Family: Connor Bradshaw – Porter's grandson, Diane Dill and Mike Dill - Tolly Dill's daughter and son, Mark & Angela Clark, Kent Clark, Our grandchildren attending college

Friends and Neighbors: Dr. David Craig – friend of the congregation, PNC at First Pres, Kilgore as they search for a pastor

Those loved ones known only to God

