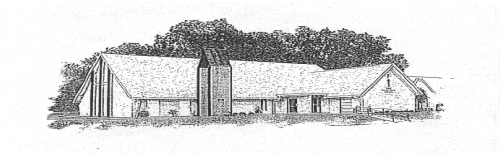
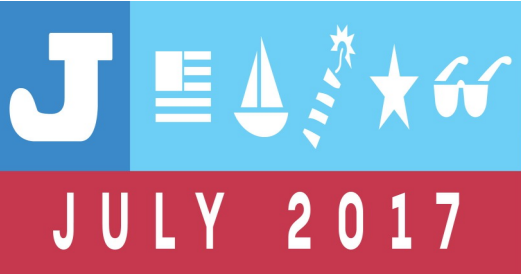




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Ordinary Time?

Our Presbyterian Calendar says that we are now in “Ordinary” Time. The term “Ordinary Time” seems to suggest on the surface that there is nothing very exciting happening, doesn’t it? In the liturgical calendar, however, the term Ordinary has a different meaning. Counting can be done by cardinal numbers (one, two, three), or it can be done by ordinal numbers (first, second, third). It means counted time. For example, Third Sunday after Pentecost. There are approximately 33 weeks of Ordinary Time—depending on the date of Easter. Ordinary Times are the times not covered by Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. We will be in Ordinary Time now through the final Sunday before Advent.

In each year of the three-year lectionaries cycle, the Gospel readings for this time focuses on the teachings of Jesus and developing faithful disciples. These readings take us through the public life of Jesus to hear and reflect upon his teachings and miracles. Ordinary Time provides us with ample opportunities to experience God in the common-place events of our lives. It is the time to learn ways to deepen our faith by practicing the presence of God in every ordinary moment of the day. The Spirit breathes in us every moment of our lives. The irony is that as we cherish and treasure the ordinary moments we will come to see the extraordinary power and beauty of God’s love. This Ordinary Time is a period when average people like us can strive to become the messengers of the Gospel that we have been commissioned to be through our baptism.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. Green is the color of new vegetation. It symbolizes living things and signifies the hope of new life. Green represents the promises of new life which is ours in the life of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is indeed fitting for us to mark the days in Ordinary Time with the color of green.

As the body of Christ gathers and scatters, may Ordinary Time bring renewed awareness of God’s abiding presence in all the minutes of our days.

The Communications Team

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”
1 Corinthians 12:27

Did a miracle occur in Henderson on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th? Jim Turley thinks it did and we tend to agree. A CommUNITY Crusade for Christ was held at the Henderson High School Gymnasium. Originally planned to be held at the football stadium, the threat of rain moved the two hour program indoors. The vision of this crusade came from Henderson native, Steve Miller. Pastor Miller has a vision of unity. Various men spoke of overcoming insecurities, knowing how we can know God loves us all the time, the power of prayer and "how prayer can change us and things", and how very important loving each other really is. Reviewing what love is from I Corinthians 13, and hearing once again the fruits of the spirit, Pastor Miller's message was insightful. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ for this CommUNITY Crusade for Christ!

Jan Pennal and Bert Lowe

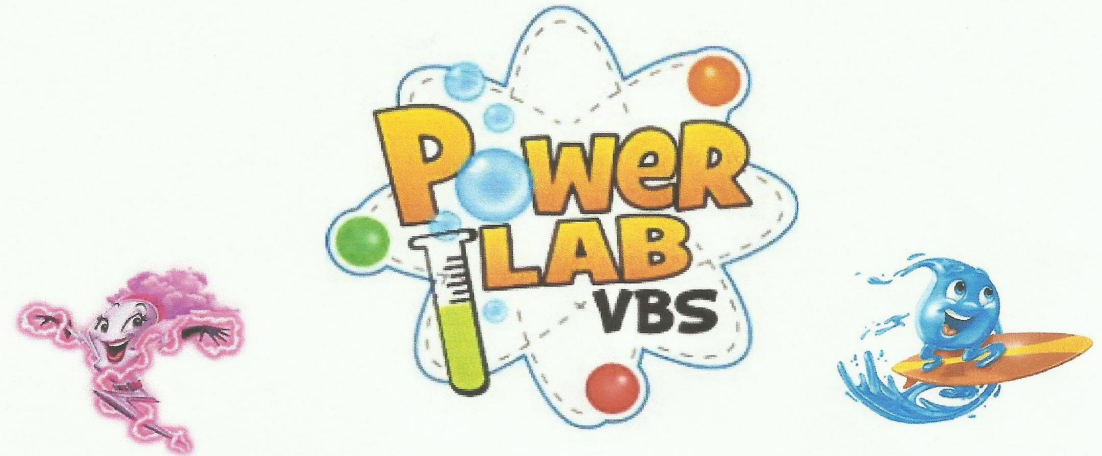
SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO JOIN US for -- Dinner and a Show

In March, a small group from our congregation (John Tieken, Lynn Tieken, Kathy Porter, Bert Lowe, Jan Mims and Claudia Morgan-Gray) with the blessing and grace of our Mission Committee, travelled to McAllen Texas for a week of helping with the Catholic Charities Organization on Refugee and Asylum Seekers processing. In addition to volunteering at the Asylum seeking location, our group also worked at a local food bank, met and toured an extended stay operation opened and run by a group of nuns from Missouri, visited and learned more about the "border wall" and visited the First Presbyterian Churches in McAllen and in Brownsville. It was a trip full of grace, wonder and education on an issue that is consuming the minds, hearts and souls of many Americans. We would like to invite you to come and hear first-hand about our trip and our experiences. Travel vicariously with us through our stories and pictures. It will give you information and perspective on an issue not from the news media, not from the politicians but from people you know, love and share worship. We are going to do a group presentation in the FPC Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 19th at 5:30 pm. A Baked Potato and Salad dinner will be provided. To help us get an accurate count for the meal, please let one of the above named group members know if you'll be joining us. We hope you will choose to join us.



**St. Matthews Episcopal, First Christian,
& First Presbyterian Churches**

present



**Where: St. Matthew's Episcopal
Church (214 College Ave.)**



Dates: July 9-11 (Sunday-Tuesday)

Times: 6:00-8:00 PM



Ages: 3-12



Council Actions

June 15, 2017

- Worshiped and prayed together
- Reviewed church finances
- Heard commissioner's report of the May Presbytery Meeting
- Reviewed the visit and compelling presentation of Rev. Cathy Chang
- Reviewed Adopt A Block dates

DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:
Jan Pennal



We have received memorials in
June in memory of:
Dr. David Craig
Kingsbury Scott



**HELP US TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE ARE
HERE! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HENDERSON, TEXAS.**



Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Sue Williams, Session and Congregation of our church during this transition time

Friends and Neighbors:

Those loved ones known only to God



July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Meals On Wheels	1
2 Communion	3 Chase Davis	4  Church Offices Closed	5	6 C.E. Meeting 10:00am	7 Meals On Wheels	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Meals On Wheels	15
16	17 Adopt-A-Block 4:30pm	18 John Tieken	19 McAllen Mission Trip Dinner 5:30pm Steve Lowe	20 L.E.A.N. Mtg. 2:00pm Session Meeting 6:30pm Carolyn Boren	21 Meals On Wheels	22
23 Jan Pennal Bob Schauwecker	24 Pipeline Deadline	25 Linda Davis	26	27 Jimmy Chapman	28 Meals On Wheels	29
30	31					

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Mission and Outreach Committees met on Sunday, June 25, 2017 after worship. Lunch was provided.

MISSION

On Saturday, June 10, Rev. Cathy Chang, a missionary we have supported, came to Henderson. Lynn and John hosted a dinner on Saturday night with several mission and session members in attendance. On Sunday, Rev. Chang preached the Word during morning worship and a reception was held from 4-6pm in the fellowship hall. Her message on her missionary work: Migration and Human Trafficking in Southeastern Asia, was very enlightening. Thanks to the mission committee, Lynn and the worship committee as well as Claudia and the fellowship committee for a great team effort in supporting Cathy while she was here.

Our second special offering of the year, Pentecost, yielded \$580 to help bring God's comfort to children at risk as well as nurture the growing faith of youth and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders in the name of Jesus Christ. Our church will keep 40% of this offering (\$232) and the mission committee will decide how to best spend it.

OUTREACH

Our next outreach project will be Betty Elder's back to school supplies drive. Supplies for school will be distributed on August 15th. Keep your eye out for posters and reminders so you can get on board to help the children of Rusk County as they prepare to head back to school in August.

A special thanks is certainly appropriate for the ladies who help with:

Kids for God: Bert, Kathy, Lynn, Jan M.

Meals on Wheels: Lynn, Mariella, Jan M., Bert

Adopt-a-Block: Kathy, Lynn, Bert, Claudia, Jan P

Peace and Thankfulness,

Jan Pennal, chair



WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team did not meet this month, but we have been very active. On May 21, we welcomed Dr. William Holda to serve as worship leader, and on May 28, Rev. Jack Albright served us. Both were new to our pulpit and we were very thankful for their service. On June 4, Rev. Ronnie Holloman from Grace Presbytery brought God's message, and officiated Holy Communion along with Elder Jimmy Chapman. Rev. Cathy Chang filled our pulpit on June 11th. Cathy serves with her husband, Juan Lopez, as co-workers in mission in Southeast Asia, their home base in Manila, Philippines. We assisted, along with the Mission Committee and the Fellowship Team, in welcoming the East Texas Region churches of Grace Presbytery and the community of Henderson, Texas. By hosting a reception on Sunday afternoon, we heard about the Chang/Lopez Team ministry of studying and assisting those affected by migration and human trafficking, a global problem with complicated issues.

The Building and Grounds Team have assessed the speakers in the Sanctuary and assured me that they are all working properly. Bill Stanley plans to secure another wireless microphone to be used by the liturgist, which will probably solve some issues of member's inability to hear the speaker. The Chancel Choir sang an anthem on May 28th and June 11th, and again on Father's Day, June 18th. The Congregation responded that the microphones in front of the choir assisted in their hearing. Organist/choir director Mark Reeves is looking into choir microphones to replace the current ones. We still have money from the Chili Lunch to take care of the cost of these.

Lynn Tieken, along with Kathy Porter and Jimmy Chapman, attended Grace Presbytery's stated meeting at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas on May 25th. We celebrated Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter, on that date, 10 days prior to Pentecost. It was special and a first for many of us. We were reminded that in September, we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Reformed and always reforming!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Highlights of our June 2017 Meeting

Your Christian Education (CE) Ministry Team met on Thursday, June 1, in the church parlor with all team members present: Jimmy Chapman, Tolbert (Tolly) Dill, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Kathy Porter and Bert Lowe.

The team opened the meeting with a reflection on a beautiful poetic paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, "God's Love Is Patient and Is Kind," written by team member Tolly Dill. Prayer concerns were shared for loved ones suffering with illness, for our sister church in Jacksonville which would soon be closing, and for our country. Ongoing church classes were reviewed.

In recognition of "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" on Friday, June 2, the CE Team wore orange to their meeting. The team had sent a letter to the Editor of Henderson Daily News inviting others in our community to join us in wearing orange on that day to signify our solidarity in support of gun safety and gun awareness. The letter was signed by each of us as members of our wonderful community and as members of the Christian Education Team, and it was published on June 1. We thank Claudia for her skillful and sensitive help in drafting that letter.

Another highlight of the past month was the privilege we had to meet and hear missionary Cathy Chang. Mrs. Chang shared with us the serious challenges of her work in addressing the problems of human trafficking both in our country and abroad.

Please let us know your thoughts as to how we might strengthen our Christian Education Ministry so that we may deepen our understanding of what being disciples of Jesus Christ is all about.

God's blessings to all,
Christian Education
Ministry Team
Bert Lowe, team leader



OUTREACH-----JULY BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Dear Church members and friends,

Well it is that time again. Time to help our kids with our annual **BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**. We are dedicating the whole **month of July** for collecting these supplies and bringing them to the church. What can you bring? Well, your outreach team is glad you asked. We want to again, make this as simple and straight forward as possible, so we are asking each church member to bring however many units you can. What is a unit you say? Excellent question! **ONE UNIT OF SUPPLIES WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 2 spiral notebooks, 2 folders, 1 box of crayons, 1 bottle of Elmer's glue, 1 package of #2 pencils and 1 box of Kleenex.** Our goal is to collect **100 units!!** There will be a collection box in the narthex the whole month of July with a list of the items attached. There will also be a poster to chart our progress! The **deadline for this drive will be July 31!!** Let's have fun as we serve our Lord by helping our school kids with this back to school outreach project!

**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES DRIVE**



With Peace and Thankfulness to you all,
Jan Pennal, Outreach Chair

Rev. Cathy Chang with the ladies of FPC





“Meet Together, Encouraging One Another”

The Fellowship Committee has been working to finish up the drawer project for the kitchen and are hoping to have them installed in July. After that we will have a work day to clean and organize the kitchen.

We helped with the church and community event for Cathy Chang on June 11th. We will be helping the group that went on the mission trip to McAllen in March do an event and presentation about their trip on July 19th – So please mark your calendar.

Remember that FELLOWSHIP MATTERS and we hope you will join us as often as you can.

FPC Fellowship Committee: Claudia Morgan-Gray, Chair, Mary Lowe, Vice-Chair, Fonta Conway, Past Chair, Jan Mims, Lavonne Schauwecker, Bob Schauwecker, James Nicholson, Judy Andrasko, Lsha Stanley



Kathy and Bert helping Billie Manck celebrate her 100th birthday!!

**happy
birthday
lots of hugs for you!**

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Presbyterian Church is still in? That is, we are still in accord with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) stated on June 1: “The president’s statement was a disappointment and represents a setback to our work as well as the work of other interfaith and ecumenical groups on the issue of the environment. But we will not be deterred. We will continue to work toward an environmentally safe world, creating jobs in a new economy based on clean air and based on building an environmentally safe nation.” Similar statements were issued by the United Methodist Church, the World Council of Churches, the United Church of Christ, the Catholic Church, and other mainline churches.

Several days after the withdrawal from the Paris Climate agreement among 195 countries, 10 governors, 186 mayors, 218 universities, and 1069 companies including General Electric, Amazon, Goldman Sachs, HP, Apple, Facebook, Microsoft, Google, as well as the energy companies ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, Chevron, and Shell all said “We Are Still In” and will continue to work toward the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Rev. Dr. R. Scott Colglazier, past Senior Pastor of University Christian Church in Ft. Worth and former Trustee of T.C.U., as well as Brite Divinity School, in his blog “Take a Breath” had this to say about Climate Change: “Climate change is the moral issue of our time. If the planet doesn’t survive, no other issue matters. ...If we cannot inhabit the planet, nothing else matters. If the planet cannot renew itself and sustain the human family, nothing else matters...I see the earth as the body of God, and therefore how I treat the earth is how I treat God, just as how I treat human beings is how I treat God...the earth can either experience a slow crucifixion or a slow resurrection...it is in our hands...This is not merely a political issue. This is the moral issue of our time.”

The Christian Education Green Team

