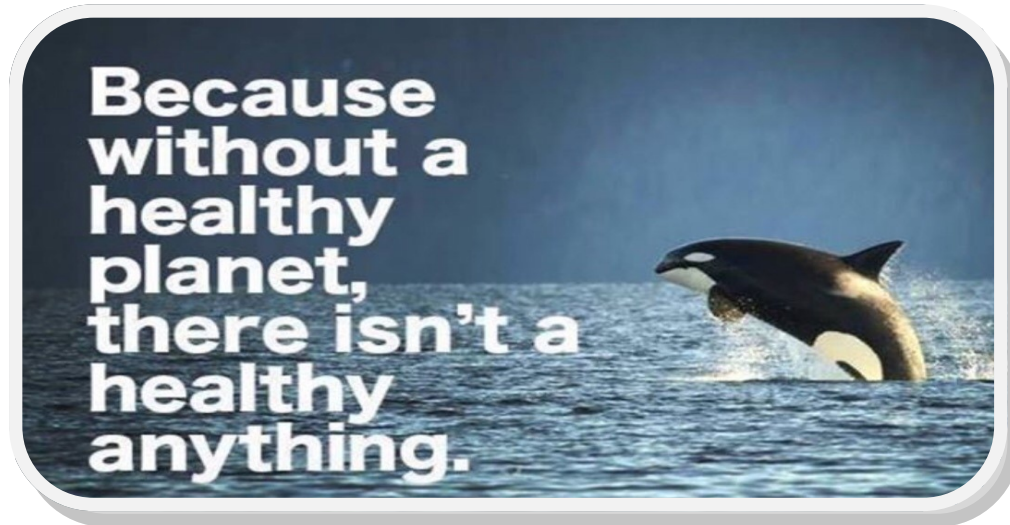


DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we owe it to one another to take care of the earth—



BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY YOU AND OUR PLANET IN 2017!
THE C. E. GREEN TEAM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
P. O. BOX 773
HENDERSON, TEXAS 75653-0773



THE PRESBYTERIAN PIPELINE

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - HENDERSON, TEXAS

Volume 49

January, 2017

Issue One

Every "good-bye" contains a new "hello!"

As I sit to write this important Pipeline letter, I see your faces. I hear your laughter. I'm also aware of your grief. I share that with you. This church has been blessed over many years and several generations with talented leaders. I've appreciated their support and their focus over many Session meetings and many changes that we have undertaken together. It will be vital that you continue to affirm them in the days ahead. You are blessed to be a blessing, and God will continue to smile because of the work and ministry of FPC Henderson.

The COM (Committee on Ministry) of Grace Presbytery will be available and helpful during this time between installed pastors. Because we are a connectional church, they are aware of how precious you are, and they will make certain that you will continue to thrive.

My last Sunday in the pulpit will be January 15th. Following the worship service that Sunday, we will all have a special time together to wish one another God's continued blessings. It will be a sweet and a difficult time. But we will do it together, because you are important.

When I arrived here, I had several years of ministry experience, and you expounded on my learning. I learned things here that I was not taught in Seminary – things like how long squirrels can live in a ceiling, how soon to cancel church services after the A/C goes out, how often to speak about money (or not) from the pulpit during any stewardship campaign, and what to expect each pot-luck dinner to look like and taste like. You have loved me real good. And you have taught me to laugh when I thought for sure I'd ruined *everything* and you'd never speak to me again! How I cherish you.

I will no longer be a participant in the life of this congregation. I will no longer offer pastoral services here. But you will always be a part of my heart and I will always want updates on how God manifests in your lives.

Remember that although you and I will say our "good-byes" God has already chosen someone to come and laugh and love with you, from the very first "hello!"

I wish you blessings galore from the One we serve together. It has been my honor to serve as your Pastor.

We serve a Risen Savior! Alleluia! Amen.

Candice

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

**2017!! A NEW YEAR!! OPPORTUNITIES TO START A NEW THING!!
DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT!!**

How about serving on the Worship Committee? There are varied ways to serve...lining up liturgists, ushers, changing paraments, planning special services..... This year, as the Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC) seeks a new teaching elder for our church, we hope to make this interim experience appear effortless, providing leaders to bring God's Word to us each week while making certain that the Presbyterian way, "decently and in order" is followed. If you would like to learn more about this process, as we are learning, please come to our first meeting, January 8, 2017, following worship. We will share a light meal together and plan for the coming year, which promises to be an experience you won't want to miss!!

Lynn Tieken, Worship Chair



Worship Committee

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE): Let's Live & Learn!

The main purpose of the Christian Education Ministry Team is to nurture all members of the congregation in growing their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ through Christian education and growth opportunities. Our purpose is certainly deep and wide!

We welcome members of our congregation who may be interested in joining the CE team this coming year. Please call me (903-657-3248) if you'd like to serve with us—or if we can help you meet your CE needs in any way.

Meanwhile, let's nurture each other and learn together. A blessed, happy New Year to all!

Bert Lowe, CE Team Leader

P.S. Heartfelt thanks to our faithful Christian Education Ministry Team members during 2016: **Jimmy Chapman, Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Kathy Porter, Claudia Morgan-Gray and Rev. Candice Klein.**

Pat, Tom and Candice will be greatly missed. Our prayers go with them.



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

SPECIAL DATE

Sunday, January 15th
Rev. Candice Klein's Last Worship Service with FPC & a Celebration of Service Reception following worship



January

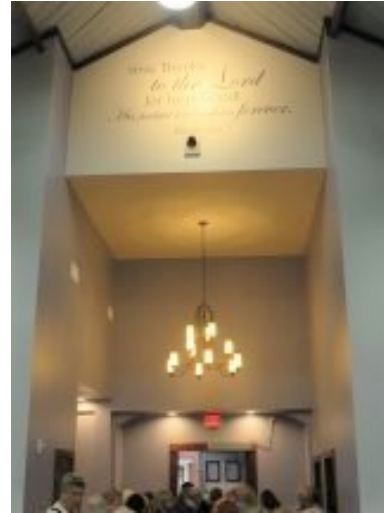
2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Congregational Mtg. Elect Elders	2 Church Offices Closed	3	4 Choir Practice 5pm Session Mtg. 6:30pm	5 C.E. Meeting 2:00pm Debbie Murphy	6	7 Session Retreat
8 Worship Meeting	9	10 Choir Practice 5pm	11	12	13	14 MLK Service @ Mother Zion Baptist Church
15 Congregational Mtg. to dissolve the Pastoral relationship	16	17 Choir Practice 5pm	18	19 Kathy Porter	20	21
22	23 P.W. Meeting 11:30am Pipeline Deadline	24 Choir Practice 5pm	25	26	27 Juan Castro	28
29	30	31 Choir Practice 5pm	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

PDA In ACTION.....

When a Presbyterian church experienced a fire, PDA deployed representatives with a \$5,000 check to be used by the affected congregation for the insurance deductible and fire related expenses. We also listened to them to help them decide how they might move forward. In December of 2015, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Galveston, Tx. suffered severe smoke & fire damage to their sanctuary due to arson. I was deployed with Meg Scott Johnson representing PDA to Galveston about 48 hours later to meet with their Council to hear their stories of pain & how they might move forward. The structure originally was the chapel at Ft. Crocket at Galveston and had been relocated to its present location after World War II. Meg & I were invited to attend their rededication service 12/04/16. The Sanctuary was full of happy worshipers! Here are some pictures I took that day. This story represents just one of the uses of your PDA donations.

John Tieken, PDA/NRT



Great music, wonderful fellowship, and scrumptious food were shared at the Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon.



COUNCIL ACTIONS

December 14, 2016

- Worshiped and prayed together
- Heard report of nominees from the Church Officer Nominating Committee
- Called a congregational meeting for January 1 to elect new elders and CONC for 2017
- Set date of January 8 for installation of elders
- Called a congregational meeting for January 15 to dissolve the current pastoral relationship
- Determined that the council will attend the Church Officer Training at Camp Gilmont on January 6 & 7
- Heard report from Finance on status of receipt of pledges
- Reviewed feedback of Stewardship/Congregational meeting of November 20
- Determined the continuation of L.E.A.N. meetings in Fellowship Hall for 2017

Thank you!

Your staff was blessed beyond our wildest expectations this Christmas season when your gifts were tabulated. The Finance Chair was certain that he had never witnessed such love before. So thank you, thank you, thank you all for allowing us to serve you this year. You have made our jobs easier in so many ways. And we are grateful to everyone.

*Candice Lisa Mark Bob Marty
Klein Temple Reeves Schauwecker Baugham*

With a Grateful Heart...

space with more vocal sound, thereby easing the burden on the choir to produce more volume than may be healthy. These condenser microphones are specially designed for wide frequency response and high dynamic range. An Audio-Technica Pro 37 mic costs \$169, and we would ideally need two of them.

So, in order to move toward accomplishing the above projects, the Choir will be organizing a fundraiser for some time in late January or early February. Proceeds will be directed toward the piano, first, then toward the microphone purchase.

Please keep an ear out as we settle in on the date for this event.....

OH, and we are welcoming submissions for "THE BEST CHILI" recipes in the church. Of which, one will be selected and used.

As most of you have heard, Candice will be moving on, and I will miss her wit, sense of humor, and most of all, her insightful messages. I am also sad to note that Tom and Pat Laney, long-time members of the choir, will be moving as well, to be closer to their children. They will be missed.

-----So, HELP!!!! We need more singers!!! Seriously! All applications accepted, even if you think you croak like a frog...I've never, ever, ever, had anyone that participated in choir that didn't bring something vocally positive to the group. So, please consider becoming a Chancel Choir member, and encourage others to do so as well.

The choir rehearsal schedule for January, 2017:

Jan. 4th - 5pm (Wednesday)

Jan. 10th - 5pm (Tuesday)

Jan. 17th - 5pm (Tuesday)

Jan. 24th - 5pm (Tuesday)

Jan. 31st - 5pm (Tuesday)

Finally, I have officially been at First Presbyterian Church for a year. It has been a wonderful experience and time has passed so swiftly. I am ever so grateful for you, the wonderful people of First-Church! You have all made me feel welcomed, loved, and included. I can never express to you all how much I appreciate your kind and supportive words, gifts, and acts of kindness. God Bless you all! Thank you.

Mark Reeves, CAGO

NEWSLETTER

January 2017

On behalf of the FPC Chancel Choir, Happy New Year to you and yours!!!



Great news for hungry people! The Music Ministry will be sponsoring Chili Supper Fundraiser. The date to be announced soon. The music ministry has several needs that can make use of the funds to assist us, the choir, and simultaneously enhance the congregational worship experience.

1. The choir room piano is in need of repairs. There are plastic clips that connect the piano key to the hammer mechanism that have become brittle (due to the age of the instrument) and numerous ones have already broken, thus those notes do not play. Ideally, all the plastic clips should be replaced, rather than just repairing the broken ones, because others will break. The estimated cost of this repair is \$600.

2. A small choir such as ours, is challenged to fill a room with high ceilings; making it difficult to understand the words being sung. One solution is to recruit more members and build a larger choir---(long-term). Second solution is to support the choral singing with properly placed microphones to “reinforce” the singing---(short-term). This option also will help clarify the consonants that are being sung, and assist in filling out the Worship

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

A great gift was received by your church in December for the Employee Gift offering. We received \$10,000 from one member of our congregation to go towards the annual gifts to our employees. This brought the special annual offering to be distributed to \$11,065.00. The gifts were distributed by policy at 30% for our Pastor, 25% for our Church Secretary and Music Director, 20% for our Custodian, and a set amount to our Nursery attendant. This was a very special gift at a time when all of our staff members had unexpected needs. We cannot put in words how wonderful these timely gifts were, but Thank You to all that made a contribution.

Pledges received for the 2017 budget have been on the most part very generous, but there are members who have pledged in the past who we have not yet pledged 2017. At this time, pledged amounts are about \$16,000 below where we need to be to meet the 2017 budget. Later this month the Stewardship committee will meet to discuss recommendation to the Session dealing with this budget shortfall. If you have not pledged this year but do plan to pledge, please send your pledges today. If you are able to pledge but do plan to support the church in some manner this year, please let me or a member of the Stewardship committee know your plans. We could use this information in making recommendations to the Session. Any information given to any member of the committee will be held in the strictest confidence and names will not be used in our deliberations. You can place your pledge in an envelope and put it on the offering plate on Sunday or simply give the envelope to a Finance Committee member or Session Elder and they will get it to Lisa.

From the beatitudes, Matthew 5:8 “*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*” May God untangle our hearts from diversions and distractions and open them up to be filled by Him, as only He can.

Your Stewardship Committee





Come help us celebrate Rev. Candice Klein's new adventure!

January 15, 2017 is Rev. Klein's last Sunday as the minister at First Presbyterian Church-Henderson. While it is a bittersweet day for our congregation, we are excited for the new opportunities ahead for her.

We want you to join us in a celebration of all that she is and all that she has brought and meant to our church.

Please join us for Sunday service, January 15th at 11:00 and plan to stay for a Celebration of Service reception in her honor immediately following that service.

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2017

Bert Lowe

Jan Pennal

Claudia Morgan-Gray

Lynn Tieken

Class of 2018

Mary Lowe

Bill Stanley

Kathy Porter

Tom Weaver



Thursday, February 2nd is Ground Hog Day!!!!

Into the Church Triumphant

Tom DeLoach

December 8, 2016

Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Robbie Brooks, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Sally Hosea, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Sue Williams, 2017 CONC

Connected Family: Connor Bradshaw – Porter's grandson, Mark & Angela Clark, and Kent Clark, Delbert Gray - Jack's brother, Dorothy Maloney – Kathy Porter's mother, 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, Our Pastor, Candice Klein, as she moves out of state

Those loved ones known only to God

