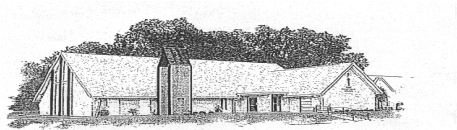




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Had To

"Jesus left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar . . . Jacob's well was there." - John 4:1-6

Of course he didn't *have to* go through Samaria. Most Jews wouldn't have—it was enemy territory. There were routes back to Galilee that avoided Samaria. Jesus could've chosen one of them. But no, the gospel says, he "had to" go through.

The Jesus we meet in John's gospel is a driven man, driven by the Spirit and the Spirit alone, coming and going solely according to God's purpose and pleasure. If scripture says he had to go through Samaria, then it was inescapable, a summons. He could do no other.

Turning the page, we discover why. Someone was waiting for him there, a woman at a well. She was waiting for him without knowing he was coming, without knowing who he was, but waiting all the same—to speak and be known, to drink new water from a different well, to set down her jar, to be released for running, for telling, for showing the way.

He had to go. To her.

If we're not spiritually compelled like that, agile and swift when the Spirit moves, maybe it's because we consider too much what could happen to us, what it might cost, if we go through Samaria, and don't consider enough what it will cost that someone who's surely waiting for us there if we don't. The conversation that will never happen because we didn't sit down, tired and thirsty, at their well. The things they'll never know about themselves, their truth, their beauty, their worth. The un-bestowed mercy, the freedom denied, the withheld joy.

Prayer

Compel me, Spirit of God. Make me have to go. Someone in Samaria is waiting for me. Amen.

Mary Luti, *Daily Devotional*, March 3, 2018, UCC seminary educator, pastor, and author

Into the Church Triumphant

Jane Fahle

July 13, 2018



TREASURES FROM JANE ...

Jane Fahle has left a treasure for our church: the visible record of thirty years of the people and life of First Presbyterian. There are scrapbooks and photos of church events, newspaper articles, numerous photo books, and an obituary scrapbook that she compiled.

Take a look at these wonderful collections displayed in our History Room as we remember Jane and appreciate her special gifts.

We have received memorials in

July in memory of:

Jane Fahle

Jim Humphrey

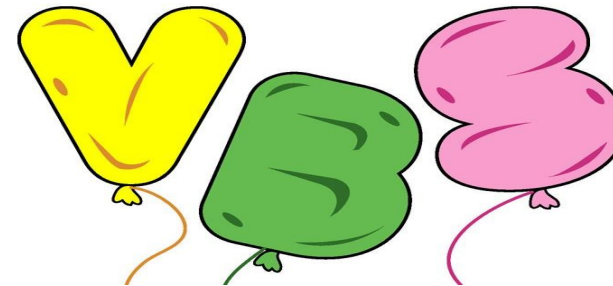


Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, Jan Mims and family upon the passing of her brother Jim Humphrey, Session, PNC, and Congregation of our church during this transition time

Connected Family: Billy Tapley (Bert's brother)

The family of Jane Fahle and for all who need our prayers



Generosity of FPC

Just a gentle reminder that we request that you bring a food donation for the Henderson Interfaith Ministry (HIM) basket the first Sunday of every month. So for August, please plan to bring something for the basket Sunday, August 5th. The basket is located in the narthex before going into the Sanctuary. This is an important community ministry that FPC has been part of since the beginning of HIM. The people that need the assistance that the HIM ministry offers are grateful and blessed for the generous hearts of our congregation? Our congregation rises up and continues to show grace, mercy and generosity in helping feed our neighbors. We are blessed to be blessings for others.

Generosity
changes everything

Please join us in welcoming to our pulpit for the month of August:

August 5th
Preaching: Rev. David Reeder

August 12th
Preaching: Rev. Shelley Wiley

August 19th
Preaching: Jimmy Chapman, Lay Pastor

August 26th
Preaching: Dr. Sharon Templeman

gentle
reminder

Just a gentle reminder, we are using the front doors nearest the Sanctuary as the entrance point on Sundays. We will keep the doors near the Fellowship Hall and the door near the Pastor office and Library Hallway locked at all times. If you have a key to the church, you are welcome to enter any of the other locations; however, we ask that you please relock those doors behind you. The Duty Elder for the month will also be in the narthex during the Sunday school hour and through the service time to help welcome guests and visitors to the church. We continue to be a warm and welcoming place of God while making His house a safer place for all who enter.

WORSHIP TEAM

Your Worship Team did not meet this past month in person, but discussion was held over email and per phone. A service of Holy Communion was held on July 1, 2018 with Rev. Julie Riley from Irving, Texas, officiating. Rev. Lynette Solomon from Athens will bring God's message to us on July 29th, and we will again have a communion service. Thus, we will not have a communion service on the first Sunday of August, or during the entire month of August.

Starting at 2 PM on Sunday, July 29th, Joshua Allen and Lori Rice will lead an old fashioned Hymn Sing in our sanctuary. We are inviting the community to join us for this event. We look forward to good church and community participation - all singing favorite hymns. There will be time for requests. Please plan now to come and to invite your friends and neighbors. It should be a joyful time!

Rev. David Reeder will return to our pulpit the first Sunday in August. He plans to continue his sermon, 'A Prodigal, a Priest, and a Padre'. I'm sure you remember and will want to hear "the rest of the story". On August 12th, a special treat! Rev. Shelley Wiley, a former member of First Presbyterian and an ordained Presbyterian minister in Ohio, will be here to preach. No, we are not paying mileage; she is visiting family in Longview, and has graciously agreed to preach for us. Along with the Fellowship Team, we will host a potluck luncheon following worship to further visit and get up to date with Shelley.

On September 2, 2018, Rev. Jonathan Murray will serve us in the pulpit, and will officiate the service of the Lord's Supper. As you will probably remember, Jonathan served our congregation many times when we were without a pastor. He was in seminary at the time, and rode his motorcycle up from Houston, to serve us. He and his wife, Caressa, are presently co-pastors at Covenant Presbyterian Church in College Station, Texas. We plan to visit with him following worship on that date sharing a pot-luck luncheon. Please plan ahead to be here if you can.

As you can see, the Worship Team is keeping busy. Joyful to serve! Join us!



Worship 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 six months of 2018, I am glad to report that things look pretty good. We are slightly ahead for our budgeted income and well below budget for our expenses.

Peace and thankfulness,
Tom Weaver, Chair



Happy August!

During this Extreme heat remember to check on your neighbors to make sure they are staying cool and comfortable. We at Member Care hope all of you are enjoying your summer and staying cool!

Your Member Care Team: Mary Lowe/ Chair, Lynn Tieken/ Second Chair, Steve Lowe, Patsy Reynolds, Travis Reynolds, Carolyn Boren, Tammy Hillin



OUTREACH

We are thankful to be able to help the Yates Park Help the Youth Project provide free school supplies to more than 1,000 needy children in Rusk County again this school year!

The event is set for Thursday, August 9, 2018, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Henderson Civic Center. Volunteers will meet at the Civic Center on August 8 to gather, sort and place supplies into backpacks for distribution. Therefore, our donations need to be at the church by Tuesday, August 7th. Let's continue to show our love for each Rusk County child through this wonderful community outreach event.

2018 Outreach Team Members – Kathy Porter, Jan Mims, Jan Pennal, Bert Lowe, and Claudia Morgan-Gray



A poster for a hymn singing event. The background is a dark, textured surface with a large, faint, circular graphic on the right side. The text is arranged in several sections. At the top, it says "Just an old fashioned" in a cursive font, followed by "HYMN SING" in large, stylized, black letters. Below that, it says "HOSTED BY FIRST PRESBYTERIAN" in red, all-caps letters, followed by "311 S High St, Henderson, TX 75654" in red. Underneath, it says "LED BY JOSHUA ALLEN, LORI RICE & COMPANY" in black. The date and time are listed as "JULY 29TH" and "2PM TO 3:30PM" in large, yellow, all-caps letters. At the bottom, it says "SING YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS BY REQUEST" in yellow, all-caps letters, and "ALL SEATS FREE" in white, all-caps letters on a black background.

JULY 29TH

2PM TO 3:30PM

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Did You Know?



“Sweet Fellowship Refreshes the Soul”

Well, we took a little break for the summer – but the Fellowship Committee is coming back and we’re working on some upcoming fellowship time.

While not official fellowship events, we did want to make you aware of a couple of important community events coming up:

August 2nd at 2:00 pm at the far corner of Fair Park, the Think PAWS-itive Foundation and the City of Henderson will have the official Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Dog Park at Fair Park. Our own Jan Pennal is on the Think PAWS-itive Board of Directors and we know that she and the others would greatly appreciate the support of our congregation and the community. In addition, the Fair Park area is our neighborhood – so plan to come out and support if you can.

August 11-12 the 163rd Annual East Texas Harp Sing event is scheduled at the Henderson Civic Center. This annual tradition is full of beautiful music and we know that many of our flock enjoy and participate. So mark your calendars for that.

We are working on a couple of events for August but have not nailed down dates just yet. But look for information on a “Movie Night at FPC” coming in August.

Speaking of Save the Date, Fellowship will be working with the Outreach Committee on the always fun FPC Neighborhood Party. If you haven’t already, SAVE THE DATE of October 27th.

In the meantime, remember that FELLOWSHIP MATTERS! We invite you to join us as often as you can.

FPC Fellowship Team

Claudia Morgan-Gray, Mary Lowe, Jan Mims, Katie Hurst, Lavonne Schauwecker, Bob Schauwecker, Judy Andrasko, Cindy Ratliff



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX.**



2018 AUGUST

DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:
Bert Lowe

Reminder
Bring H.I.M. donations the
First Sunday of every month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>***A friendly reminder that School Starts in Henderson on Thursday, August 16th. Be aware of the school zones and always practice safe driving – and no texting!***</p>			1 PNC Meeting 5:30pm	2 PAWS-itive Foundation Dog Park Ground Breaking @ Fair Park 2:00pm	3 Meals On Wheels	4
5 Welcome to our pulpit Rev. David Reeder Bring H.I.M. Donations	6	7 Choir Practice 6:00pm	8 PNC Meeting 5:30pm	9 Yates Youth Project @ Civic Center 8:00am - 2:00pm	10 Meals On Wheels Texas Sales Tax	11 Holiday 10th - 12th
12 Welcome to our pulpit Rev. Shelley Wiley Texas Sales Tax Holiday 10th - 12th	13	14 Choir Practice 6:00pm	15 PNC Meeting 5:30pm	16 FIRST DAY OF School L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm Session Meeting 6:30pm	17 Meals On Wheels	18 Matthew Price
19 Welcome to our pulpit Jimmy Chapman, Lay Pastor Tom Laney	20	21 Choir Practice 6:00pm	22 PNC Meeting 5:30pm Hunter Davis Weldon Gray	23	24 Meals On Wheels	25
26 Welcome to our pulpit Dr. Sharon Templeman	27 Pipeline Deadline Adopt-A-Block	28 Choir Practice 6:00pm Tammy Hillin	29 PNC Meeting 5:30pm	30	31 Meals On Wheels	