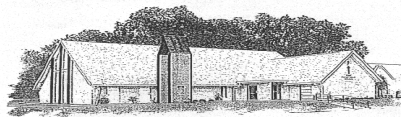


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### Let Me Always Be In Awe of Creation

(Excerpts from 3-Ways to be Sure God Exists – Jennifer Helren)

Have you ever found yourself wondering about the wonder of where the Earth is in relation to the universe? The Earth is located in a position so that it doesn't collide with stars and our moon protects us from collisions with debris. Somehow, our planet is placed in just the right position to protect it.

Have you ever wondered about the wonder of how the temperature regulation of the Earth is just like Goldie Locks porridge...? Just right? The Earth is just the right distance from our solar system's sun—any closer and we'd burn up - any further and we'd freeze. The tilt of our dear planet Earth makes a big difference in regulating the temperatures. The size is perfect to hold just the right amount of oxygen and carbon dioxide—both are essential to sustaining life. Mother Earth is different from every other planet around it and it contains the perfect conditions for life.

Our Earthly bodies, much like our Earth, have many intricacies and piece parts that work together to make us tick right, help prevent problems and disease. For the most part, everything works perfectly without our opinion or guidance. It takes seven octillion atoms to make up one human body. The eye has the equivalent of 576 megapixels. (May need to ask a grandchild how significant that is!) Think about it, even the smallest parts of us have a purpose. Did you know that your pinky finger contributes to about 50 percent of the hand's strength? How amazing how the body's multitude of parts work in sync.

God created this wonderful functional world. He also gave us the ability to see, hear, touch, taste, and smell so we could appreciate beauty as well as function.

It takes more faith to believe that an explosion alone created this perfect environment than it does to believe that an Almighty Engineer built it. When you throw a bunch of random things in a pile, you do not get intricate design. You get chaos. But when you engineer and design things, you come up with products that have a purpose and beauty too. The extreme details involved in life as we know it point extensively to a Creator who deserves to be praised!

### A Prayer for Earth Day

*Dear Creator God, Let me always be in awe of your wonderful works of creation. I don't want to take the details of the world you created for me for granted. Everything around me is wonderfully complex and splendid. You, Lord, are both an Engineer and an Artist that built a world to perfectly sustain life. But you didn't stop there. You also made immense details that please all of our senses as well. There are beautiful things to see, sounds to hear, textures to feel, food to taste, and even delightful aromas to bring us enjoyment. Thank you for the details of life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

## COUNCIL ACTIONS

April 12, 2018

- ◆ Worshiped and prayed together
- ◆ Approved amending the budget for the purchase and installation of a new exit door in front of the sanctuary
- ◆ Approved moving communion date from April 22 to May 13
- ◆ Worship recommended the purchase of a new microphone for sanctuary; anonymous donation received to cover the cost of microphone prior to session meeting
- ◆ Elected commissioner to Presbytery meeting on May 19
- ◆ Discussed receipt of gift to church

DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:  
Tom Weaver



**HELP US TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE  
ARE HERE! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK  
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*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

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

**Connected Family:** Billy Tapley (Bert's brother)

*For all who need our prayers*

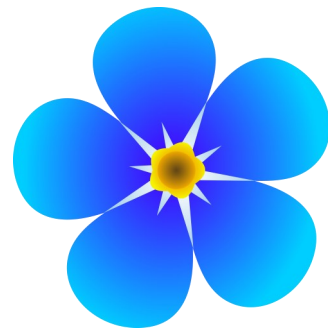
Prayer Request 

FLOWERS POPPING BIRDS NESTING  
Bees Buzzing . . . . .  
APRIL SHOWERS MAY FLOWERS  
**SPRING**  
LIFE IN FULL BLOOM  
☀️ warm sunshine  
LIFE GROWING BLUE SKIES  
RAIN AND PUDDLES  
SPRING HAS SPRUNG



*Spring is in Full Bloom at First Presbyterian Church*





## **OUTREACH – With extended arms to all**

**The FPC Outreach Team of Jan Mims, Kathy Porter, Jan Pennal, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Mariella Pennal and Bert Lowe, Chair continue to reach out into our neighborhood and community.**

**While not formally meeting, our team stays connected and communicates with each other on a regular basis. As we continue to transition this important Committee’s work, we are following the advocacy plans with the excitement level set by our former Outreach Chairman, a dynamic leader-Jan Pennal. We are thankful that she still serves with us and keeps our fire lit, so to speak, as we seek to reach out in many areas of service inside and outside our church doors. Thank you, Jan!**

**Thank you to all that participated with us in the Blue Ribbon campaign last month. For years now, we, along with others in our community, have partnered with the Children’s Advocacy Center to bring attention to the issue of Children Abuse. The Blue Ribbon campaign brings focus to Child Abuse but it also brings light to community awareness. By our participation, we help keep the message moving that *Every Child Matters*. Send up special prayers for victims of child abuse, children in poverty, children who are neglected, children at risk of dropping out of school and for the more than twelve million children who are hungry in the United States. So as we move into the new month of May, let us all remain united, strong and vigilant in our continued prayers for all God’s children.**

**Thank you!  
Your Outreach Committee**



## **FINANCE**

**Your 2018 Finance Committee did not meet this month.**

**Our team members consist of Steve Lowe, Carol Scoggins and Bill Stanley (Vice-Chair). After reviewing our church’s finances through the first three months of the New Year, I am glad to report that things look pretty good. We are slightly ahead for our budgeted income and below budget for our expenses.**

**Peace and thankfulness,  
Tom Weaver, Chair**



## WORSHIP TEAM

Your Worship Team met on Sunday, April 8, 2018. The team consists of Kelly Weaver, Margaret Hillin, Kathy Porter, Jan Mims, Cindy Ratliff, Jimmy Chapman, and Lynn Tieken, Chair. Invited guests were Patsy and Travis Reynolds.

Lynn will be out for three Sundays, on her trip with Grace Presbytery to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine, and Kelly Weaver will plan services and write the newspaper articles during that time.

Plans were made to include more familiar hymns in future services and to plan a Hymn Sing Sunday during the summer. We will attempt to introduce other hymns gradually so we can be more familiar with them.

The sound system was noted to have been improved following adjustment from Mundt Music in February. A suggestion to purchase a new microphone and an isolation mount for it (\$849.98, including installation) and to use money from Memorial Funds was discussed and approved. Before this could be addressed by the Session, an anonymous donor provided \$900 to pay for it.

The date scheduled for The Lord's Supper was changed to Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, when Elder Jimmy Chapman will be here and also providing the sermon. Pentecost Sunday will be May 20. Trinity Sunday is May 27<sup>th</sup> and we will also celebrate Memorial Day on that date, with members bringing photos of service members to share and honor.

Pulpit Supply is filled through May. We continue giving thanks to God for everyone who has filled our pulpit, most recently, Claudia Morgan-Gray! It is a joy to serve this wonderful group of believers!



# Worship Committee



## Easter Flowers





**Earth Day Table**



**Special Singers at FPC**



## MEMBER CARE

The Member Care Committee would like to focus on Mothers, as Mother's Day is quickly approaching. Thank you to all of our church Mothers who have done so much for so many. Please reach out to any mother in your circle of life that are in need of a phone call, a visit, or just to check in and say "hello."

Happy Mother's Day!



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*(Update on Classes)*

The Andrew Class is an excellent in-depth Bible study class for adults, led by Elder Jimmy Chapman. The class will finish studying I and II Kings the end of May. In June, the class will go to the New Testament, with the study of I John, II John, III John, and the book of Jude. If you hunger for a Bible study led by an accomplished Bible teacher, the Andrew Class is for you.

The Seekers Class, right across the hall from the Andrew Class, is a book study/discussion group for adults, currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*. Hamilton is the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. The book delves into questions about the Bible that many are afraid to ask. Hamilton opens his book with, "I love the Bible . . . and I wrestle with it."

Both classes start at 9:45am on Sunday mornings, and both are truly worth getting up for. You may wish to sample both. You may also want to sample the coffee and donuts which await you in the Fellowship Hall.





**CHRISTIAN**  
education



# May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	2 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i>	3	4 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	5
6 <i>Bring H.I.M. Donations</i>	7  <b>Liz Buckner</b>	8 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	9 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i>	10 <i>Christian Education Meeting 10:00am</i>	11 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	12
 13 <b>Tolly Dill, Pat Laney &amp; Patsy Reynolds</b>	14	15 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	16 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i>	17 <i>L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm</i> <i>Session Meeting 6:30pm</i>	18  <b>Bert Lowe &amp; Mary Lowe</b>	19
20	21  <b>Mike Dill</b>	22 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	23 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i>	24	25 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	26  <b>Tela Snelgrove</b>
27	<b>Memorial Day</b>  <i>Pipeline Deadline</i>	28	29 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	30 <i>PNC Meeting 5:30pm</i>  <b>Kennedy Miller</b>	31	
<b>***Church Office Closed Mon. 5/28 for Memorial Day***</b>					<b>****Reminder****</b> <i>Bring H.I.M. donations the First Sunday of every month</i>	