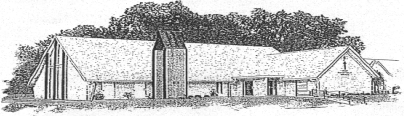


It's that time of year again for the  
**Annual Neighborhood Party!!**

**Saturday, October 22nd**  
**4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Hope you can come for the Fellowship,**  
**Food, and Bingo!**



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# COURAGE

I once heard a quote from the late actor John Wayne. When asked what real courage was, he replied, *“Courage is being scared to death – but saddling up anyway.”* Many people think that a courageous person has no fear, but that’s not so. Courageous people have fear, but they go in anyway. They have fear, but they don’t stop. They have fear, but they press on.

As we look at our news reports and learn about this dangerous world we live in, I want you to know that the Presbyterian denomination will be asking you to show courage. I realize it won’t be easy. I know it won’t be what you want. But as we look at our world, we must understand that church is not only a place where we can come to *feel good* – about where we are, about what we do, or even about how we do good stuff. It’s also a place of sanctuary. As a denomination, and also as a Henderson church within the Presbyterian denomination, we must be known as a place for healing, peace, and reconciliation in a culture of violence.

Your Session members have voted to financially support a Presbyterian partner, trained to help those who have experienced violence – particularly gender-based violence, sexual violence, or gun violence. You think it doesn’t happen here in East Texas? I’m sorry, it does. You think it doesn’t happen here in Henderson? I’m sorry, it does. You think it doesn’t happen here at FPC? Yep. Having professional help available, through the work and the gifts of this church, allows survivors to realize that God cares, that they are not alone, and that the church is a safe place to seek help.

So, look around you – but look with both eyes wide open. This isn’t a magical place. It’s a place where evil resides. It’s a place where safety isn’t guaranteed. It’s a place where folks you see, and folks you know are in trouble – just like in the newspapers. And we’ve decided that we won’t condone silence about it any longer.

Thank you for being a part of a church and a denomination that intends to leave this world a better place than we found it.

*Candice*

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. – Jonah 3:10

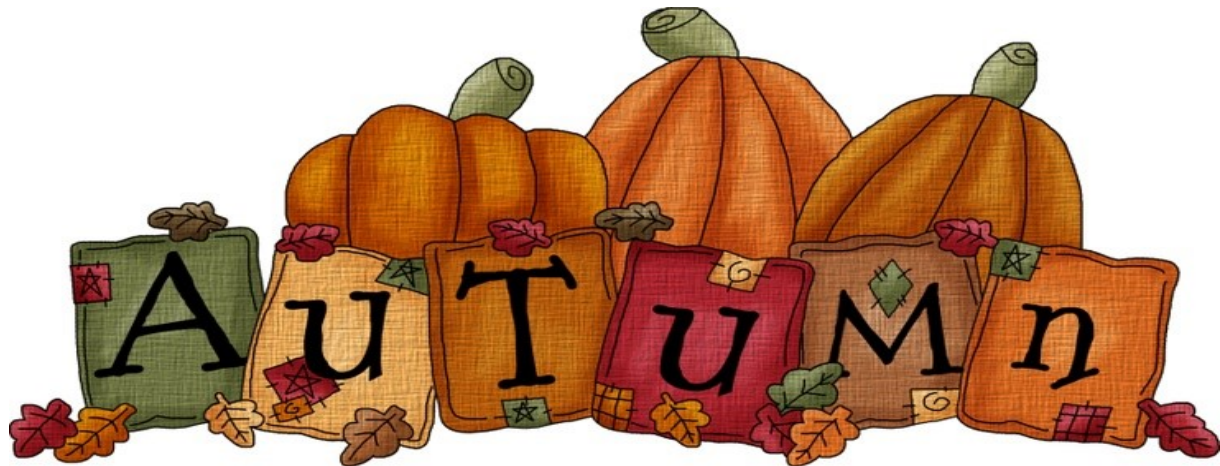
## DETAILS! DETAILS! DETAILS!

Have you taken an opportunity to look around in the corners and at the surfaces of our church building? If you have, you will notice that everything is in sharper focus. This is the result of detailing; it's not just for autos. We have some great detailers in this congregation, and they put their heart into the work getting ready for the sanctuary dedication. Jan Pennal did floors and baseboards in the entryways and chancel; Jan Mims and Lynn did re-staining on doors and framings; Kathy and Pat rearranged and organized the library; Pat, Kathy, and Tom prepared the glass showcases to display some of our church's art and history in the History Room. In the balcony, John Tieken bundled loose wiring and routed organ speaker wires so that now the balcony floor is clear. Bob refinished the laminated flooring, kept the messes cleaned up, and donated a state-of-the art vacuum cleaner. The B&G Committee is grateful for the assist with these details.

There are still some projects left for 2016. For example: clear the surface drain behind the building; repair wood railings outside kitchen door; clean up brush behind building; clean the inside/clean outside of south-facing windows and repaint; install security cameras at front and middle entrances.

It just feels right to get our church building cleaned up and organized after so much remodeling. Thanks to all that helped and to those who will continue to keep the building looking its best.

For the Building & Grounds Committee,  
Tom Laney



For anyone that may be in the Athens area on Sunday, the Trinity Valley Community College Choirs will be presenting a "Patriotic Concert" at the Arboretum in Athens, Texas at 3 pm. It is an outdoor program held at the Henderson County Veterans Memorial are on the Arboretum grounds, so bring your folding chairs and blankets.

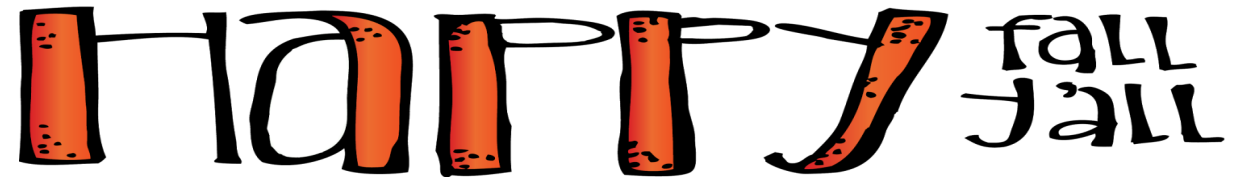
In addition, the Kilgore College choirs are having their Fall concert in the Van Cliburn Auditorium located in the Turk Fine Arts Building on October 11th at 7pm. Free and open to the public.

And, it is time to start preparing for Advent and Christmas so the choir will soon start on new music for the season. We would welcome more voices into the mix, so please consider adding yours.

Blessings and Peace to you and yours!

Mark Reeves, CAGO

Cell: 903-707-9614



*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

Members of the Congregation: Robbie Brooks, Mary Ann Chapman, Jack Clark, Syble and Tom DeLoach, Tolly Dill, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Sue Williams, Ruling Elders serving on Session

Connected Family: Connor Bradshaw – Porter's grandson, Mark & Angela Clark, and Kent Clark, Mike Dill - Tolly & Jane's son and Diane's brother, Delbert Gray - Jack's brother, Our college students away at school

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





MISSION AT WORK

By the time you read this article, the **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING** will be nearing an end. The final day of gifting was officially World Communion Sunday, October 2nd. However, **it is not too late if you are still wanting to give. The deadline for this , our third special offering of the year will be Monday, October 17th.** Please consider giving to this special offering that was initiated by the General Assembly's adoption of Peacemaking: The Believer's Calling, and paved the way for this offering providing Presbyterians an opportunity to share the peace of Christ across the PC (USA). **Our church will be able to keep %25 of this offering to be used to sustain local peacemaking ministries !**

It is not too late to help the **flooding victims in the Louisiana area.** You can send a check to the following address OR **you may also give a check to our church office earmarked *Baton Rouge/ Gulf Coast flooding by October 17th and it will be mailed to:***

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

We are asked to Give. Act. Pray. ....for all involved.

Your Mission Team is looking into a recommendation from our PC(USA) Stated Clerk, J. Herbert Nelson, Presbyterian Women Moderator, Carol Winkler, and our General Assembly Co-Moderators Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston to support a mission co-worker and or global partner engaged in the work of stopping domestic violence, particularly, sexual violence. "Part of our work and witness as people of faith is to lead our culture into the most relevant, critical and courageous conversations." More about our involvement to support in this endeavor will be forthcoming.

GOD'S LOVE MATTERS,  
Jan Pennal, chair



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that September 1<sup>st</sup> was World-Wide Day of Prayer for Care of Creation? On this day your Christian Education Green Team joined other Christians around the world in praying for our life-giving, vulnerable Earth. “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...” Genesis 1:31. “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15.



Christian Education Green Team

The Pumpkin Patch  
at St. Matthew's

Saturday, October 1st - Sunday, October 30th

Saturdays 10am - 4pm

Sundays 2pm - 5pm

Blessing of the Animals	Sat., Oct. 1	11am - 2pm
Seniors Sipping Cider	Fri., Oct. 7	2pm - 4pm
Bake & Casserole Sale	Sun., Oct. 8	10am - 4pm
Pumpkin Painting	Sat., Oct. 15	1pm - 3pm
Movie in the Patch	Sat., Oct. 22	8pm





Dedication of new baptismal font



General Presbyter, Jan Devries,  
receiving the Sanctuary from FPC



Dedication of the Organ



Dedication of new Communion table



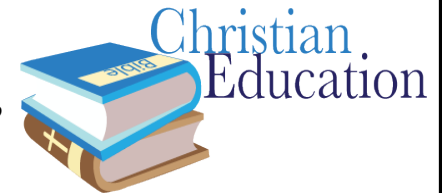
## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE) HAPPENINGS

Be sure to join us at a very interesting CE happening on Tuesday, October 4, at 6pm in the FPC Fellowship Hall. Fonta Conway and the Fellowship Committee will provide a light supper (delicious as always) and we will hear about an exciting trip to Israel and Palestine that Jimmy Chapman made with a Grace Presbytery group the first two weeks in May.

Jimmy Chapman and Rev. Gordon Blackman will tell us about what they learned during their three days in Jerusalem, three days at Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee, and six days in Bethlehem. Their Palestinian Christian guide, Ibrahim, told them that they would never read the Bible the same after they had seen some of the sites of the Holy Land. Jimmy said that is definitely true. He added, "We also learned a lot about the current political situation regarding Israel and Palestine . . . we gained a new perspective from actually being there." Do join us—Tuesday, October 4, for this special Fellowship/CE happening.

Another not-to-miss CE happening is right around the corner: the Advent Season. During Advent, Jimmy Chapman will lead the two adult classes in an interesting study of the Christmas story from the book of Matthew. The four Sundays of Advent begin November 27. We hope you will mark your calendar, invite friends, and come be with us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am on those four Sundays. Donuts, hot beverages and scintillating discussions will be waiting for you.

Bert Lowe, Team Leader,  
CE Ministry Team Members—Jimmy Chapman,  
Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Claudia Morgan-Gray,  
Kathy Porter and Rev. Candice Klein





## **IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN AT FPC ...#19 !**

That's right.. this is our 19th **NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY!** It will be **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd from 4:00pm until 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.** Fun, food and fellowship with our neighbors awaits us all! What can you do? Well, we are glad you asked! Here is a list, please plug into where you want to serve by telling any member of the outreach team : Bert, Claudia, Jan, Kathy, Lynn, Mariella.

**\*\*\*Greeters--** we will all need to be available to welcome our guests! All church members are asked to be at the church at 3:15pm for prayer and instruction.

**\*\*\*Meal servers--** we will need 6-8 people to help in various ways in the kitchen. Preparing buns (buttered and warmed), sandwiches, bagging chips, cookies and organizing soft drinks. Our goal is to have our kitchen running like a well oiled machine so we can serve our guests quickly and efficiently!

Our guests will be served by tables and each table will be assigned to a church member. This will be your table. You will be asked to dine with and get to know each of your table mates!!

**\*Bingo help--** we will need a bingo emcee, two bingo rollers, one overseer of bingo prizes, and three card checkers. This is so popular with our guests! We have to be on our toes, so we are asking for 7 members to step up and help make this year's bingo the best!

**NEW THIS YEAR : ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING ONE OR TWO NICE ITEMS FROM HOME THAT YOU DO NOT WANT OR NEED ANYMORE. THESE WILL BE USED FOR OUR BINGO PRIZES! PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT YOU CAN BRING FROM HOME, WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU TO SPEND ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY---ALL ITEMS WILL BE DUE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH.**

Thank you and we look forward to having another successful party!

**ASK NOT WHAT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY CAN DO FOR YOU...RATHER....ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY !!**

**GOD'S LOVE MATTERS,  
Jan Pennal and the Outreach team**



## *Sanctuary Dedication*

*Sunday, August 28, 2016*

**Praises to God**



**Reception**



**Jimmy Chapman & Rev. Gordon Blackman**



# October 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 World Communion	3	4 Fellowship Dinner 6:00pm	5 Ryan Hillin	6 Grace Presbytery Meeting @ Kilgore FPC Jack Gray	7	8
9 Worship Mtg. 12:15pm	10	11	12 Margaret Hillin	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 L.E.A.N. Mtg. 2:00pm Session Mtg. 6:30pm	20 L.E.A.N. Mtg. 2:00pm Session Mtg. 6:30pm	21 Neighborhood Party 4:00pm-6:30pm	22
23 Pipeline Deadline	24	25	26	27 Judy Andrasko	28	29
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## LET'S TALK HISTORY!

What do Richard Brown's copy of *History of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church*, the Polyglott Bible from 1869, and Jane Fahle's picture books have in common? They are all in our "**History Room**"! Yes, our History Room – the latest project of the Christian Education Committee.

Everyone has 'history' and our church certainly does – as one of the eight oldest Presbyterian churches in Texas. Each year on Presbyterian Heritage Sunday, there have been displays in the narthex. The items are then put away for another year. But now, most of these are at home in the area assessing the balcony, at one time, the music director's office.

There are key people who have been instrumental in keeping our history documented and preserved. Alicia Rich did research for a narrative of the 150 year history of our church for the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1995. And she located pictures of former buildings dating from the 1800's to the present era.

Jane Fahle faithfully took pictures of church functions starting in the late 1970's. These are in photo albums and also in scrapbooks with newspaper articles of church member's activities. Jane's latest contribution is a collection of member's obituaries and bulletins from their services. She is open to adding others to the collection that she doesn't already have.

Tom and Pat Laney have sifted through old files and boxes and found more historical items which can now be placed in the history room. Some in the display cases are not accessible due to the logistics of the room, so items will be rotated. Identifying and labeling is yet to be done, but it is exciting that the project is beginning. Stop by and learn some history of First Presbyterian Church.

Pat Laney  
For the Christian Education Committee

